



Kentucky Hospital Research & Education Foundation Emergency Preparedness Update for January 11, 2021

Armed protests being planned at all 50 state capitols, FBI bulletin says *An internal FBI note obtained by ABC News shows warnings of "a huge uprising."*

(ABC) Starting this week and running through at least Inauguration Day, armed protests are being planned at all 50 state capitols and at the U.S. Capitol, according to an internal FBI bulletin obtained by ABC News.

The FBI has also received information in recent days on a group calling for "storming" state, local and federal government courthouses and administrative buildings in the event President [Donald Trump](#) is removed from office prior to Inauguration Day. The group is also planning to "storm" government offices in every state the day President-elect Joe Biden will be inaugurated, regardless of whether the states certified electoral votes for Biden or Trump.

"The FBI received information about an identified armed group intending to travel to Washington, DC on 16 January," the bulletin read. "They have warned that if Congress attempts to remove POTUS via the 25th Amendment, a huge uprising will occur."

Federal law enforcement officials have advised police agencies to increase their security posture at statehouses around the country following the riot at the U.S. Capitol, law enforcement sources told ABC News.

Full story: <https://abcnews.go.com/US/armed-protests-planned-50-state-capitols-fbi-bulletin/story?id=75179771>

Review your contingency plans - just in case!

We have shared this same basic information about two weeks ago with hospital ED, trauma and emergency managers, but given the widespread concerns shared by the FBI (above) it is passed along to our broader audience here.

Emergency Preparedness Managers and Coordinators should not be complacent to think that potential sympathizers may not eventually stage some in-state protests as we saw in Washington DC. The FBI alert to law enforcement, and the fact that there were armed demonstrators were on the KY Capital grounds over the weekend (reported yesterday), should bring home the point that preparedness and readiness is an on-going job – and now is a good time

It would be appropriate to review with key staff emergency plans and call-up procedures – just in case! If you don't have current plans in place, or if you are new to emergency preparedness or the leadership, here is a link to the *Hospital Incident Command System (HICS) 2014* library. Consider reviewing the HICS Guidebook, and some of the tools available. It is better to do it now, before faced with a crisis. <https://emsa.ca.gov/disaster-medical-services-division-hospital-incident-command-system/>

There are **Incident Planning Guides (IPG)** to look at with things you need to consider when preparing for a potential event in the focus areas. Then there are **Incident Response Guides (IRG)** which create working templates for actions you need to consider taking when an event occurs. In addition, there are **Job Action Sheets (JAS)** available for many of the commonly used functions that may be need if your Incident Management program is activated. The JAS sheets give the person assigned to a role a quick checklist of the initial things they may need to do if assigned to a new function in a crisis. Remember, you do NOT need to activate every job for every incident.

- IRG collection: <https://emsa.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/71/2017/07/Active-Shooter-IRG.docx>
- IPG collection: <https://emsa.ca.gov/hospital-incident-command-system-incident-planning-guides-2014/>
- JAS collection: <https://emsa.ca.gov/hospital-incident-command-system-job-action-sheets-2014/>

Another tool that has been helpful in the past is a CDC document called "*In a Moment's Notice: Surge Capacity for Terrorist Bombings*". Forget the "bombing" part of the title, and think any type of event that has the potential to create a large number of casualties in a short period of time. Bombing, mass shooting, structural collapse, school bus wreck, etc. The document looks at eleven different areas, and has "Surge Action Templates" to help you rethink workarounds for a sudden surge in patients from a major event.

Here is downloadable PDF link" <https://stacks.cdc.gov/view/cdc/5713>

Gov. Beshear Announces 2,085 New COVID Cases

(From [press release](#)) Today, Gov. Andy Beshear announced more than 2,000 new COVID-19 cases, condemned domestic terrorism and said General Assembly actions that would significantly limit the state's ability to fight the deadly virus are dangerous and unfeasible. [Read the full press release for details.]

As of 4 PM Monday the Governor reported 2,085 new cases, with a positivity rate of 12.35%. There were 21 new deaths reported today. More details at [kycovid19.ky.gov](https://www.ky.gov/covid19).

Most Hospitalized COVID Patients Not Fully Recovered 6 Months Post-Discharge

(MedPage Today) Three-quarters of patients previously hospitalized with COVID-19 continued to report at least one symptom six months later, Chinese researchers found. Fatigue or muscle weakness were by far the most common symptoms (63%), followed by sleep difficulties (26%), and 23% of patients said they had anxiety or depression, reported Bin Cao, MD, of China-Japan Friendship Hospital in Beijing, and colleagues, writing in [The Lancet](https://www.thelancet.com). Full story: <https://www.medpagetoday.com/infectiousdisease/covid19/90618>

Related CIDRAP story - [COVID-19 symptoms often linger 6 months or more, study finds](#)

COVID-19 case counts spike in hot spots across US

(CIDRAP) From Rhode Island to California, all regions of the United States are seeing an uptick in COVID-19 cases in what is likely the post-holiday surge of the virus that experts feared. California, Arizona, Oklahoma, South Carolina, and Rhode Island are reporting the highest rates of new daily cases per person.

The [New York Times](https://www.nytimes.com) said this is a change to the previous patchwork pattern of the virus, which saw regional hot spots develop over the last year. Now, virus hot spots are widespread across the entire country.

According to [CNBC](https://www.cnbc.com), the US is recording at least 244,300 new COVID-19 cases and 3,230 virus-related deaths each day, based on a 7-day average calculated using Johns Hopkins University data. In total, the John Hopkins [dashboard](#) shows 22,529,399 cases in the US, including 375,350 deaths.

Doctor Dies Two Weeks After COVID Vaccination

(Newser) – Gregory Michael, an obstetrician in Miami Beach, got his first dose of Pfizer’s COVID-19 vaccination on Dec. 18. Some two weeks later, he was dead, [CBS12](https://www.cbs12.com) reports. “He was a very healthy 56 year old,” wife Heidi Neckelmann writes on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com), adding, “He was a pro vaccine advocate that is why he got it himself.” Now, Michael’s death is being investigated by local and state medical authorities, as well as the CDC, per the [Miami Herald](https://www.miamiherald.com). Vaccine manufacturer Pfizer said it is aware of Michael’s death, saying it was caused by a “highly unusual clinical case of severe thrombocytopenia, a condition that decreases the body’s ability to clot blood and stop internal bleeding.”

“We are actively investigating this case, but *we don’t believe at this time that there is any direct connection to the vaccine*,” a company spokesman tells the [Herald](https://www.herald.com). Darren Caprara of the Miami-Dade Medical Examiner Department tells [ABC](https://www.abc.com) that “the cause of death is still pending.” A few days after getting the vaccine, spots began to appear on Michael’s hands and feet, per reports. He was admitted to the ICU with a blood count well below normal ranges, the [Sun-Sentinel](https://www.sun-sentinel.com) reports. Doctors tried to raise his platelet count for two weeks “to no avail,” per Neckelmann’s Facebook post. “He got a hemorrhagic stroke caused by the lack of platelets that took his life in a matter of minutes,” she writes. A Pfizer spokesman says the company is monitoring adverse reactions from the vaccine. **The CDC announced Wednesday that there have been 21 cases of anaphylaxis out of some 2 million people vaccinated in the US.**

Source: <https://www.newser.com/story/301109/death-of-doctor-who-received-vaccine-under-investigation.html>

Johns Hopkins: Health Security Headlines Extracts from January 11, 2021

- [Are You Old Enough To Get Vaccinated? In Tennessee, They're Using The Honor System](#)
- [Search for Better COVID Vaccines Confounded by Existing Rollouts](#)
- [Millions In China Under New Restrictions Amid COVID-19 Spike Near Beijing](#)
- [Moderna Provides Business Update and Announces Three New Development Programs in Infectious Disease Vaccines](#)

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