



Kentucky Hospital Research & Education Foundation Emergency Preparedness Update for May 14 2021

Hospitals with Emergency Departments



2021 Pediatric Emergency Care Assessment is OPEN!

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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](#).

EUA updates for bamlanivimab, etesevimab and REGEN-COV

(ASPR) This is an update for healthcare providers to keep them informed regarding any changes relative to the distribution and/or drug administration of COVID-19 monoclonal antibody therapeutics. Today (May 14, 2021), the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued major updates to the Emergency Use Authorizations (EUA) for [bamlanivimab and etesevimab](#) administered together and [REGEN-COV](#), both authorized for the treatment of mild to moderate COVID-19 in eligible patients. *Updates are detailed in the FDA Fact Sheets for Health Care Providers. The Fact Sheets can be accessed at the links above.* We encourage you to please share this updated information widely among your stakeholders and members.

Should you have questions regarding these updates, you may reach out to the Federal COVID-19 Response Monoclonal Antibodies Team at COVID19Therapeutics@HHS.gov

CDC Interim Estimates of Vaccine Effectiveness of Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 Vaccines Among Health Care Personnel

Vaccines reduced symptomatic COVID-19 infections by 94% in fully vaccinated workers and 82% in partially vaccinated workers.

Learn more: https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/mm7020e2.htm?s_cid=mm7020e2_w

Immunogenicity of COVID-19 mRNA Vaccines in Pregnant and Lactating Women

(JAMA) In this cohort study involving 103 women who received a COVID-19 mRNA vaccine, 30 of whom were pregnant and 16 of whom were lactating, immunogenicity was demonstrated in all, and vaccine-elicited antibodies were found in infant cord blood and breast milk. Pregnant and non-pregnant vaccinated women developed cross-reactive immune responses against SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern.

CDC Says it's OK to Get a Covid-19 Vaccine Alongside Other Vaccines

(CNN Health) A US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention expert said Wednesday that it's OK to give the coronavirus vaccine alongside other vaccinations, a major boon for children and teenagers behind on their regular inoculations. Doctors and other clinicians were previously advised to avoid giving coronavirus vaccine within two weeks of any other vaccine. But Dr. Kate Woodworth of the CDC's birth defects division said Wednesday that advice has now changed, saying there is substantial data on the safety of the vaccines.

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There were 558 new cases, with 99 18 and under. There were only 6 new deaths recorded today, for a total of 6,643. The positivity rate is 3.0%.

Governor's newest executive order on CDC guidance

Below is a link to the Governor's latest Executive Order. It deals with the new CDC guidance, face coverings, and the need to continue wearing coverings in certain situations. That includes healthcare settings and long term care. Link: https://governor.ky.gov/attachments/20210513_Executive-Order_2021-326_State-of-Emergency.pdf

White House to invest \$7.4B to hire, train public health workers

([AHA Today](#)) The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will use \$7.4 billion from the American Rescue Plan Act to recruit and hire public health workers to respond to the pandemic and prepare for future public health challenges, the White House [announced](#) yesterday. The funding includes \$3.4 billion for state and local public health departments to expand staff; \$3 billion for community health workers and others hired for the COVID-19 response to continue their careers beyond the pandemic; \$400 million for CDC and AmeriCorps to launch a Public Health AmeriCorps; and \$337 million to build the public health laboratory workforce, among other initiatives.

US DHS Issues National Terrorism Advisory System (NTAS) Bulletin

(DHS) Secretary of Homeland Security **Alejandro N. Mayorkas** issued a [National Terrorism Advisory System \(NTAS\) Bulletin](#) after consultation with the Intelligence Community and law enforcement partners. The NTAS Bulletin advises that the United States is facing threats that have evolved significantly and become increasingly complex and volatile. Specifically, the Bulletin details the threats posed by domestic terrorists, individuals, and groups engaged in grievance-based violence, and those inspired or influenced by foreign terrorists and other malign foreign influences.

Social media and online forums are increasingly exploited by these actors to influence and spread violent extremist narratives and activity. Such threats also are exacerbated by the impacts from the ongoing global pandemic. Today's Bulletin builds on an earlier Bulletin issued by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in January, and provides more information on the currently heightened threat environment and how Americans can seek help. For additional information, view the [entire NTAS Bulletin](#).

Hurricane Risks Remain High in Atlantic Even as La Nina Fades

(*Bloomberg*, May 13, 2021) The cooling of the equatorial Pacific is known to wreak havoc the world over, causing droughts across the western U.S. and parts of South America, as well as bringing more rain to Indonesia and parts of Australia, and roiling energy and agriculture markets in the process. On Thursday, the U.S. Climate Prediction Center declared La Nina, which began in September, had ended. [<Read more >](#)

Related - Hurricane season outlook with FEMA, NOAA [<Watch here >](#)

New Collaboration Aims to Help States Prepare for, Adapt to Natural Disasters

(*Pew Trust*, May 12, 2021) With each passing year, hurricanes, floods, wildfires, and other disasters are becoming more intense and more frequent, requiring state and local leaders to respond with greater urgency. These leaders are investing time and resources to reduce the catastrophic impact of these events on their communities while building long-term resilience through planning, policy, and projects. The Pew Charitable Trusts and the American Flood Coalition (AFC) have taken the lead in creating a new partnership to assist in this effort: the State Resilience Partnership. [<Read more >](#)

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.