



## Kentucky Hospital Research & Education Foundation Emergency Preparedness Update for July 26, 2021

### Gov. Beshear Announces K-12 School Recommendations in Response to COVID-19 Delta Variant

***Masks recommended indoors for all children under 12, unvaccinated Kentuckians 12 and older***

From [Press Release](#)) Today, Gov. Andy Beshear shared new masking recommendations for K-12 schools in response to the highly contagious [COVID-19 delta variant](#).

Gov. Beshear and the state officials agreed Kentucky's challenge is that the delta variant spreads quickly and aggressively among unvaccinated people of all ages. Without mitigation efforts, they expect the delta variant will spread through unvaccinated classrooms and throughout buildings resulting in large, frequent quarantines of students and staff.

Therefore, the Governor recommended the following:

School districts should require all unvaccinated students and unvaccinated adults to wear a mask when in classrooms and other indoor school settings;

School districts should require all students under 12 years of age to wear a mask when in classrooms and other indoor school settings; and

School districts wishing to optimize safety and minimize risk of educational and athletic disruption should require all students and all adults to wear a mask while in classrooms and other indoor school settings.

The K-12 School COVID-19 Testing Program is a voluntary program offered by KDPH in partnership with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for Kentucky K-12 schools to assist in reopening safely for in-person instruction.

"We've been given \$134 million by the federal government to create a testing program for K-12 schools, public and private, throughout the entire commonwealth," said Dr. Stack. "I urge everyone who operates a school out there to explore the options and make testing available to keep yourselves safe."

Superintendents and school administrators can learn more [here](#).

#### **Other COVID update info**

Number of people who have received at least one vaccine dose in Kentucky: **2,278,834**

Number of unique individuals who have received a vaccine dose in the past day: **17,513**

**New Cases:** 783

**Positivity Rate:** 7.89%

**Current Hospitalizations:** 486

**Current Intensive Care Admittances:** 159

**Currently on Ventilators:** 71

Watch YouTube Press Conference: <https://kentucky.gov/Pages/Activity-stream.aspx?n=GovernorBeshear&prId=891>

#### **Surfside tower collapse: Final victim identified from rubble**

(BBC) The family of the final victim unaccounted for in a deadly apartment block collapse in Florida say her remains have been found and identified. The discovery ends a weeks-long wait for the family of 54-year-old Estelle Hedaya, who had been missing since her building collapsed on 24 June. Her brother Ikey Hedaya told US media that local New York police delivered the news to their family on Monday. Her discovery brings the death toll in the collapse disaster to 98.

Full story: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-57979126>

#### **Live Webinar on Tuesday**

#### **Discovering & Developing New Treatments for Fungal Infections**

July 27, 11 AM – 12:30 PM EDT

CIDRAP is collaborating with GARDP on a webinar tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. CST that will feature compound identification and basic research; vaccine, immunotherapy, and new antifungal therapies; and how to involve women and underrepresented minority students in antifungal research and development. [Register NOW!](#)

**2021 Rural Trauma Team Development Course  
and  
Burn Management Course  
September 1st & September 2nd**

Sponsors: Kentucky Trauma Advisory Committee  
through the KY Hospital Research & Education Foundation  
and the Eastern Kentucky Healthcare Coalition

Course location - **Mountain Arts Center**  
**50 Hal Rogers Drive, Prestonsburg, KY**

Course fee is \$25 per participant

**Seats are limited. Register Now!**

**Course flyer:** <https://www.pikevillehospital.org/ruraltrauma/>

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**INTERMOUNTAIN HEALTH SAYS PATIENTS' PHI EXPOSED  
IN ELEKTA HEALTH DATA BREACH**

**Date:** 19-Jul-21 **Source:** Health IT Security **Summary:** Intermountain Healthcare of Southern Nevada is one of the latest victims of the larger Elekta health data breach, which exposed patients' protected health information (PHI.) The Elekta data breach "resulted in certain PHI stored on the impacted systems becoming accessible to unauthorized person(s) between April 6, 2021, and April 20, 2021," an Intermountain Healthcare press release published on July 16 stated. The impacted PHI may have included patients' names and scanned files. "The scanned image files could have included medical images, and information on medical intake forms," according to the press release. "The patients may have provided their Social Security number, date of birth, demographic information, insurance card, and other identification cards. Patients' financial account and payment card information was not involved. At this time, there is no evidence or reports that information has been misused." More Information At: [Health IT Security](#)

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**CHINESE CYBER THREAT OVERVIEW AND ACTIONS FOR LEADERS**

**Date:** 19-Jul-21 **Source:** CISA **Summary:** The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), National Security Agency (NSA), and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) assess that the People's Republic of China (PRC) leverages cyber operations to assert its political and economic development objectives. Chinese state-sponsored cyber actors aggressively target U.S. and Allied political, economic, military, educational, and critical infrastructure (CI) personnel and organizations to steal sensitive data, emerging and key technology, intellectual property, and personally identifiable information (PII). The PRC's cyber-espionage operations and coordinated theft of information and technology places U.S. government, CI, and private industry organizations at risk of loss of sensitive data and technology, trade secrets, intellectual property, and PII. CISA, NSA, and FBI have observed increasingly sophisticated Chinese state-sponsored cyber activity targeting political, economic, military, educational, and CI personnel and organizations. Target sectors include managed service providers, semiconductor companies, the Defense Industrial Base (DIB), universities, and medical institutions. During the past several years, the Department of Justice has charged, indicted, or sentenced PRC-affiliated cyber actors with computer intrusion campaigns targeting multiple CI and private sector organizations. Some of these actors attempted to obtain and transfer sensitive U.S. software and technology to China. Please see the attachment for more information.

**Analytical Note:** Another products that can be used by Leaders is the NSA's *Top Ten Cybersecurity Mitigation Strategies* which provides companies and leaders with cybersecurity functions such as; identify, protect, detect, respond, and recover. The [NSA strategies can be found here](#). CISA also keeps an updated [China Cyber Threat Overview and Advisories](#) page which provides more detail on what sectors China is targeting while also providing and up to date table on malicious Chinese cyber activity targeting the United States. Finally, the Director of National Intelligence has provided a Cyber-threat framework as well as the building block of cyber intelligence for U.S. business and partners to use as a guide for attribution and to show the key challenges faced in the cyber landscape every day. [The framework can be found here](#).

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](mailto: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.