



Kentucky Hospital Research & Education Foundation Emergency Preparedness Update for May 13 2021

CDC Releases New Guidance for Fully vaccinated People

No longer need to wear a mask or physically distance in most settings

(CDC – May 13) The CDC today announced changes to their COVID guidance on masking. Fully vaccinated people no longer need to wear a mask or physically distance in any setting, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance. Fully vaccinated people can also refrain from testing following a known exposure unless they are residents or employees of a correctional or detention facility or a homeless shelter.

The recommendations apply to non-healthcare settings. For related information for healthcare settings, visit [Updated Healthcare Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations in Response to COVID-19 Vaccination](#). Here are the key points:

Fully vaccinated people can:

- Resume activities without wearing masks or physically distancing, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance
- Resume domestic travel and refrain from testing before or after travel or self-quarantine after travel
- Refrain from testing before leaving the United States for international travel (unless required by the destination) and refrain from self-quarantine after arriving back in the United States
- Refrain from testing following a known exposure, if asymptomatic, with some exceptions for specific settings
- Refrain from quarantine following a known exposure if asymptomatic
- Refrain from routine screening testing if feasible

For now, fully vaccinated people should continue to:

- Get tested if experiencing [COVID-19 symptoms](#)
- Follow CDC and health department travel requirements and recommendations

Full guidance document: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>

OTHER CDC COVID-19 “What’s New” items: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/whats-new-all.html>

Governor Beshear announces Kentucky will follow new CDC mask guidelines

(WYMT) In a Twitter video Thursday afternoon, Governor Andy Beshear announced that the Commonwealth of Kentucky will immediately follow [new CDC guidelines regarding indoor mask recommendations for fully vaccinated people](#).

“Today’s guidance from the [CDC] is great news for vaccinated Kentuckians,” Gov. Beshear tweeted. “The commonwealth will immediately follow this guidance.”

Gov. Beshear also encouraged Kentuckians to get vaccinated if they have not yet done so. “If you haven’t received your vaccine yet, make a plan to do so at <http://vaccine.ky.gov>,” he said. **The Governor is also expected to elaborate at a news conference planned for 10:30 a.m. Friday morning.**

WYMT story and video: <https://www.wymt.com/2021/05/13/governor-beshear-announces-kentucky-will-follow-new-cdc-mask-guidelines/>

KY COVID Summary

([KY Daily COVID Report](#)) There were 674 new cases, with 151 18 and under. The positivity rate is 3.04%. There were four new deaths, and three new audit deaths, for a total of 6,637.

More side effects noted after using 2 different COVID vaccines

(CIDRAP) Adults 50 and older who received doses of both the Pfizer/BioNTech and AstraZeneca/Oxford COVID-19 vaccines reported more mild and moderate side effects than those given only one type of two-dose vaccine, according to a [study](#) yesterday in *The Lancet*.

The descriptive findings could help inform countries' decisions about how to proceed with second doses after suspending or stopping orders of the AstraZeneca vaccine amid reports of rare but serious blood clots, the authors noted. The [European Union](#), for example, recently announced that it would not renew its contract with AstraZeneca beyond June and had signed a new contract with Pfizer.

Full story: <https://www.cidrap.umn.edu/news-perspective/2021/05/more-side-effects-noted-after-using-2-different-covid-vaccines>

Emory University's COVID-19 ECHO Webinar
Acute Care Challenges in the Management of Severe COVID-19
Thursday, May 20, 11 AM ET

Target Audience: Physicians, nurses, pharmacists, and anyone involved in COVID-19 critical care

More info & Register here: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_9d3VPffvTFS3rTmoUpo88A

Questions? Email scdp.echo@emory.edu



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If you have questions about the NPRP, you can contact [Morgan Scaggs](#), KY EMS for Children Project Director, or [visit the NPRP Assessment FAQ website.](#)

President calls for federal action to improve U.S. cybersecurity

([AHA Today](#)) President Biden yesterday directed federal agencies to take certain actions to remove barriers to sharing cyber threat information with the private sector, enhance security in the software supply chain and better detect cyber incidents on federal networks. The [executive order](#) also creates a federal board to review the nation's response to significant cyber incidents and recommend improvements, and a standardized playbook for federal agencies responding to cyber incidents.

"Recent cybersecurity incidents such as SolarWinds, Microsoft Exchange, and the Colonial Pipeline incident are a sobering reminder that U.S. public and private sector entities increasingly face sophisticated malicious cyber activity from both nation-state actors and cyber criminals," the administration [said](#). "These incidents share commonalities, including insufficient cybersecurity defenses that leave public and private sector entities more vulnerable to incidents."

US Attorney General: White Supremacists Are Greatest Domestic Security Threat

(IACP "[The Lead](#)") [The Hill](#) (5/12, Neidig, Beitsch) reports, "The Biden administration's top law enforcement officials on Wednesday pledged to dedicate their resources to combat domestic violent extremists amid questions over whether the agencies are equipped to monitor such threats in the wake of the Jan. 6 Capitol riot." Attorney General Garland and Homeland Security Secretary Mayorkas "appeared before the Senate Appropriations Committee for a hearing on domestic extremism as Congress ramped up its scrutiny this week of the circumstances around the attack on the Capitol. Both Garland and Mayorkas testified that white supremacist groups pose the most serious domestic national security threat in the U.S., reinforcing what analysts have long concluded about far-right organizations. 'Domestic violent extremists pose an elevated threat in 2021 and in the FBI's view, the top domestic violent extremist threat we face comes from racially or ethnically motivated violent extremists, specifically those who advocate for the superiority of the white race,' Garland told lawmakers at the top of the hearing."

Garland: DOJ Reviewing How To Weed Out Extremists In Law Enforcement. The [AP](#) (5/12, Fox) reports, "The Justice Department has begun an internal review to determine how to remove any extremists from within federal law enforcement following the arrest of current and former police officers for their involvement in the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol, Attorney General Merrick Garland said Wednesday." Garland "described a review that was in its early stages and is complicated by the need to avoid violating the First Amendment rights of Justice Department employees. The deputy attorney general, Lisa Monaco, 'has met with the heads of all of our law enforcement agencies to determine how we can carefully vet our own employees,' he told the Senate Appropriations Committee. It was a notable disclosure considering that the Justice Department is charged with enforcing federal civil rights laws and oversees the FBI, which is the lead agency in charge of investigating the growing threat posed by violent domestic extremists."

Webinar: Building Counter-IED Capabilities with the Security and Resiliency Guide (SRG)

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) is offering a webinar on **Thursday, June 24, 2021 from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. EDT**, entitled “Building Counter-IED Capabilities with the Security and Resiliency Guide (SRG).”

[CISA's SRG](#) was designed to help stakeholders take proactive steps to enhance their security and resiliency for potential IED incidents by providing guidance and resources consistent with broader all-hazards preparedness and risk management principles. Developed in collaboration with the FBI, the guide integrates the contributions of numerous counter-IED (C-IED) subject matter experts, stakeholders, and professional communities.

This webinar is free and offered through Adobe Connect. For more information and to register for this webinar, visit CISA's [registration page](#).

CISA releases advisory on DarkSide Ransomware: Best Practices for Preventing Business Disruption from Ransomware Attacks

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency ([CISA](#)) and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) released a [cybersecurity advisory](#), “DarkSide Ransomware: Best Practices for Preventing Business Disruption from Ransomware Attacks.” CISA and FBI are urging critical infrastructure asset owners and operators to adopt a heightened state of awareness and implement the recommendations listed in this advisory.

This joint advisory provides technical details on DarkSide actors and some of their known tactics and preferred targets. In addition to the [cybersecurity advisory](#), CISA and FBI urge critical infrastructure asset owners and operators to review the following resources for best practices on strengthening cybersecurity posture:

- [Joint Ransomware Guide](#) (CISA and Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center).
- CISA Ransomware Webpage: [Ransomware Guidance and Resources](#).
- CISA Insights: [Ransomware Outbreak](#).
- CISA [Pipeline Cybersecurity Initiative](#).
- CISA [Pipeline Cybersecurity Resources Library](#).

Victims of ransomware should report it immediately to the MS-ISAC Security Operations Center (SOC), [CISA](#), a local [FBI Field Office](#), or a [Secret Service Field Office](#). To request incident response resources or technical assistance related to these threats, contact CISA at CISAServiceDesk@cisa.dhs.gov.

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Advice for public safety officials on LMR encryption

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) released a video, Encryption in 3 Minutes, which draws on interviews with responders, interoperability coordinators and other public safety officials to answer your questions about encryption of public safety radio traffic.

[Learn about land mobile radio \(LMR\) encryption](#)

Smoke and combination smoke/CO alarm recall

The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has issued a recall for **Kidde TruSense Smoke and Combination Smoke/Carbon Monoxide alarms** due to risk of failure to alert consumers to a fire.

[Read the CPSC recall](#)

Waiver allows reimbursement for treatment-in-place due to COVID-19

The U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid recently released a waiver that allows ground ambulance providers to be reimbursed by Medicare for patients who were treated in place and not transported during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. The waiver will allow for reimbursement retroactive to March 1, 2020.

[Review waiver criteria \(PDF\)](#)

[CDC Clinician COVID-19 Call](#)

What Clinicians Need to Know About Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccination of Adolescents

Friday, May 14, 2021 @ 2 PM

click on the Zoom link below to join:

<https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1613161163?pwd=eHpsTDNXa3A2TXNVckJTSmRTaWV6QT09>

The KHREF Emergency Preparedness Update is assembled several times a week. When events make it necessary, the Update may be sent out several times a day to keep our hospital and the healthcare community advised on preparedness news and information. Most of this information is compiled from open sources, and where possible reference links will be provided. There is an archive of [Emergency Preparedness Updates available here](#). If you would like to add or delete, or have something you would like to contribute to a future edition of the Emergency Preparedness Update, please contact Preparedness@kyha.com (include your current email address). The preparedness program for the Kentucky Hospital Association (KHA) and KHREF are supported by US DHHS ASPR HPP funds through a contract with Kentucky Public Health.