



# Kentucky Hospital Research & Education Foundation Emergency Preparedness Update for December 27, 2020

## Suspect in Nashville explosion died in blast

(AP) The man believed to be responsible for the Christmas Day bombing that tore through downtown Nashville blew himself up in the explosion, and appears to have acted alone, federal officials said Sunday.

Investigators used DNA and other evidence to link the man, identified as Anthony Quinn Warner, to the mysterious explosion but said they have not determined a motive. Officials have received hundreds of tips and leads, but have concluded that no one other than Warner is believed to have been involved in the early morning explosion that damaged dozens of buildings and injured three people.

Investigators have not uncovered a singular motive for the act nor was it revealed why Warner had selected the particular location for the bombing, which damaged an AT&T building and has continued to wreak havoc on cellphone service and police and hospital communications in several Southern states as the company worked to restore service. The official, who was not authorized to discuss an ongoing investigation and spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity, said federal agents were examining a number of potential leads and pursuing several theories, including the possibility that the AT&T building was targeted.

Read full AP story: <https://apnews.com/article/nashville-explosion-anthony-warner-rv-2cc36514764d302b9fd5e0781a3c31f4>

### **Related story - AT&T aims to fully restore service Sunday night**

Learn more: <https://apnews.com/article/bombings-nashville-tennessee-28f111d55f8c0d7c91f14e96916ebf1a>

## **KY COVID Update for Sunday**

There were 1,509 new cases posted on the KYCOVID19.ky.gov site today, with 21 new deaths. The positivity rate was 8.06%. See KY COVID report: <https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/covid19/COVID19DailyReport.pdf>

## **CDC issues new guidance about vaccinations for people with underlying health conditions**

(The Hill) The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on Saturday issued a new guidance stating that people with underlying health conditions can receive a coronavirus vaccine.

[The guidance](#) explains that "adults of any age with certain underlying medical conditions are at increased risk for severe illness from the virus that causes COVID-19."

Thus, the CDC added that those vaccines that have been approved by the Food and Drug Administration "may be administered to people with underlying medical conditions provided they have not had a severe allergic reaction to any of the ingredients in the vaccine."

The CDC explained that people with weakened immune systems due to other illnesses or medication may also receive a COVID-19 vaccine, but they should be aware that limited safety data is available on the effects of the vaccines on these individuals.

Read full story: <https://thehill.com/policy/healthcare/531722-cdc-issues-new-guidance-about-vaccinations-for-people-with-underlying>

## **Study: COVID Patient Survival Falls When Local Area Has Higher Caseload**

(MedicineNet) "Flattening the curve" could be key to reducing deaths among people hospitalized with [COVID-19](#), a new study of U.S. hospitals suggests.

Researchers found that [COVID-19](#) patients' survival odds depended not only on their age and overall health. It also depended on the hospital and the surrounding community.

At hospitals in counties where the infection was spreading quickly, death rates were typically higher. But if community cases were lower, so were hospital death rates. The study could not determine exactly why, said lead researcher Dr. David Asch, a professor of medicine at the University of Pennsylvania.

But he speculated that "hospital strain" could be the reason: The more [COVID-19](#) cases in the community, the more people arriving at the hospital -- and the greater the burden on staff and resources.

Learn more: <https://www.medicinenet.com/script/main/art.asp?articlekey=250231>

## **CDC COVID-19 What's New?**

- [COVID-19 Vaccination Considerations for Persons with Underlying Medical Conditions](#) Saturday, December 26, 2020

- [Requirement for Proof of Negative COVID-19 Test for All Air Passengers Arriving from the UK to the US](#) Friday, December 25, 2020
- [Construction COVID-19 Checklists for Employers and Employees](#) Wednesday, December 23, 2020
- [COVIDTracer and COVIDTracer Advanced](#) Wednesday, December 23, 2020
- [Information about the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine](#) Wednesday, December 23, 2020
- [When Vaccine is Limited, Who Gets Vaccinated First?](#) Wednesday, December 23, 2020
- [Healthcare Facilities That Have Implemented COVID-19 Electronic Case Reporting](#) Wednesday, December 23, 2020

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**Scientists decode how coronavirus interacts with proteins in human cells**

Learn more: <https://news360.com/article/545249803>

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**Covid-19 wasn't the only medical story this year. Here's what you missed in 2020**

(NBC) One health story dominated headlines for virtually all of 2020: the coronavirus pandemic. But while Covid-19 did slow down medical research in other areas, the science didn't stop. Researchers rolled out new ways to cope with common diseases, and even a treatment for another feared virus.

Click the link below to see the accomplishments that may have flown under the public's radar in 2020.  
<https://www.nbcnews.com/health/health-news/covid-19-wasn-t-only-medical-story-year-here-s-n1251437>

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**American Gun Sales Near 40 Million**

Read more: <https://news360.com/article/545287971>

**FBI: White supremacists 'plotted to destroy power grids and create Nazi cells across the country' after Trump loss**

Learn more: <https://news360.com/article/545126911>

**T-Mobile is shutting down service to these phones, but will offer free replacements**

(News Break) Based on [internal documents](#) from T-Mobile given to [Android Police](#), some older devices, including the OnePlus One, Xperia Z3 series, and Nexus 9, will be unable to connect to the company's network beginning on January 29th. 19 devices, including phones, tablets, and even cameras, are named by the document. Affected customers will be notified by SMS beginning on December 28th, and will be able to upgrade to one of four phones for free.

Full story: <https://www.newsbreak.com/news/2133105559495/t-mobile-is-shutting-down-service-to-these-phones-but-will-offer-free-replacements?s=oldSite&ss=i3>

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**Another holiday Fell Good story....**

**A 7-year-old boy went back into a burning home to save his baby sister**

(CNN) A 7-year-old boy named Eli saved his baby sister's life when he jumped into her room through a window to rescue her from a fire that destroyed his family's home.

Read the story: <https://www.cnn.com/2020/12/27/us/7-year-old-saves-baby-fire-tennessee-trnd/index.html>

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