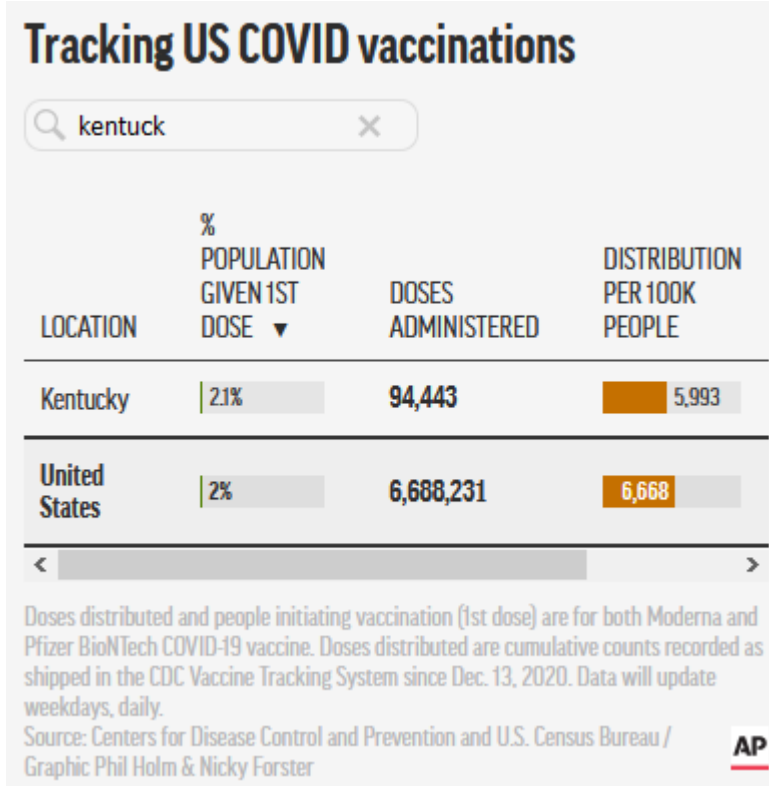




Kentucky Hospital Research & Education Foundation Emergency Preparedness Update for January 10, 2021

US registering highest deaths yet from the coronavirus

(AP) The U.S. registered more COVID-19 deaths in a single day than ever before — nearly 3,900 — on the very day the mob attack on the Capitol laid bare some of the same, deep political divisions that have hampered the battle against the pandemic.



Meanwhile, the number of Americans who have gotten their first shot of the COVID-19 vaccine climbed to at least 5.9 million Thursday, a one-day gain of about 600,000, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Hundreds of millions will need to be vaccinated to stop the coronavirus.

Full story: <https://apnews.com/article/us-news-pandemics-california-coronavirus-pandemic-5d120f6273dc8ec89e3f60df98b9f5f7>

Vaccine rollout in US hits snag as health workers balk at shots

(WTOP) The desperately awaited vaccination drive against the coronavirus in the U.S. is running into resistance from an unlikely quarter: Surprising numbers of health care workers who have seen firsthand the death and misery inflicted by COVID-19 are refusing shots.

It is happening in nursing homes and, to a lesser degree, in hospitals, with employees expressing what experts say are unfounded fears of side effects from vaccines that

were developed at record speed. More than three weeks into the campaign, some places are seeing as much as 80% of the staff holding back.

Many medical facilities from Florida to Washington state have boasted of near-universal acceptance of the shots, and workers have proudly plastered pictures of themselves on social media receiving the vaccine. Elsewhere, though, the drive has stumbled. Administrators and public health officials have expressed hope that more health workers will opt to be vaccinated as they see their colleagues take the shots without problems.

Full story: <https://wtop.com/national/2021/01/vaccine-rollout-hits-s snag-as-health-workers-balk-at-shots/>

Related - Baptist Health website allowed general public to sign up for COVID-19 vaccination on Friday

(WDRB) -- Approximately 6,000 Kentuckians on Friday signed up to receive the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine through Baptist Health, although some of those people likely were not yet eligible to receive the shot.

Anyone could sign up for the COVID-19 vaccine through Baptist Health's MyChart website in four Kentucky cities, WDRB News learned on Friday. In a statement on Saturday, Baptist Health officials confirmed that "many who viewed the site mistakenly thought the vaccines were open to the general public."

Baptist Health will honor the 6,000 appointments that were made regardless of the person's eligibility under the state's vaccination plan. It's unclear how many of the 6,000 individuals who signed up were health care professionals.

Full story: https://www.wdrb.com/news/coronavirus/baptist-health-website-allowed-general-public-to-sign-up-for-covid-19-vaccination-on-friday/article_fb9ceefa-52ca-11eb-a055-f7553e82b609.html

Kentucky reports 300,000th case of the novel coronavirus

(Ky Health News/AI Cross) As the pandemic's latest surge in Kentucky put the state over 300,000 cases of the novel coronavirus, and the positive-test rate moved above 12 percent, Gov. Andy Beshear implicitly warned that legislation the General Assembly sent to him Saturday would "hamper our ability to fight a deadly virus."

The state reported 4,250 new cases Saturday, for a total of 300,398 and a seven-day average of 3,800, far above the previous record of 3,440 – reflecting the surge of cases during the week.

The percentage of Kentuckians testing positive for the virus over the last seven days rose to 12.32%, ensuring that the average for the reporting week ending Sunday would be the highest ever, except the week ending May 3, when testing became more available and the rate exceeded 15%.

"The positivity rate is in a very dangerous place," Beshear said in [a video](#) posted on his Facebook page. "This is not the time to hamper our ability to fight a deadly virus." The state reported 20 more deaths attributed to Covid-19 Saturday, raising its death toll to 2,876. It did not release a list of the dead.

Full story: <http://feedproxy.google.com/~r/KentuckyHealthNews/~3/TnR1P1hfb-4/kentucky-reports-300000th-case-of-novel.html>

[ICUs clogged on the way in, morgues on the way out in California's COVID crisis](#)

Southern California is so overwhelmed with coronavirus cases that patients are backed up trying to get into hospitals, and corpses get stuck in another logjam once they leave.

At one hospital in Orange County, ambulances loaded with patients are lining up outside waiting for space in the intensive care unit, and COVID-19 patients fill the emergency room hallway. One patient waited in the ambulance more than five hours before being admitted.

In nearby Los Angeles County, where people are dying of the disease at the rate of one every eight minutes, and other hard-hit areas, refrigerated trailers will be brought in to provide extra corpse-storage capacity.

***Red Cross* Issues Call for More Blood Plasma to Treat COVID Patients**

<https://news360.com/article/546027899>

Certain Antibiotics Linked With Upped Risk for Deadly Aortic Aneurysms

<https://news360.com/article/546101957>

Tennessee to become the first state to run a closed Medicaid drug formulary

(Stat News) In a first-of-its-kind move, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services will allow Tennessee officials to restrict medicines covered by the state Medicaid program.

Story link: <https://www.statnews.com/pharmalot/2021/01/08/medicaid-trump-tennessee-massachusetts/>

As Inauguration Nears, Concern of More Violence Grows

(NPR) Wednesday's violent insurrection at the Capitol led to the deaths of five people. Some lawmakers and others worry that it was just the beginning.

Read more: <https://www.npr.org/sections/congress-electoral-college-tally-live-updates/2021/01/09/955289141/as-inauguration-nears-concern-grows-of-more-violence-to-come>

To see the FBI wanted posters related to those breaking in to the Capitol Building January 6th go to <https://www.fbi.gov/wanted/capitol-violence>

Also, the FBI is offering a reward of up to \$50,000 for information leading to the location, arrest, and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the placement of suspected pipe bombs in Washington, D.C. on January 6, 2021. To see the wanted poster, go to <https://www.fbi.gov/wanted/seeking-info/suspected-pipe-bombs-in-washington-dc>

Heavily Armed Protesters Gather Outside Kentucky Capitol For Militia Rally

(Forbes) Approximately [100 protesters](#), many of whom were [heavily armed](#), assembled outside of the Kentucky Capitol building on Saturday afternoon while both chambers of the General Assembly were in session, for a "[patriot rally](#)," mere days after [pro-Trump protesters](#) violently infiltrated the U.S. Capitol in Washington D.C.

Full story: <https://www.forbes.com/sites/tommybeer/2021/01/09/heavily-armed-protesters-gather-outside-kentucky-capitol-for-militia-rally/?sh=72472de14763>

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