



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

There were at least 9 mass shootings across the US this weekend

(CNN) A gunman opened fire at a family birthday party [in Colorado Springs](#), leaving six people dead and a community in mourning. The suspected shooter -- believed to be a boyfriend of one of the victims -- is also dead, according to Colorado Springs Police.

The tragedy was one of at least nine mass shootings that occurred across the US over the weekend. At least 15 people were killed and 30 more injured in mass shootings since Friday night, according to CNN reporting and an analysis of data from [Gun Violence Archive](#) (GVA), local media and police reports. From a townhome community and a neighborhood park, to a hotel and a nightclub, these are the mass shootings that shook communities across seven states.

Read full CNN story: <https://www.cnn.com/2021/05/10/us/us-weekend-mass-shootings/index.html>

US DOJ Proposes New Restrictions on “Ghost Guns”

(IACP – [The Lead](#)) The [Washington Post](#) (5/7) reports the Justice Department on Friday “released a proposed rule that would put new restrictions on so-called ‘ghost guns’ – kits that allow buyers to assemble firearms without a serial number – as part of the Biden administration’s push for tighter gun control.” The Post adds the DOJ “said the new rule would require retailers to run background checks before selling kits that allow someone to readily make a gun at home, and it would force manufacturers to include a serial number on a firearm’s ‘frame or receiver’ – the primary structural components of a gun – in easy-to-build kits. That is important because serial numbers help the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives trace guns used in crimes.”

The [New York Times](#) (5/7, Benner) describes the proposal as “the latest effort by the Biden administration to crack down on gun deaths.” In a statement, Attorney General Garland said, “Criminals and others barred from owning a gun should not be able to exploit a loophole to evade background checks and to escape detection by law enforcement.” He added, “This proposed rule would help keep guns out of the wrong hands and make it easier for law enforcement to trace guns used to commit violent crimes, while protecting the rights of law-abiding Americans.” The [Wall Street Journal](#) (5/7, Levy, Subscription Publication) provides similar coverage.

Related - US Congressional Staff Nears Agreement on Police Reform Legislation

In an exclusive, the [Wall Street Journal](#) (5/7, Gurman, Collins, Subscription Publication) reports staffers for Republicans and Democrats in Congress are drafting police reform legislation that would limit the transfer of some military equipment to police departments, prohibit the use of chokeholds by police in most situations, and impose federal standards on no-knock warrants, sources said. However, the Journal adds the final language of the compromise legislation has yet to be reached and the bill so far does not address liability for individual police officers.

U.S. Southeast braces for fuel price rises after pipeline shutdown from Cyber Attack last week

(Reuters) The southeastern United States will be the first to see price rises at the pumps due to the supply disruption caused by the shutdown of the country’s top fuel pipeline network - and demand has already picked up as drivers fill their tanks, industry experts said on Sunday. The attack forced Colonial Pipeline to shut down its entire system on Friday. Some smaller lines were restarted Sunday, but Colonial has given no timeline for the restart of its main pipelines.

The network ships more than 2.5 million barrels per day (bpd) of gasoline, diesel and jet fuel from the Gulf Coast to populous southeast and northeast states. Florida, Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Tennessee rely on the line for most of their fuel supplies and suffered localized shortages and higher prices during previous shutdowns.

Demand in some states served by the pipeline - including Alabama, Florida, Georgia and Tennessee - rose about 4.3% on Saturday compared to a week earlier, said Patrick DeHaan, head of petroleum analysis at fuel tracking firm GasBuddy.

Learn more: <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-products-colonial-pipeline-southe/u-s-southeast-braces-for-fuel-price-rises-after-pipeline-shutdown-idUSKBN2CQ0KB>

New website honors memories of Kentucky COVID-19 victims

WhoWeLostKY.org

WLEX Story: <https://www.lex18.com/news/covering-kentucky/new-website-honors-memories-of-kentucky-covid-19-victims>

Officials are urging people not to forge Covid-19 vaccine cards.

(CNN) Covid-19 vaccination record cards can [easily be forged](#), and US law enforcers are keenly aware. For weeks, the FBI has [warned the public](#) against making, selling or encouraging printouts of fake versions of the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's white record card](#).

And more than 40 state attorneys general last month [warned](#) social media and online shopping platforms to crack down on sales of blank or fraudulently completed cards.

So, what's prompting the warnings? Read more: <https://www.cnn.com/2021/05/08/health/forged-covid-19-vaccine-cards-warning/index.html>

More Than 80% of Kentuckians 65 and Older Have Received at Least One COVID-19 Vaccine Dose

Governor also announces additional bar and restaurant restrictions will be lifted May 28

(From [Press Release](#)) On Monday, Gov. Andy Beshear announced more than 80% of Kentuckians 65 and older have received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose. To date, 1,875,554 people have received at least their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine in Kentucky. The Governor said 852 out of 857 (99.42%) of all Kentuckians who died due to COVID-19 on or after Feb. 1, 2021, were unvaccinated.

Gov. Beshear said individuals who get a COVID-19 vaccine dose at participating Kroger and Walmart locations between today and May 21 are eligible to receive a coupon for a free [Kentucky Lottery Cash Ball 225](#) play. Coupons are only available to Kentuckians 18 or older on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last.

As of 4 PM today there were 167 new cases reported, with a positivity rate of 3.25%. For more information on cases and hospital capacity, see the [full daily COVID-19 report](#). To see a list of those reported lost to the virus today, click [here](#).

US FDA authorizes Pfizer's Covid-19 vaccine for use in people ages 12 to 15

(CNN) The US Food and Drug Administration has expanded the emergency use authorization for Pfizer's Covid-19 vaccine to include people ages 12 to 15. This is the first Covid-19 vaccine in the United States authorized for use in younger teens and adolescents; the vaccine had previously been authorized for people age 16 and older. ([FDA EUA Fact Sheet for HC Providers](#) ([FDA Fact Sheet for Recipients and Caregivers](#)))

To support the extended use, the FDA reviewed data submitted by Pfizer. The company said at the end of March that a clinical trial involving 2,260 12-to-15-year-olds showed the vaccine's efficacy is 100% and it is well tolerated.

The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices is scheduled to meet Wednesday to advise CDC on whether to recommend use of the vaccine in this age group. CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky will then decide whether the agency will recommend the vaccine's use in the new group. Vaccinations for 12-to-15-year-olds are not expected to begin until after that recommendation.

Full story: <https://www.cnn.com/2021/05/10/health/pfizer-vaccine-eua-12-15-teens/index.html>

NYC still storing hundreds of COVID bodies

(CBS) New York City is still using refrigerated trucks to store bodies of coronavirus victims, more than a year after they were first set up as temporary morgues as deaths surged at the height of [the pandemic](#). The city's medical examiner's office said Friday that 750 bodies are being kept in long-term storage in refrigerated trailers at a Brooklyn pier while family members sort out plans for their final resting places. Dina Maniotis, a deputy commissioner with the Office of Chief Medical Examiner, told a city council committee on Wednesday that many of the bodies held at the 39th Street Pier could end up buried in the [city's potter's field on Hart Island](#).



The Federal Emergency Management Agency sent 85 refrigerated trucks to serve as temporary morgues last year as COVID-19 deaths overwhelmed the city's permanent morgues and filled storage spaces in many hospitals to capacity.

Many were parked outside hospitals and workers in protective gear used forklifts

to place bodies inside in what became a grim, daily ritual.

Read more: <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/covid-19-new-york-city-bodies-refrigerated-trucks/>

UK's Well@Work Podcast- Episode 20
Building Resilience Through Relationships -

Link: <https://youtu.be/4doazpi5wIQ>

CIDRAP Daily News Headlines

- [WHO names B1617 fourth COVID-19 variant of concern](#)

Also, India is reporting an increase in potentially deadly fungal lung infections.

- [Ibuprofen, other NSAIDs not tied to worse COVID illness, death](#)
- [With COVID-19 cases on the decline, US states move forward](#)

[Newly Established Global Task Force on Pandemic Response to Provide Immediate Assistance to India](#)

(*Homeland Preparedness News*) A new United States-based public-private partnership, the Global Task Force on Pandemic Response, announced last week that it will work with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's U.S.-India Business Council and the U.S.-India Strategic Partnership to lend immediate aid to India's COVID-19 crisis. Organized by the Chamber itself, with support from the Business Roundtable, the partnership consists of various corporations, non-profits, and individuals dedicated to mobilizing resources for COVID-19 relief efforts to the parts of the world most in need. India is the first focus, with relief divided into three parts: the delivery of 1,000 Medtronic ventilators from Puritan Bennett, the delivery of 25,000 oxygen concentrators, and sourcing ideas and data for employees in the country.

[AHA releases song, video inspired by health care workers for National Hospital Week](#)

(AHA Today) In honor of [National Hospital Week](#) (May 9-15), the AHA collaborated with [Musicians On Call](#), a nonprofit organization that delivers the healing power of music, to release an original song and video inspired by the words of health care workers, honoring their work and sacrifices during the COVID-19 pandemic.

[US Government Orders Additional Smallpox-Monkeypox Vaccines](#)

(*Precision Vaccinations*) The U.S. Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA) has exercised the final \$12 million option for JYNNEOS, an innovative combination of Smallpox and Monkeypox vaccine. Initially awarded in April 2020, this option covers the supply of additional liquid-frozen JYNNEOS doses manufactured in Denmark-based Bavarian Nordic A/S's new fill and finish facility 2021. JYNNEOS is the only U.S. Food and Drug Administration-approved non-replicating smallpox and monkeypox vaccine for preventing disease in adults 18 years of age and older.

[Medicare-Medicaid agency rated 74 Kentucky hospitals this year; 20 got one of the top two grades, 28 got one of the bottom two](#)

[Safe the Date for the next KSPAN meeting \(Virtual\), May 26, 2021 @ 10 AM ET](#)

Among the focus areas: CDC on New Messaging Products for ACE's; Overdose, and Suicide Prevention.

Please register in advance for this webinar:

https://uky.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_wEs0cq39RxWwqq-2JceZ5q

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