



# Kentucky Hospital Research & Education Foundation Emergency Preparedness Update for October 12, 2020

## Kentucky Governor Delivers First COVID-19 Address Under Quarantine

(WFPL) Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear has reported the highest recorded number of new COVID-19 infections for a Monday from inside the Governor's Mansion in Frankfort, where he and his family are undergoing quarantine.

The state recorded 643 new cases of COVID-19 on Monday. Because of lab schedules, fewer cases are typically reported on Monday, Beshear said. The latest numbers are yet another sign that cases are escalating in the state. The state's positivity rate is now at 4.37%, Beshear said. Behind the cases, come increasing hospitalizations and deaths. Another 109 people have been hospitalized with the infection since last week. Three deaths were reported Monday.

Read more <https://wfpl.org/kentucky-governor-delivers-first-covid-19-address-under-quarantine/>

Press release for Monday: <https://kentucky.gov/Pages/Activity-stream.aspx?n=GovernorBeshear&prld=407>

Press release for Sunday: <https://kentucky.gov/Pages/Activity-stream.aspx?n=GovernorBeshear&prld=406>

Governor's comments of family isolation: <https://kentucky.gov/Pages/Activity-stream.aspx?n=GovernorBeshear&prld=405>

## CIDRAP COVID Headlines

- [COVID-19 hot spots may start with young adults](#)
  - CDC Info link: [https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6941e1.htm?s\\_cid=mm6941e1\\_w](https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6941e1.htm?s_cid=mm6941e1_w)
- [US leads 19 nations in COVID-19, all-cause death rates](#)
- [COVID-19 antibodies persist at least 3 months, studies show](#)

## COVID-19 Data Requirements

(KHA) *Reminder:* hospitals are required to submit COVID-19 data and laboratory data to HHS each day, including weekends and holidays, and must have all data fields populated with appropriate data in order to meet the requirements.

Kentucky acute and critical access hospitals submit this data to the state [via a survey](#) (formerly WebEOC) and then the Kentucky Department for Public Health (KDPH) submits all Kentucky data directly to HHS on behalf of all hospitals. Specialty hospitals (LTACHs, Rehab and Psych) are currently submitting this data directly to HHS using the Teletracking portal. Kentucky was [awarded the certification](#) from HHS verifying Kentucky's data submission.

The letter also includes that Psychiatric and Rehabilitation hospitals will report the data weekly directly to HHS. All short-term, long-term, critical access hospital, children's and distinct part psychiatric hospitals must report each day.

**Please note:** During Friday's Town Hall meeting on data requirements, KHA's Deb Campbell responded to a question about laboratory reporting requirements that all molecular tests (for example NAAT) should be reported under the category of PCR on the 1 2 3 survey that must be done daily for the KDPH mandatory lab reporting. KDPH has since provided validation of this instruction.

HHS has also announced the new influenza fields added with the October 6 update will be available for optional reporting on October 19 with the intention to have these be mandatory fields within the coming weeks.

KHA continues to meet with HHS to discuss any issues within the data that is not accurate or needs further review.

At this time, please continue to complete the survey each day and ensure that all data points are filled in with appropriate information.

If you have any questions, please contact Melanie Moch at KHA (502-992-4328 or [mmoch@kyha.com](mailto:mmoch@kyha.com)).

- [Town Hall Recording](#)
- [Presentation Slides](#)
- [Final Guidance for Hospital Reporting](#) (October 6)
- [Hospital Mandatory Reporting Workflow](#)
- [Kentucky Certification Letter](#)

**CMS orders halt in non-CLIA-certified labs' COVID-19 testing.**

([AHA News Now](#)) The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Oct. 9 [announced](#) a crackdown on labs that are testing for COVID-19 without proper Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments certification. The agency said it has issued 171 cease-and-desist orders to facilities that were either conducting lab testing without CLIA certificates or performing COVID-19 testing outside the scope of existing CLIA certifications.

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**CDC COVID What's New?**

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/whats-new-all.html>  
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**HHS Testing Czar Rips Nevada for Stopping Rapid Tests in Nursing Homes**

Learn more: <https://www.medpagetoday.com/infectiousdisease/covid19/89064>  
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**Fauci hopes worrisome numbers jolt Americans to take steps to stem spread of Covid-19**

(CNN) Dr. Anthony Fauci, the nation's top infectious disease expert, hopes the latest data on a rising number of Covid-19 cases and projections of possibly many more deaths "jolt" the American public into reality, he told CNN's Jake Tapper on Monday.

Dozens of states are seeing an upward trend of new Covid-19 cases -- and the pandemic could get worse, as the latest forecast of a widely-used model projects another 181,000 deaths in the United States by February. Fauci says he is concerned some people think officials are asking for too much, like reimposing measures tied to running restaurants and businesses.

As of Monday, 31 states have reported more new Covid-19 cases this past week compared to the previous week, according to data from [Johns Hopkins University](#).

And nine states reported record-high Covid-19 hospitalizations on Sunday, according to the [Covid Tracking Project](#): Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

Read more: <https://www.cnn.com/2020/10/12/health/us-coronavirus-monday/index.html>  
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**Nevada man's COVID-19 reinfection, the first in the US, is 'yellow caution light' about risk of coronavirus**

Read more: <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/health/2020/10/12/covid-reinfection-virus-can-strike-twice-worse-second-time-nevada-man/5965917002/>  
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**Feds release new national antibiotic resistance plan**

(CIDRAP) In the midst of a global pandemic, the federal government late last week released a new [action plan](#) to help prevent a future pandemic of antibiotic-resistant bacteria.

The updated "National Action Plan for Combating Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria, 2020-2025" is a roadmap to guide the nation's response to the rise and spread of drug-resistant bacteria, which, according to the most recent data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are responsible for more than 2.8 million infections and 35,000 deaths a year in the United States. It's the second action plan released by the government.

The five goals of the plan remain the same as those in the [first plan](#), which came out in March 2015. They include slowing the emergence of resistant bacteria and preventing the spread of resistant infections; strengthening "One Health" surveillance efforts; advancing the development and use of rapid diagnostics; accelerating the development of new antibiotics, vaccines, and alternative therapies; and improving international collaboration on antibiotic-resistant prevention and control.

Full story: <https://www.cidrap.umn.edu/news-perspective/2020/10/feds-release-new-national-antibiotic-resistance-plan>  
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NETEC webinar on

**[Pediatric Perspectives in a Pandemic](#)**

Friday, October 16, 2020 | 12:00 PM CT / 1:00 PM ET

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**Renowned Tick Immunobiologist to Develop Lyme Disease Vaccine Under New \$3.5M Federal Grant**

The effort aims to adapt the rabies vaccination platform to produce antibodies that can protect against *Borrelia burgdorferi*, the bacteria responsible for Lyme disease. The work will include testing four candidate proteins, along with three major types of rabies vaccine platforms that could be effective for Lyme disease.

Full story: <https://globalbiodefense.com/2020/10/07/renowned-tick-immunobiologist-to-develop-lyme-disease-vaccine-under-new-3-5m-federal-grant/>

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### **Whitmer Says She Remains Worried About 'Right-wing' Groups In Michigan**

(IACP News) The [New York Times](#) (10/11, Gray, Tompkins) reports, "The fallout from a failed domestic terrorism plot to overthrow Michigan's state government and kidnap Gov. Gretchen Whitmer (D) has "quickly become embedded in state politics and the presidential race in a key swing state during the final weeks of the campaign." Whitmer said Sunday that she "remained worried about the presence of right-wing groups in her state, as well as President Trump's reluctance to condemn them," while the GOP speaker of the state House of Representatives "chastis[ed Whitmer] for not informing the Legislature about the plot, which included talk of storming the state Capitol."

### **Related story - Beshear condemns militia groups in response to alleged plot**

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — Kentucky's governor, who was hanged in effigy during a spring protest against his COVID-19 restrictions, referred to militia groups as "threats to our nation" Thursday as he responded to an alleged plot to kidnap Michigan's governor that the FBI says was thwarted.

At the start of his coronavirus press conference, Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear condemned militia groups and called on political leaders to be united in denouncing them. He spoke after [six men were charged](#) with conspiring to kidnap Michigan Democratic Gov. Gretchen Whitmer. The men had consulted and trained with members of a group that federal authorities described as a militia, according to an FBI affidavit.

"These groups are not freedom fighters," Kentucky's Democratic governor said. "They are terrorists. They're not security forces. They are threats to our nation."

In May, armed protesters in Kentucky chanted outside the governor's mansion and Beshear was [hanged in effigy](#) from a tree on the state Capitol grounds during a demonstration. It was billed as a rally in defense of constitutional rights but turned into a protest against his coronavirus restrictions.

Also in the spring, a Kentucky man was charged after being accused of making threats against Beshear and Kentucky State Police troopers.

Read full story: <https://apnews.com/article/michigan-archive-gretchen-whitmer-bd43ab0b87cea8e066adc1092006c826>

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