



Kentucky Hospital Research & Education Foundation Emergency Preparedness Update for November 16, 2020

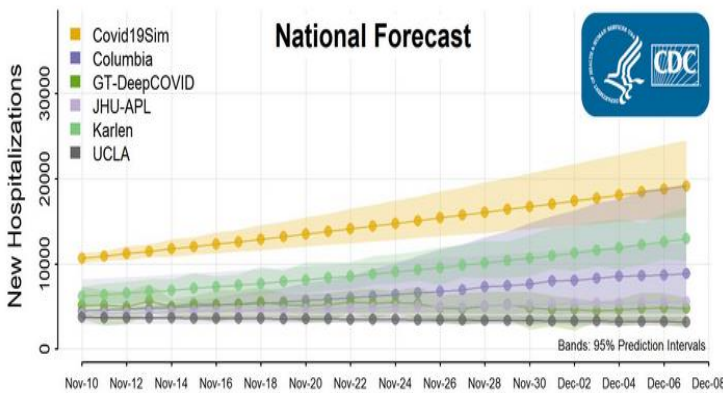
Doctors see 'uptick' in children hospitalized with COVID-19 *Louisville mother offers warning to parents*

(WDRB) -- Norton Healthcare is seeing more kids contract COVID-19, but the virus can look different in children. When a child tests positive for COVID-19, it's common for a family member to have it too, according to Dr. Kristina Bryant, a pediatric infectious diseases doctor at Norton Children's Hospital. On the flip side, more adults testing positive also means there's a higher risk of children becoming infected, too. Norton Healthcare said its pediatric COVID-19 numbers show 152 positive cases out of 1,354 tested between Nov. 1-7; that's a positive rate of 11.2%.

Most kids who contract the illness either have no symptoms or just mild symptoms, according to Bryant. Doctors are seeing children with coronavirus develop a multi-system inflammatory syndrome that causes a rash. But they said they are getting better at diagnosing the condition when they see it.

Full story: https://www.wdrb.com/news/louisville-mother-offers-warning-to-parents-as-doctors-see-uptick-in-children-hospitalized-with-covid/article_07ac2196-26e5-11eb-a87f-5fc683fab4bc.html

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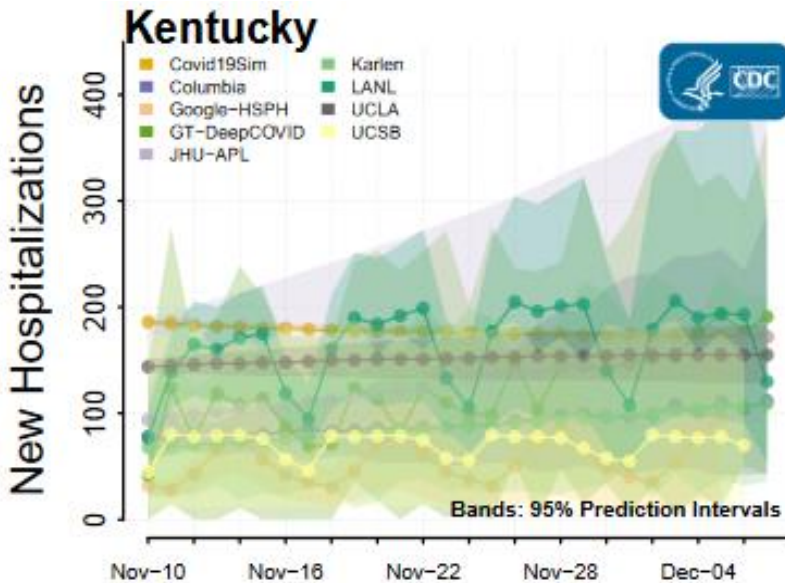
✓ Three national forecasts predict a likely increase in the number of new hospitalizations per day over the next four weeks, one forecast predicts a likely decrease, and two forecasts are uncertain about the trend or predict stable numbers. For December 7, the forecasts estimate 3,200 to 19,000 new COVID-19 hospitalizations per day.

✓ State-level forecasts also show a high degree of variability, which results from multiple factors. Hospitalization forecasts use different sources of data for COVID-19 cases or deaths, with different limitations, and make different assumptions about social distancing.

- ✓ The national forecasts (BELOW) show the predicted number of new COVID-19 hospitalizations per day for the next four weeks in the United States.
- ✓ The forecasts make different assumptions about hospitalization rates and levels of social distancing and other interventions and use different methods to estimate the number of new hospitalizations.

[Download national forecast data excel icon\[CSV – 1 sheet\]](#) - [Download state forecasts pdf icon\[PDF – 8 pages\]](#)

Kentucky's Weekly COVID-19 Cases Again Hit Record High



(From [Press Release](#)) Gov. Andy Beshear on Sunday asked all Kentuckians to recommit to following safety guidelines as Kentucky again set a record for cases reported in one week. Today's report also represented the highest number of new cases ever reported on a Sunday. As of 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15, Gov. Beshear reported the following COVID-19 numbers:

- New cases today: 1,449
- New deaths today: 3
- Positivity rate: 8.88%
- Total deaths: 1,661
- Currently hospitalized: 1,383
- Currently in ICU: 330
- Currently on ventilator: 156

Missing From State Plans to Distribute the Coronavirus Vaccine: Money to Do It

(NY Times) With the prospect that a coronavirus vaccine will become available for emergency use as soon as next month, states and cities are warning that distributing the shots to an anxious public could be hindered by inadequate technology, severe funding shortfalls and a lack of trained personnel.

While the Trump administration has showered billions of dollars on the companies developing the vaccines, it has left the logistics of inoculating and tracking as many as 20 million people by year's end — and many tens of millions more next year — largely to local governments without providing enough money, officials in several localities and public health experts involved in the preparations said in interviews.

Public health departments, already strained by a pandemic that has overrun hospitals and drained budgets, are racing to expand online systems to track and share information about who has been vaccinated; to recruit and train hundreds of thousands of doctors, nurses and pharmacists to give people the shot and collect data about everyone who gets it; to find safe locations for mass vaccination events; and to convince the public of the importance of getting immunized.

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [have sent \\$200 million](#) to the states for the effort, with another [\\$140 million](#) promised in December, but state and local officials said that was billions of dollars short of what would be needed to carry out their complex plans.

Read more: <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/11/14/health/covid-vaccine-distribution-plans.html>

Retail pharmacies to help administer COVID-19 vaccines

(AHA Today) As of Nov. 6, about 60% of the nation's retail pharmacies have agreed to participate in a federal program to administer COVID-19 vaccines at no cost to patients once authorized or licensed by the Food and Drug Administration, the departments of Health and Human Services and Defense [announced](#) yesterday. HHS last month [issued guidance](#) allowing state-licensed pharmacists and state-authorized pharmacy interns under their supervision to administer COVID-19 vaccines and tests authorized or licensed by the FDA, subject to certain requirements.

Nurses Reject N.D. Policy on Working While COVID-Positive

(MedPage Today) Nurses in North Dakota came out against a new policy that allows healthcare workers with asymptomatic SARS-CoV-2 infections to continue working at hospitals and nursing homes.

The policy was [issued Monday by North Dakota Gov. Doug Burgum](#), who announced an [amended order](#) that allowed coronavirus-positive health workers to work in the COVID unit of a licensed healthcare facility as long as they remain asymptomatic and additional [precautions recommended by the CDC](#) and the North Dakota Department of Health are taken.

In a [statement](#) released Wednesday, the North Dakota Nurses Association objected to allowing nurses with the virus to continue working, emphasizing that a choice to work while infected should be up to individual nurses, not their employers.

The group also said all other public health measures to reduce the demand on the healthcare system should be implemented first. Full story: <https://www.medpagetoday.com/infectiousdisease/covid19/89637>

CDC Coronavirus [What's New](#) Extracts

- [Monitoring and Evaluating Covid-19 Mitigation Strategies in K-12 Schools: Interview Guide](#) Friday, November 13, 2020
- [Monitoring and Evaluating Covid-19 Mitigation Strategies In K-12 Schools: Focus Group Guide](#) Friday, November 13, 2020
- [Considerations for Monitoring and Evaluation of Mitigation Strategies Implemented in K-12 Schools](#) Friday, November 13, 2020
- [Monitoring and Evaluating Mitigation Strategies in Child Care Programs](#) Friday, November 13, 2020
- [Information for School Nurses and Other Healthcare Personnel \(HCP\) Working in Schools and Child Care Settings](#) Friday, November 13, 2020
- [Late Sequelae of COVID-19](#) Friday, November 13, 2020
- [Healthcare Facilities That Have Implemented COVID-19 Electronic Case Reporting](#) Friday, November 13, 2020
- [Airport Personnel and COVID-19](#) Friday, November 13, 2020
- [Guidance for SARS-CoV-2 Point-of-Care Testing](#) Friday, November 13, 2020
- [Frequently Asked Questions about COVID-19 Vaccination](#) Friday, November 13, 2020
- [What Utility Workers Need to Know about COVID-19](#) Friday, November 13, 2020

UK's Psychosocial Support for Healthcare and Behavior Healthcare Providers during COVID-19

The latest Well@Work podcast created by the University of Kentucky Center on Trauma and Children through a SAMHSA grant to the Department for Behavioral Health Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities. This resource is intended for your staff and members. We encourage you to forward this email with the link to all your employees, members, constituents, or licensees.

**Well@Work Podcast- Episode 8:
Self Compassion and Secondary Traumatic Stress**
<https://youtu.be/XtG9wdYf6Y>

Department of Health and Human Services'
Health Sector Cybersecurity Coordination Center (HC3)
Webinar on : "**[Chinese State-Sponsored Cyber Activity](#)**"
November 19, 2020, at 1 p.m. Eastern. The briefing topic
[Registration is required for this webinar](#)
Questions: For more information regarding the pilot briefings,
or for general questions, please email HC3@hhs.gov.

Related - National Guard to help Vermont health network after cyberattack

([InfoGram](#)) The governor of Vermont has called in the National Guard to help the University of Vermont (UVM) Health Network respond to a serious cyberattack.

Six hospitals in the UVM Health Network are experiencing significant network problems following an attack that struck during the week of October 25, 2020.

The impact of the attack on services has varied at the network's different affiliate organizations. Outages across a number of systems are being experienced at the UVM Medical Center in Burlington, where some non-urgent elective procedures have been rescheduled. (Source: [Infosecurity Magazine](#))

InfraGard Louisiana Presents
"Encrypted Peer-to-Peer" Webinar
Wednesday 02 December 2020 / 3 PM ET; 2PM CT
Registration Link: <https://attendeegotowebinar.com/register/6132857467874631436>

Webinar: Life-Saving Partners: 911 and Suicide Lifelines

([InfoGram](#)) Dispatcher and crisis hotline staff both play important roles in helping individuals in moments of crisis. Although they both share the goal of helping the caller, the steps each role takes can differ greatly. Join the Justice Clearinghouse on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, from 1-2 Eastern for the webinar "[Life-Saving Partners: 911 and Suicide Lifelines Working Together](#)." Registration is required.

This webinar will teach what steps dispatchers and crisis hotline staff can take if they receive a possible suicidal caller, how shared information can speed up the process and how each agency can best help the other to save a caller's life. This is the second webinar in a two-part series; the first "[No Second Chance: Handling Suicidal Callers in Dispatch](#)," is available through the Justice Clearinghouse.

See the website for a full list of upcoming webinars on a variety of law enforcement, first responder and emergency management topics. (Source: [Justice Clearinghouse](#))

KSPAN Webinar
Sexual Violence Prevention in Kentucky
Nov 18, 2020 10:00 AM Eastern
Please RSVP in advance for this webinar:
https://uky.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_9FD2gzL7TICKY0fEuRBCcg

Kentucky Office of Highway Safety Updates
Nov 18, 2020 11:00 AM Eastern
Please RSVP in advance for this webinar:
https://uky.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_bPQKn8pmjUHxh5hS1Tg

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