



Kentucky Hospital Research & Education Foundation Emergency Preparedness Update for October 5, 2020

Trump to be Discharged from Walter Reed

(Breaking News – MedPage Today) President Trump [said via Twitter](#) that he will be discharged from Walter Reed Medical Center on Monday evening and his medical team confirmed it at a press conference on Monday afternoon. White House Physician Sean Conley, DO, said the president has "met or exceeded" all standard hospital discharge criteria.

"We all remain cautiously optimistic and on guard because we're in a bit of uncharted territory" when a patient has received therapy so early in the disease course, he said.

Read more: https://www.medpagetoday.com/washington-watch/washington-watch/88965?xid=NL_breakingnewsalert_2020-10-05&eun=g173976d0r

HHS renews COVID-19 national public health emergency declaration

(AHA) Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar today [announced](#) the renewal of the COVID-19 national public health emergency declaration. The renewal is effective Oct. 23, and will last 90 days. The declaration of a public health emergency has provided hospitals and health systems and the nation's caregivers the ability to respond in an innovative, timely and decisive manner to the virus.

Source: <https://www.aha.org/news/headline/2020-10-02-hhs-renews-covid-19-national-public-health-emergency-declaration>

KY COVID Update for Monday

New cases: 543; Total 73158

New deaths: 5 – Positivity: 4.69%

KDPH Daily Summaries: <https://govstatus.egov.com/kycovid19>

Gov. Beshear Provides Easier Access to Quality Health Coverage, Benefits with New, Improved [kynect](#)

([Press Release](#)) Taking a major step forward in his commitment to provide quality health care to Kentuckians, Gov. Andy Beshear announced Monday the state has reconnected [kynect](#) in order to provide easier access to health coverage and other benefits.

Gov. Beshear said the new [kynect](#) offers expanded benefits, enhanced usability, a new mobile-friendly format and helps to ready the commonwealth for the return of the state-based exchange, scheduled for enrollment in 2021 to begin the exchange in January 2022. The move is expected to save Kentuckians about \$15 million a year.

The portal offers access to the national health benefit exchange; access to enrollment through the state, including Medicaid, the Kentucky Children's Health Insurance program (KCHIP) and the Kentucky Integrated Health Insurance Premium Payment program. Qualified families can now also access SNAP food assistance benefits and family and childcare assistance programs. Additional resources include support for job training, foster care, elder care and addiction, as well as support for veterans with disabilities, immigrants and refugees, homeless Kentuckians and many more people. The portal was created to bring these benefit information resources and community partners together for a better Kentucky in one location.

In case you missed it... [Second biggest Sunday, with 616 new coronavirus cases, drives the state's seven-day rolling average above 900 for the first time](#)

UK Psych Support for HC Providers during COVID - Well@Work Podcast #5:

[Supervision – How supervisors can combat secondary traumatic stress](#)

Available at: <https://youtu.be/T176-2R11ZU>

Covid-19 has disrupted mental health services in the vast majority of countries

The Covid-19 pandemic has disrupted mental health services in 93% of countries worldwide, according to a [new WHO report](#) that surveyed 130 countries around the globe. Here are some highlights:

- **Telemedicine:** More than 80 per cent of high-income countries reported deploying telemedicine and teletherapy to bridge gaps in mental health, compared with less than 50 per cent of low-income countries.
- **Vulnerable populations:** Over 60 per cent reported disruptions to mental health services for vulnerable people, including children and adolescents (72 per cent), older adults (70 per cent), and women requiring antenatal or postnatal services (61 per cent).

- **Counseling & Harm Reduction:** About 67 per cent saw disruptions to counseling and psychotherapy; 65 per cent to critical harm reduction services; and 45 per cent to opioid agonist maintenance treatment for opioid dependence.
- **Types of service:** Two-thirds of countries saw disruptions to counseling and psychotherapy services, while 30% reported interruptions to medications for mental, neurological, and substance use disorders.

Read full story: <https://www.indiatoday.in/world/story/coronavirus-disrupted-mental-health-services-in-93-per-cent-of-countries-who-survey-1728367-2020-10-05>

WHO Report (download): <https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/978924012455>

Related story from The Hill - <https://thehill.com/changing-america/well-being/mental-health/519604-coronavirus-pandemic-disrupting-mental-health>

CDC HAN Alert - 436:

Recent HIV Clusters and Outbreaks Across the United States Among People Who Inject Drugs and Considerations During the COVID-19 Pandemic

InfraGard Webinar
Mental Health During COVID
 October 6, 4 PM ET/3 PM CT
Register Here: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6767608828152221452>

ASPR TRACIE posted a recording of their first **Child Health and Wellness** webinar in their series **“Hidden Consequences: How the COVID Pandemic is Impacting Children.”** [This one-page summary](#) includes information and registration links for the following upcoming webinars:

- ✓ Child Emotional and Social Effects (1:00-2:15 PM ET, October 16, 2020)
- ✓ The Effects of Secondary Disasters on Children (1:00-2:30 PM ET, October 23, 2020)
- ✓ The Impact of COVID-19 on Children with Special Healthcare Needs (1:00-2:00 PM ET, October 29, 2020)

See the **ASPR TRACIE COVID-19 October Resources Update** for more!

The pandemic has forced women to drop out of the workforce at stunning rates
Multiple Demands Causing Women to Abandon Workforce

Learn more & podcast: <https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2020/10/02/919517914/enough-already-multiple-demands-causing-women-to-abandon-workforce>

Justice Department, FBI Preparing For Potential Election Day Unrest

(IACP News) The [Washington Post](#) (10/2, Zapotosky, Barrett) said that so as to prepare for potential Election Day unrest, the Justice Department “is planning to station officials in a command center at FBI headquarters to coordinate the federal response to any disturbances or other problems with voting that may arise across the country, officials familiar with the matter said.” According to the Post, those officials also indicated that while the Justice Department “monitors elections every year to ensure voters can cast their ballots, officials’ concerns are more acute this year that toxic politics, combined with the potential uncertainty surrounding vote tallies, could lead to violent demonstrations or clashes between opposing factions.” Preparations have been “underway in recent weeks to deal with a wide range of possible problems, the officials said.”

National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC)
Posted new Radiation Threat Awareness Tool for First Responders
https://www.dni.gov/files/NCTC/documents/jcat/firstresponderstoolbox/First_Responders_Toolbox_-_Radiological_Threat_Awareness.pdf
Check out other First Responder Tools in the Toolbox
<https://www.dni.gov/index.php/nctc-how-we-work/joint-ct-assessment-team/first-responder-toolbox>

Wildfire hazard season began Oct. 1
Active season is forecast; Kentucky outdoor burning law in place

(Lane Report) Gov. Andy Beshear and Energy and Environment Cabinet Secretary Rebecca Goodman urged caution as the fall wildfire hazard season in Kentucky began Oct. 1, bringing outdoor burning restrictions to the state.

“We have predictions of a worse than average fire season this year and I’m especially concerned with Kentuckians’ health during this COVID-19 pandemic,” said Beshear. “I urge every Kentuckian to be vigilant when outdoors and abide by burning restrictions. My heart goes out to our brothers and sisters on the West

Coast who are already facing these deadly fires, and I'm grateful to the courageous Kentuckians who have travelled across the country to aid the disaster response."

The commonwealth's outdoor burning law (KRS149.400) prohibits burning between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. (prevailing local time) if the fire is within 150 feet of any woodland, brushland, or fields containing dry grass or other flammable materials. These restrictions are in effect every fall (Oct. 1-Dec. 15) and spring (Feb. 15-April 30) to help prevent wildfires.

Contact your local fire department or county judge-executive's office for questions regarding local burn bans. Residents should call the Division for Air Quality at 1-888-BURN-LAW to learn about other specific regulations before burning anything.

For more on the Kentucky Division of Forestry, and the wildland fire management program, visit <http://bit.ly/KyWildfireMgmt>.

Full story: <https://www.lanereport.com/131113/2020/09/wildfire-hazard-season-begins-oct-1/>

Fire Prevention Week: [Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!](#)
I Spy Cooking Safety video: <https://youtu.be/2UBYautmHgk>

WannaCry Has IoT in Its Crosshairs

The wide variety of devices attached to the Internet of Things offers a rich target for purveyors of ransomware.

Ransomware attacks are on the rise. [SonicWall](#) reported a 109% increase in ransomware the US during the first half of 2020. Although computer systems remain the most common source of ransomware infection, Internet of Things (IoT) devices are also prime targets for several reasons, including the fact that hackers know enterprises often have less visibility into these devices, and can therefore inflict devastating effects without detection. In addition, IoT devices are often not built with security in mind, leaving them vulnerable for exploits. IoT-based attacks can also spread across the network very quickly to maximize damage, and ransomware can render the physical functions of that device inaccessible until the ransom is paid.

Full story: <https://www.darkreading.com/risk/wannacry-has-iot-in-its-crosshairs/a/d-id/1338894>

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NETEC Webinars

[Pediatric Perspectives in a Pandemic](#)

Friday, October 16, 2020 | Noon CT / 1:00 PM ET

In this webinar, we'll describe the epidemiology of acute COVID-19, including post-infectious manifestations and the unique aspects of caring for children during a pandemic. We will also discuss the features of MIS-C and how to devise a diagnostic and acute management plan and integrate potential post-recovery complications into the development of follow-up plans for a child with MIS-C. [REGISTER HERE](#)

The KHEREF Emergency Preparedness Update is assembled several times a week. When events make it necessary, the Update may be sent out several times a day to keep our hospital and the healthcare community advised on preparedness news and information. Most of this information is compiled from open sources, and where possible reference links will be provided. There is an archive of [Emergency Preparedness Updates available here](#). If you would like to add or delete, or have something you would like to contribute to a future edition of the Emergency Preparedness Update, please contact rbartlett@kyha.com (include your current email address). The preparedness program for the Kentucky Hospital Association (KHA) and KHEREF are supported by US DHHS ASPR HPP funds through a contract with Kentucky Public Health.