



Kentucky Hospital Research & Education Foundation Emergency Preparedness Update for June 25, 2021

Kentucky COVID Update

(WKYT) On Thursday, Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear reported 204 new COVID-19 cases, bringing the state total to 464,199 cases. 1.85% positivity rate. Of Thursday's new cases, 35 are in kids 18 or younger. There were four reported COVID-19 related deaths on Thursday. That brings the state total to 7,200. Full story link: <https://www.wkyt.com/app/2021/06/24/gov-beshear-reports-204-new-covid-19-cases-185-positivity-rate/>

Related #1 - 'Functionally 100%' of new KY coronavirus cases this month have been among the unvaccinated; back-to-work incentive offered

Related #2 - Nearly all COVID deaths in US are now among unvaccinated

(AP) Nearly all COVID-19 deaths in the U.S. now are in people who weren't vaccinated, a staggering demonstration of how effective the shots have been and an indication that deaths per day — now down to under 300 — could be practically zero if everyone eligible got the vaccine.

An Associated Press analysis of available government data from May shows that "breakthrough" infections in fully vaccinated people accounted for fewer than 1,200 of more than 853,000 COVID-19 hospitalizations. That's about 0.1%.

And only about 150 of the more than 18,000 COVID-19 deaths in May were in fully vaccinated people. That translates to about 0.8%, or five deaths per day on average.

The AP analyzed figures provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The CDC itself has not estimated what percentage of hospitalizations and deaths are in fully vaccinated people, citing limitations in the data.

Full AP story: <https://apnews.com/article/coronavirus-pandemic-health-941fcf43d9731c76c16e7354f5d5e187>

CIDRAP: Missouri leads nation in new COVID-19 infections

Surgeon General warns misinformation is the greatest threat to Covid-19 vaccination efforts

Learn more: <https://www.cnn.com/2021/06/25/health/us-coronavirus-friday/index.html>

Related - New COVID-19 Outbreaks Are Driving Some Places Back Under Lockdown and Behind Masks

Walgreens announces \$25 giveaway for new COVID-19 vaccine recipients

Story link: <https://www.usatoday.com/story/money/2021/06/22/walgreens-covid-vaccine-gift-card-mywalgreens-rewards/5303658001/>

Africa battles new COVID-19 third-wave hitting faster and harder

Full ABC story: <https://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/africa-battles-covid-19-wave-hitting-faster-harder-78465556>

CDC Introduces COVID-19 Viral Testing Online Tool
New online tool helps healthcare providers quickly access the most relevant and actionable COVID-19 testing information

Streamline the process of sorting through information about COVID-19 testing and next steps with CDC's new [COVID-19 Viral Testing Tool](#). This interactive, mobile-friendly online tool complements [CDC testing guidance](#) and helps healthcare providers make decisions and recommendations for their patients on—

- Whether to order testing
- What kind of test to order
- How to interpret the test result
- What to do with conflicting test results
- Whether confirmatory (follow-up) testing is necessary
- How vaccination affects decisions for testing

At least 159 people now unaccounted for, four dead, in Miami condo collapse State of Emergency Declared & FEMA Responding

What we know so far (1 PM ET)

- At least 159 [people](#) remain missing after [a residential building partially collapsed](#) in Surfside, Florida, yesterday. Search and rescue teams are racing to find survivors.
- At least four people are dead, officials said. [Three of 4 have been identified.]
- Emergency officials are also asking people to call 305-614-1819 if they have relatives who are unaccounted for.
- The cause of the collapse is still unknown.
- **Feds sending scientists and engineers to Florida to study potential structural failures**

https://www.cnn.com/webview/us/live-news/miami-florida-building-collapse-06-25-21/h_ac6115050321945f3c5565f639ed0071

NY Times Details Huge Spike In Police Officer Retirements, Resignations

(IACP “The Lead”) The [New York Times](#) (6/24, A1, MacFarquhar) reports that “a survey of almost 200 police departments indicated that retirements were up 45 percent and resignations rose by 18 percent in the year from April 2020 to April 2021 when compared with the previous 12 months, according to the Police Executive Research Forum, a Washington policy institute.” The Times adds, “New York City saw 2,600 officers retire in 2020 compared with 1,509 the year before. Resignations in Seattle increased to 123 from 34 and retirements to 96 from 43. Minneapolis, which had 912 uniformed officers in May 2019, is now down to 699.”

Military Suicides Outpace Deaths In Operations Since 9/11 : NPR

Learn more: <https://www.npr.org/2021/06/24/1009846329/military-suicides-deaths-mental-health-crisis>

Climate Change Could Expand Spread Of Flesh-Eating Parasites In The U.S.

Learn more: <https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2021/06/25/1009885640/flesh-eating-parasites-may-be-expanding-their-range-as-climate-heats-up>

NWS Working on Changes to Public Messaging

What Will Remain the Same?	
<p>WATCH What should I do? - Prepare for a dangerous event!</p>	<p>WARNING What should I do? - Take action to protect life and property!</p>
What Will Change?	
<p>ADVISORY becomes a PLAIN LANGUAGE HEADLINE (An event less serious than a Warning is happening or about to happen) What should I do? - Exercise caution to avoid impacts.</p>	

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