



Kentucky Hospital Research & Education Foundation Emergency Preparedness Update for April 2, 2021

----- KY COVID-19 Update

(WKYT) Governor Beshear reported 690 new COVID-19 cases on Friday, bringing the state total to 428,527 cases. The governor says the state is seeing a 3.08 percent positivity rate. Of Friday's new cases, 115 are in kids 18 or younger.

There were three reported COVID-19 related deaths on Friday, as well as 18 additional audit deaths. That brings the state total to 6,129.

As of Friday, 393 people are hospitalized for COVID-19 related reasons, 89 are in the ICU, and 66 are on ventilators. At least 49,829 Kentuckians have recovered from the virus. The governor also announced 1.4 million Kentuckians have been vaccinated.

Source with video & graphics: <https://www.wkyt.com/app/2021/04/02/gov-beshear-reports-690-new-covid-19-cases-308-positivity-rate/>

----- CDC Releases Guidance for Easter

(CNN) - The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has issued guidance on how people, vaccinated and not, should safely celebrate Easter.

For those who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19, the CDC says they can spend Easter with others. The agency says if it's been two weeks since your last vaccine dose, you can safely gather indoors with other fully vaccinated people without wearing a mask.

Those who are not yet fully vaccinated are advised to stick to their own households. The CDC says they can still gather but should do so outdoors while wearing masks and staying six feet apart.

The CDC says it is still learning exactly how protection from the vaccine works, and until more is known, the agency is continuing to recommend that fully vaccinated people wear masks in public places.

Read more: <https://www.wkyt.com/app/2021/04/02/cdc-releases-guidance-for-easter-celebrations/>

----- Is The U.S. In For Another Big COVID Surge?

(NPR) After more than two months of steep declines, coronavirus infections are on the rise again nationally — along with COVID-19 hospitalizations in many states. In the past seven days, the U.S. reported slightly more than 65,000 new cases per day on average, a jump of 20% from two weeks earlier. Many states have seen even more dramatic growth, as high as 125% in Michigan, according to an [NPR analysis of data from Johns Hopkins University](#). And hospitalizations have risen for seven consecutive days in more than a dozen states, mostly in the Midwest and Northeast, according to the University of Minnesota's [COVID-19 Hospitalization Tracking Project](#). These signs all point to the growing threat of another significant surge in COVID-19 cases, experts say.

Learn more: <https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2021/04/02/983521198/a-4th-covid-19-surge-may-be-starting-how-bad-could-it-get>

----- U.S. administers 157.6 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines

(Reuters) The United States has administered 157,606,463 doses of COVID-19 vaccines in the country as of Friday morning and distributed 204,719,335 doses, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said. The tally is for Moderna, Pfizer/BioNTech, and Johnson & Johnson's vaccines as of 6:00 a.m. ET on Friday, the agency said.

According to the tally posted on April 1, the agency had administered 153,631,404 doses of the vaccines, and distributed 200,496,635 doses. The agency said 101,804,762 people had received at least one dose while 57,984,785 people are fully vaccinated as of Friday. A total of 7,735,342 vaccine doses have been administered in long-term care facilities, the agency said.

Source: <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-usa-cdc/u-s-administers-157-6-million-doses-of-covid-19-vaccines-cdc-idUSKBN2BP1ID>

----- FDA adjusts Moderna vaccine dosage guidance

(FDA) The U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced two revisions regarding the number of doses per vial available for the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine. The first revision clarifies the number of doses per vial for the vials that are currently available, in that the maximum number of extractable doses is 11, with a range of 10-11

doses. The second revision authorizes the availability of an additional multi-dose vial in which each vial contains a maximum of 15 doses, with a range of 13-15 doses that can potentially be extracted.

FDA News Release: <https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/coronavirus-covid-19-update-fda-makes-two-revisions-moderna-covid-19-vaccine-emergency-use>

8 year old accidentally vaccinated in Dallas

DALLAS (KXAS/KXAN) — An eight-year-old boy in Dallas was [vaccinated at a drive-thru site](#) in what authorities there are calling an “oversight” and “human error.” The father only realized the mistake after talking to his pediatrician. Read how this happened: <https://www.kxan.com/texas-coronavirus-vaccine/8-year-old-boy-accidentally-vaccinated-in-dallas/>

What To Do With Your Vaccine Card?

NPR story: <https://www.npr.org/sections/goatsandsoda/2021/04/02/983690829/coronavirus-faqs-what-should-i-do-with-my-vaccine-card-is-choir-practice-ok-now>

Related story – Florida Gov. DeSantis signs order banning use of vaccine passports

Learn more: <https://weartv.com/news/local/gov-desantis-signs-order-banning-use-of-vaccine-passports-in-florida>

CDC: Fully vaccinated Americans can travel in US, abroad

(CIDRAP) Fully vaccinated Americans can now travel at low risk of COVID-19 infection, the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) announced today.

People who have had two COVID-19 vaccine doses at least 2 weeks prior can travel within the United States and don't need to take a coronavirus test before travel or quarantine after, as long as they wear a face covering, avoid crowds, physical distance, wash their hands often, and take extra care around unvaccinated people—particularly those at high risk for severe COVID-19, the guidance said.

Fully vaccinated Americans can also travel internationally without taking a COVID-19 test beforehand, unless their country of destination requires it, and they don't have to quarantine on their return. However, they still must have a negative coronavirus test result before boarding a flight back to the United States and get tested again 3 to 5 days after their return, according to the CDC.

Today's guidance, however, does not change the agency's guidance for those who are not fully vaccinated, still discouraging them from nonessential US travel.

"Unvaccinated travelers should still get tested 1-3 days before domestic travel and again 3-5 days after travel," CDC said. "They should stay home and self-quarantine for 7 days after travel or 10 days if they don't get tested at the conclusion of travel."

See more: <https://www.cidrap.umn.edu/news-perspective/2021/04/cdc-fully-vaccinated-americans-can-travel-us-abroad>

CIDRAP - [One in 5 COVID-affected health workers weighs quitting: study](#)
CIDRAP - [More global reports of blood clots after AstraZeneca COVID vaccination](#)

Study identifies possible COVID-19 drugs—including several that are FDA-approved

(MedicalXpress) A team led by scientists in the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania has identified nine potential new COVID-19 treatments, including three that are already approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for treating other diseases. Of the nine drugs found to reduce SARS-CoV-2 replication in respiratory cells, three already have FDA approval: the transplant-rejection drug cyclosporine, the cancer drug dacomitinib, and the antibiotic salinomycin. These could be rapidly tested in human volunteers and COVID-19 patients. See more: <https://medicalxpress.com/news/2021-04-covid-drugsincluding-fda-approved.html>

Reminder - [Ordinary driver's licenses will no longer be accepted at airports Oct. 1 as REAL ID Act set to take effect](#)

FBI – The Unabomber Case 25 Years Later

A quarter-century ago, FBI agents raided the Montana cabin of Theodore Kaczynski after his writings were used to identify him as the elusive serial bomber who conducted a years-long reign of terror that left three dead and nearly two dozen injured. [<Click here to read more.>](#)

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