



Kentucky Hospital Research & Education Foundation Emergency Preparedness Update for January 6, 2021

Trump supporters attack US Capitol, forcing evacuation of Congress; National Guard activated

((AP) — Angry supporters of President Donald Trump stormed the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday in a chaotic attack aimed at thwarting a peaceful transfer of power, forcing lawmakers to be rushed from the building and interrupting challenges to Joe Biden’s Electoral College victory.

In a raucous, out-of-control scene, protesters fought past police and breached the building, shouting and waving Trump and American flags as they marched through the halls. One person was reported shot at the Capitol, according to a person familiar with the situation. That person's condition was unknown.

The protesters abruptly interrupted the congressional proceedings in an eerie scene that featured official warnings directing people to duck under their seats for cover and put on gas masks after tear gas was used in the Capitol Rotunda.

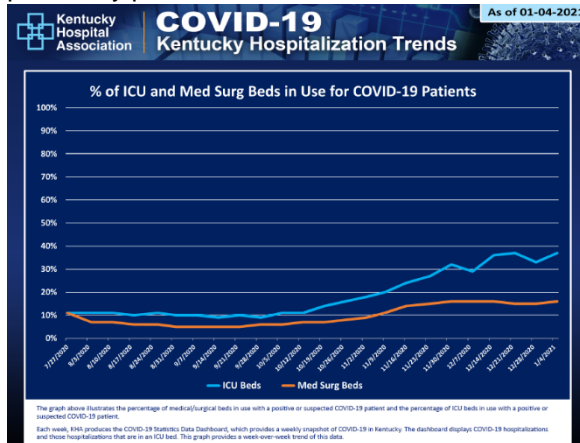
The Pentagon said D.C. National Guard members are being mobilized to help support law enforcement. Pentagon spokesperson Jonathan Hoffman said Wednesday afternoon that defense leaders have been in contact with the city and congressional leadership.

A defense official said all 1,100 of the D.C. Guard were being activated and sent to the city’s armory. The Guard forces will be used at checkpoints and for other similar duties and could also help in the enforcement of the 6 p.m. curfew being implemented tonight in the city.

Full story: https://www.wiscnews.com/news/national/trump-supporters-attack-us-capitol-forcing-evacuation-of-congress-national-guard-activated/article_ced0fda0-7b17-5011-b7c3-e7da71d7331b.html

16 Ky. counties lack pharmacies in HHS vaccine distribution plan

(KY Health News) Almost one-third of America's rural counties, including 16 in Kentucky, don't have a pharmacy partnered with a chain or network that's participating in the federal government's coronavirus



vaccination program, according to a [study](#) by the **Rural Policy Research Institute's Center for Rural Health Policy and Analysis**.

The study found that 750 of the nation's 1,962 nonmetropolitan counties have no pharmacy in the vaccine distribution partnerships of the **U.S. Department for Health and Human Services**. The Kentucky counties, from west to east, are Ballard, Carlisle, Hickman, Livingston, Lyon, Todd, Breckinridge, Cumberland, Clinton, Owen, Nicholas, Robertson, Fleming, Bath, Menifee and Elliott.

HHS said in November the vaccine will be distributed through chains such as **Rite Aid, Walgreens, Kroger, Walmart**, and independent pharmacy networks such as **Good Neighbor Pharmacy**. Those locations make up 60% of U.S.

pharmacies. HHS said other regional chains and independent pharmacies could be added to increase access to underserved areas.

LA hospitals running out of oxygen as COVID-19 patients reach peak levels

Public health officials are worried about meeting the demand of patients infected with the virus. Several LA hospitals are reportedly overwhelmed as oxygen supplies run low amid the surge in COVID-19 cases. Public health officials are worried about meeting the demand of COVID patients, who require ten times as much oxygen as patients not infected with the potentially deadly virus, the [Los Angeles Times](#) reports.

[theGrio](#) reported earlier, the Los Angeles Emergency Medical Services Agency has instructed first responders to cut back the use of oxygen and reserve it for those who have a better chance to live, per the [Times](#). Patients whose hearts have stopped and cannot be resuscitated will be considered dead on the scene unless EMT’s are able to revive them. If not, they will not be admitted to the hospital.

Full story: <https://www.yahoo.com/entertainment/la-hospitals-running-oxygen-covid-010704455.html>

Johns Hopkins: Health security Headlines
Extracts from [January 6, 2021](#)

[CDC Hopes to Double the Number of Coronavirus Samples Checked for New Mutations](#) (CNN) The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention hopes to more than double the number of coronavirus genomes sequenced to watch for new mutations in the US over the next two weeks, a top official said Sunday. The United States is now sequencing about 3,000 samples a week and the CDC hopes to more than double that to about 6,500 per week, according to Dr. Gregory Armstrong, director of the Office of Advanced Molecular Detection at the CDC's National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases.

[Merck to Repurpose Four U.S. Facilities for COVID-19 Vaccine Manufacturing](#) (Homeland Preparedness News) Under a new agreement between the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and Merck, the company will expand domestic manufacturing capacity for COVID-19 vaccines by repurposing four of its existing facilities.

NETEC COVID-19 Webinar

Lessons Learned in Navigating Simultaneous Disaster Response Scenarios

Wednesday, January 13, 2021 | Noon CT / 1:00 PM ET

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Upcoming Clinical Rounds:

HHS/ASPR COVID-19 Outpatient Therapeutics Mini-Series

Wednesday, January 6, 12:00 – 1:00 PM ET

[Registration Information](#)

Emergency Department: Update on Emergency Physicians

Thursday, January 7, 12:00 – 1:00 PM ET

[Registration Information](#)

All previous recordings can also be found on the [Project Echo HHS ASPR Clinical Rounds website](#).

Global Resilience Commission Webinar 21-1

**Electromagnetic Pulse – The Threat,
Current Advances, and Resilience Solutions**
Wednesday, 27 January 1100 EST

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**Systematizing the One Health Approach in Preparedness and Response Efforts
for Infectious Disease Outbreaks: A Virtual Workshop**

On **February 23, 24, and 25, 2021**, the National Academies' Forum on Microbial Threats will host a virtual workshop to examine ways to systemize and integrate the One Health approach as part of outbreak prevention, detection, preparedness, and response efforts. To view a full list of topics covered, download the agenda, and learn more about this event, visit the event [web page](#). **[Register Here](#)**

Mark your calendar – Children's Hospital Week
April 19-25, 2021

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