



# Kentucky Hospital Research & Education Foundation Emergency Preparedness Update for December 13, 2020

## More than 600 facilities will receive coronavirus vaccines this week

### *First batch of coronavirus vaccine ships out from Pfizer plant for all 50 states*

(CNN) The first batch of coronavirus vaccines was loaded onto trucks at a Pfizer plant in Portage, Michigan, and shipped out across the country on Sunday morning, a landmark moment in the fight against the deadly virus.

Freight trucks carrying about 184,275 vials of vaccine departed the plant, and the combined 189 boxes of vaccine vials are expected to arrive in all 50 states on Monday.

Another 3,900 vials are expected to ship later Sunday to United States territories, and 400 boxes packed with about 390,000 vials will ship Monday to arrive on Tuesday. There are five doses of vaccine per vial, according to Pfizer.

The excitement surrounding the shipment even brought out small groups of cheering spectators.

Read more: <https://www.cnn.com/2020/12/13/health/us-coronavirus-sunday/index.html>

## Rural doctors face vaccine distrust and conspiracies. They have a plan.

(NBC) Doctors in rural areas say being the first to get vaccine shots will not only keep their patients safe, but it will also help combat distrust in their communities.

Full story: <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/rural-doctors-face-vaccine-distrust-conspiracies-they-have-plan-n1250953>

## KY Governor says

### “With End in Sight, Vigilance Is as Important as Ever”

(From [press release](#)) Gov. Andy Beshear announced Saturday that, with the FDA’s approval of the Pfizer vaccine on Friday, Kentucky’s first shipment is expected to arrive early in the coming week. He urged Kentuckians to continue wearing masks, washing their hands, social distancing and keeping gatherings small to keep each other safe while the vaccine begins to be distributed.

As of 4 PM Saturday, there were 3,558 new cases, and 24 new deaths. The positivity rate was 8.79%. There were 1,711 hospitalized, with 423 in the ICU and 199 on vents.

## U.S. supplies of COVID-19 PPE fall short of targets

<https://news360.com/article/544375373>

COVID-19 complications include kidney, lung and cardiovascular issues, study reveals

<https://news360.com/article/544428343>

CDC Clinical Partner Call:

## What Clinicians Need to Know about the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine

**TODAY at 2 PM ET**

Zoom the webinar:

<https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1615052786?pwd=bkp2SHZ4bGRWaW1rTDczV3NCV1VBQT09>

## Addiction Recovery Center Takes Over Former

### St. Catherine College in Campus as Overdose Deaths Skyrocket

Story: <https://www.wave3.com/2020/12/11/addiction-recovery-center-takes-over-old-college-campus-overdose-deaths-skyrocket/>

## Coming out this week from Apple iOS 14.3: Brilliant New iPhone Privacy Feature

Learn more: <https://www.forbes.com/sites/kateoflahertyuk/2020/12/13/ios-143-brilliant-new-iphone-privacy-feature-will-arrive-any-minute-now/?sh=28f39b3e532f>

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