



# Kentucky Hospital Research & Education Foundation Update #1 to the Emergency Preparedness Update for December 13, 2020

## KY COVID Update

(From [press release](#)) --The Governor heralded news that the first shipment of the two-dose Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccines had arrived at Louisville's UPS Worldport. [Read more here.](#)

As of 4 PM Sunday the Governor said there were 2,454 new cases reported today, with 15 new deaths reported. The positivity rate is 8.52%. There are 1,712 people hospitalized with COVID, with 434 in the ICU and 224 on vents.

### Related story - UPS Worldport hub in Louisville receives and start to ship Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine Sunday

Full USA Today story: <https://www.usatoday.com/story/money/business/2020/12/12/first-covid-vaccine-arrive-ship-out-ups-hub-louisville/6521373002/>

### Nothing too surprising there'

### Pfizer COVID vaccine ingredients are pretty standard, experts say

Learn more: <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/health/2020/12/12/pfizer-covid-vaccine-ingredient-list-nothing-too-surprising-there/6520511002/>

### Hackers Backed by Foreign Government Breached U.S. Government Agencies *Office 365 among the targeted programs*

(The Guardian) Hackers backed by a foreign government have been monitoring internal email traffic at the US treasury department and an agency that decides internet and telecommunications policy, according to people familiar with the matter.

"The United States government is aware of these reports and we are taking all necessary steps to identify and remedy any possible issues related to this situation," said national security council spokesman John Ulyot.

There is concern within the US intelligence community that the hackers who targeted the treasury department and the commerce department's national telecommunications and information administration used a similar tool to break into other government agencies, according to three people briefed on the matter. The people did not say which other agencies.

The hack is so serious it led to a national security council meeting at the White House on Saturday, said one of the people familiar with the matter.

The hack involves the NTIA's office software, Microsoft's Office 365. Staff emails at the agency were monitored by the hackers for months, sources said.

Read more: <https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2020/dec/13/us-treasury-hacked-group-backed-by-foreign-government-report>

### CDC Clinical Partner Call: What Clinicians Should Know about COVID-19 Vaccine Safety

**MONDAY at 1 PM ET**

Zoom the webinar:

<https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1611264903>

The slide set will be available under "Call Materials" on the [COCA Call webpage](#).

CDC Clinician Webinar  
December 17 at 2 PM ET

[Making Practical Decisions for Crisis Standards of Care at the Bedside During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)  
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