



# Kentucky Hospital Research & Education Foundation Emergency Preparedness Update – Update #1 for October 23, 2020

## KY Governor says “Masks Crucial as Cases Rise”

([From Press Release](#)) Gov. Andy Beshear on Friday said Kentuckians must wear masks to prevent further spread of the novel coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) as cases rise across Kentucky and [the rest of the United States](#).

“This week has been a tough week, with three out of the five highest days for new COVID-19 cases,” said Gov. Beshear. “This virus is everywhere. It is in your community. We need every community doing what it takes to defeat it.”

As of 4 p.m. Oct. 23, Gov. Beshear reported the following COVID-19 numbers:

- New cases today: 1,457
- New deaths today: 16
- Positivity rate: 5.34%
- Total deaths: 1,396
- Currently hospitalized: 819
- Currently in ICU: 205
- Currently on ventilator: 97

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### **Recording Now Available for ASPR TRACIE Webinar The Effect of Secondary Disasters on Children**

HHS ASPR’s Technical Resources, Assistance Center, and Information Exchange (TRACIE), in collaboration with the ASPR Pediatric Centers of Excellence, hosted the first webinar in a series titled, Hidden Consequences: How the COVID Pandemic is Impacting Children. In this third webinar, presenters discussed sheltering; family preparedness considerations; wildland fire preparedness and response; the potential impact associated with the 2020-2021 influenza season; multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children (MISC); and pharmacy and supply chain considerations.

The presentation and link to the webinar are [now available](#). The title page of the presentation includes a [link to the recording](#). **Please note:** you will need to enter your name and email address to access the recording.

[Registration is open](#) for the last ASPR TRACIE webinar in this series  
[The impact of COVID-19 on children with special healthcare needs](#)  
Thursday, October 29th, 1-2 PM ET  
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### **NETEC COVID Webinars Community Health Considerations: Infection Prevention**

Wednesday, October 28, 2020 | Noon CT / 1:00 PM ET  
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[Influenza in the Age of COVID-19](#)  
Friday, October 30, 2020 | Noon CT / 1:00 PM ET  
(Please note this is a 90-minute webinar.)  
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