



Kentucky Hospital Research & Education Foundation Update #1 to the Emergency Preparedness Update for December 16, 2020

Initial KY Shipments Complete 11 Hospitals Receive Initial COVID-19 Vaccine Shipments

(From [Press Release](#)) On Wednesday, Gov. Andy Beshear announced all 11 health facilities identified to receive initial shipments of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines have confirmed receipt. Today, Mercy Health-Lourdes Hospital in Paducah accepted its delivery.

As of 4 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16, Gov. Beshear reported 2,898 new cases, with a positivity rate of 8.57%. There are 1,793 currently hospitalized, with 460 in the ICU and 239 on vents. Unfortunately, the Governor also reported 23 new deaths.

To view the [full daily report](#), [incidence rate map](#), [new statewide requirements](#), testing locations, long term-care and other congregate facilities update, school reports and [guidance](#), [red zone counties](#), [red zone recommendations](#), the White House Coronavirus Task Force reports for Kentucky and other key guidance visit, kycovid19.ky.gov.

Health officials track safety as COVID-19 vaccines roll out Health Worker has severe allergic reaction

(AP) As COVID-19 vaccinations roll out to more and more people, health authorities are keeping close watch for any unexpected side effects.

On Tuesday, a health worker in Alaska suffered a severe allergic reaction after receiving the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. Doctors already knew to be on the lookout after Britain reported two similar cases last week. In the U.S., vaccine recipients are supposed to hang around after the injection in case signs of an allergy appear and they need immediate treatment — exactly what happened when the health worker in Juneau became flushed and short of breath 10 minutes after the shot.

Ful AP story: <https://apnews.com/article/business-alaska-allergies-coronavirus-pandemic-coronavirus-vaccine-df6091385dab3607b04d7fc7cf0ac7f5>

Related - Standing Orders Template and Pre-Vaccination Screening Tool

The CDC just released a Standing Orders Template and a Pre-Vaccination Screening Tool for Pfizer- BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine. Both will be available on the [Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Information page](#) on the CDC website. A Pfizer-BioTech COVID-19 Vaccine Preparation and Administration Summary Sheet will also be available shortly.

- [Standing Orders Template](#)
- [Pre-Vaccination Screening Tool](#)

Related - COVID-19 Vaccination for Pregnant and Breastfeeding Patients

The University of Louisville has created and shared two documents to help answer concerns regarding providing the COVID-19 vaccine to pregnant and breastfeeding patients. The first document covers considerations for anyone who is pregnant or breastfeeding and the second is specifically for health care workers.

The FAQs were developed by Eddie Miller, MD, Division Director for Maternal-Fetal Medicine, and Sara Petruska, MD, Medical Director for Labor and Delivery, of University of Louisville Physicians.

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- [Patient FAQs](#)
- [Health Care Worker FAQs](#)

FDA Staff Give Moderna COVID-19 Vax Favorable Report

No surprises in technical review; may be even less debate than with Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine

Learn more: <https://www.medpagetoday.com/infectiousdisease/covid19/90242>

Can I stop wearing a mask after getting a COVID-19 vaccine? **Short answer is NO!**

Learn more: <https://apnews.com/article/mask-wearing-after-coronavirus-vaccine-f69b720444bd08565bf1f3a42e4a24ef>

**[COVID-19 is 10 Times Deadlier for People with Down Syndrome,
Raising Calls for Early Vaccination](#)**

(*Science*) Among groups at higher risk of dying from COVID-19, such as people with diabetes, people with DS stand out: If infected, they are five times more likely to be hospitalized and 10 times more likely to die than the general population, according to a large U.K. study published in October. Other recent studies back up the high risk.

UK Offers the next installment of their Well@Work Podcast-

[Episode 10: Eating to Promote Resilience](#)

Link: <https://youtu.be/5g4nZf5b1-A>

Hospital Police Forces In US Raise Concerns About Secrecy, Abuse

([From IACP News](#)) The [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel](#) (12/15, Diedrich, Rutledge, Chen) reports, "There is a new kind of police force emerging in America" at "local hospitals in a growing number of states," but "unlike typical police forces, these departments operate largely in secrecy. They don't have to tell the public much about their operations, and there is no public board looking over their shoulder." The Journal Sentinel adds that "hospital police forces...are being formed without basic measures long used to hold officers accountable, a Milwaukee Journal Sentinel investigation found." According to the Journal Sentinel, "Hospitals are required by federal law to serve the public, but their police departments are typically not required to answer to the public. Unless they are an arm of a government-owned hospital, these police departments can refuse to disclose key figures such as how many calls they respond to, how many arrests they make and how much they spend."

OSHA Shares Resources for Healthcare

OSHA has resources to help protect nurses, doctors, dentists, and other [workers in the healthcare industry](#) from exposure to the coronavirus.

CDC Clinicians Webinar Thursday at 2 PM ET

**Making Practical Decisions for Crisis Standards of Care
at the Bedside During the COVID-19 Pandemic**

Zoom link to join: <https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1613403966>

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

InfraGard/FBI Quarterly Threat Briefing

Title: Cyber Threats to Third Party Service Providers, Its Evolution and What We Can Do About It

Date: Wednesday, 13 January 2021

Time: 9:00am – 11:30am PST

Type: Virtual

Cost: **FREE**

Registration Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3079662112210610700>

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