



Kentucky Hospital Research & Education Foundation Emergency Preparedness Update for October 11, 2020

Kentucky Update on COVID-19

(From [Press Release](#)) Gov. Andy Beshear on Saturday updated Kentuckians on the state's continuing efforts to fight the novel coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19). "The number of positive cases is increasing at a troubling pace. We've had multiple week-over-week increases and we are at an all-time high here in Kentucky," said Gov. Beshear.

As of 3 p.m. Oct. 10, Gov. Beshear said there were at least 79,445 coronavirus cases in Kentucky, 1,002 of which were newly reported Saturday. One hundred-eight of the newly reported cases were from children 18 and younger, of which 18 were children ages 5 and under. The youngest were three children, all of whom were 3 months old. Unfortunately, Gov. Beshear reported seven new deaths Saturday. The total number of Kentuckians now lost to the virus is 1,249. The positivity rate is 4.16%.

Related - Kentucky's COVID-19 mortality rate is falling, but health experts warn that dangers remain

Learn more: https://www.wdrb.com/news/kentuckys-covid-19-mortality-rate-is-falling-but-health-experts-warn-that-dangers-remain/article_a90d9eaa-09af-11eb-8dc7-e32b6fd66924.html

But... COVID-hospitalizations-and-cases-among-young-people-rise-in-kentucky

Read more: <https://www.wkyt.com/app/2020/10/10/covid-hospitalizations-and-cases-among-young-people-rise-in-kentucky/>

Coronavirus can survive on skin for 9 hours

(Live Science) The new coronavirus can linger on human skin much longer than flu viruses can, according to a new study from researchers in Japan. SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, remained viable on samples of human skin for about 9 hours, according to the study. In contrast, a strain of the [influenza A virus \(IAV\)](#) remained viable on human skin for about 2 hours. Fortunately, both viruses on skin were rapidly inactivated with [hand sanitizer](#).

The findings underscore the importance of washing your hands or using sanitizer to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Full story: <https://www.livescience.com/coronavirus-survives-9-hours-on-skin.html>

In case you missed it – CDC Update on How COVID-19 Spreads

CDC link: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/how-covid-spreads.html>

Inhaled Vaccines Aim to Fight Coronavirus at Its Point of Attack

(Bloomberg) Vaccines sprayed into the nose or inhaled through the mouth won't require needles and could be easier to roll out. They may be more effective too.

Learn more: <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2020-10-11/covid-19-inhaled-vaccines-may-be-more-effective-than-injections>



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NPR Comic COVID Relief - How to Wear A Face Mask And Which One Is Most Effective

See the comics: <https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2020/10/10/921596561/comic-youre-wearing-it-wrong-a-face-mask-safety-refresher>

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