



# Kentucky Hospital Research & Education Foundation Emergency Preparedness Update for August 22, 2021

## Don't Forget to Encourage our Health Care Heroes During Health Care Heroes Appreciation Week!



(WHOP) This is Healthcare Heroes Appreciation Week in Kentucky. Governor Andy Beshear said it's a time for businesses and individuals in the commonwealth to show those working in healthcare that they are appreciated for their service.

He said those healthcare workers are very-much-needed, especially during a worldwide pandemic. He added, "We can't begin to express how grateful we are knowing the difficult times we have all been through, but you especially. You have been on the front line helping to care for patients. Sometimes holding the hands of our loved ones as they passed away." "We need you. We love you. We care about you. Thank you, thank you, thank you" he said. Story link: <https://whopam.com/2021/08/22/its-healthcare-heroes-appreciation-week-in-kentucky/>

## FDA authorizes shelf-life extension for bamlanivimab

The Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) within

Batch	Labeled Expiry Date	Extended Expiry Date
D308778A	2021-09-09	2022-03-09
D310126A	2021-09-27	2022-03-27
D318845A	2021-10-16	2022-04-16
D318846A	2021-10-23	2022-04-23
D2000176	2021-09-30	2022-03-30
D2000178	2021-10-31	2022-04-30
D2000180	2021-10-31	2022-04-30
D2000179	2021-10-31	2022-04-30
D308777C	2021-09-05	2022-03-05
D336348C	2021-11-01	2022-05-01
D340792A	2021-12-01	2022-06-01
D2000181	2021-10-31	2022-04-30
D332491A	2021-11-16	2022-05-16
D310125C	2021-09-22	2022-03-22
D2000193	2021-11-30	2022-05-30
D332490A	2021-11-21	2022-05-21
D347561A	2021-11-29	2022-05-29
D2000184	2021-11-30	2022-05-30
D332489A	2021-11-08	2022-05-08
D336908A	2021-11-19	2022-05-19
D2000183	2021-10-31	2022-04-30
D344776A	2021-11-22	2022-05-22
S20N002A	2021-12-14	2022-06-14
S20N001A	2021-12-02	2022-06-02
D336907A	2021-11-17	2022-05-17
S20N003A	2021-12-20	2022-06-20
D2000187	2021-11-30	2022-05-30
D2100021	2021-12-31	2022-06-30
D2000192	2021-12-31	2022-06-30
D2000186	2021-11-30	2022-05-30
D2000185	2021-11-30	2022-05-30
D2100022	2021-12-31	2022-06-30

the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services are committed to transparent communication regarding the COVID-19 monoclonal antibody treatments currently authorized for emergency use in certain patients with COVID-19.

FDA and ASPR are announcing the authorization of an extension to the shelf-life from 12 months to 18 months for the refrigerated Eli Lilly monoclonal antibody, bamlanivimab, which is currently authorized for emergency use only when administered together with etesevimab. As a result of this extension, unopened vials of bamlanivimab, injection, 700 mg/20 mL, should be stored under refrigerated temperature at 2°C to 8°C (36°F to 46°F), and may be stored for an additional 6 months from the labeled date of expiry (See Table 1 below). FDA granted this extension following a thorough review of data submitted by Eli Lilly. This extension applies to all unopened vials of bamlanivimab that have been held in accordance with storage conditions detailed in the authorized [Fact Sheet for Health Care Providers](#) and the [Letter of Authorization for Emergency Use Authorization \(EUA\) 094 for bamlanivimab and etesevimab](#), administered together.

The bamlanivimab authorized to be administered together with etesevimab under the EUA has fixed expiration dates on the label of each vial and carton. The date identified on the vial and carton reflects the original shelf-life expiry of 12 months and does not reflect the extended 18-month shelf-life expiry. The national pause on distribution of bamlanivimab and

etesevimab remains in effect. We recommend that providers use alternative authorized monoclonal antibody therapies until further notice.

## Pfizer Vaccine Full Approval Imminent –“Could be Monday”

Story: <https://www.cnn.com/2021/08/20/health/pfizer-vaccine-approval-imminent-bn/index.html>

## Decision on J&J COVID Vaccine Booster Doses Could Take Weeks

Read more: <https://news360.com/article/562728690>

## Most U.S. teens, young adults want to get COVID-19 vaccine, survey finds

(UPI) Most teens and young adults want to get vaccinated against [COVID-19](#), a survey published Friday by [JAMA Health Forum](#) found. About 75% of people ages 14 to 24 years in the United States who responded to the survey, conducted by the University of Michigan's Institute for Healthcare Policy and Innovation, said they would get the shot, the data showed. Most agreed with the statement that vaccination was important to "help stop the spread [of the virus], as well as get back to normal as soon as possible," the researchers said.

Full story: [https://www.upi.com/Health\\_News/2021/08/20/coronavirus-vaccine-teens-young-adults-survey/6941629466305/](https://www.upi.com/Health_News/2021/08/20/coronavirus-vaccine-teens-young-adults-survey/6941629466305/)

## [30% of new cases Fri. were 18 and younger; infections close schools:](#)

### [Ky. rate is 6th in U.S.; state's ventilator count sets record](#)

(Ky Health News – Al Cross) As the pandemic keeps accelerating in Kentucky, and almost all schools are in session, the coronavirus keeps infecting more young people. And in some places, so many are infected that schools are closing. Kentucky reported another 3,869 cases of the coronavirus Friday, 1,158 of them in people 18 and younger. That's 29.9 percent, which appears to be the highest percentage of young victims ever on the state's [daily report](#).

**Fayette County Public Schools** reported 208 cases in students through Thursday, 110 of them between ages 5 and 11, not eligible for vaccination. At the schools' request, the local health department held vaccination clinics.

Infections force students into quarantine. The school district said Jessie Clark Middle School reported 10 students and four staff testing positive since the first day of school, leading to quarantines for 304 students, [reports](#) Valarie Honeycutt Spears of the **Lexington Herald-Leader**.

Spears also [reports](#) that **Magoffin County Schools** will be closed through Aug. 29 due to coronavirus infections and will not offer remote instruction. The district and **Jenkins Independent Schools** "are among the latest districts to tell kids and staff to stay out of schools for extended periods," Spears reports. "The Lee County and **Knott County** school districts have also canceled classes this school year for various periods as a result of the coronavirus case surge."

Kentucky's surge has given it the sixth highest infection rate among the states over the last two weeks, according to **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention** data analyzed by **The New York Times**. The states with higher rates are Mississippi, Louisiana, Florida, Arkansas and Alabama. After Kentucky, the next three states are also in the South: Georgia, South Carolina and Tennessee.

### **To Improve Opioid Addiction Treatment, ERs Get Creative**

(NPR) A [recent report](#) from the Legal Action Center and the Bloomberg American Health Initiative found that despite widespread consensus on the importance of addiction treatment in the ER and an [unprecedented rise in overdose deaths](#), many hospitals fail to screen for substance use, offer medications to treat opioid use disorder or connect patients to follow-up care.

Many patients who don't receive those services die shortly after discharge or within a year of their ER visit, the report says. But a growing number of emergency rooms and health professionals are trying to change that by developing new approaches that address the missed treatment opportunity in ERs.

Full story: <https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2021/08/21/1028529158/hospital-treatment-recovery-addiction-opioid-uber>

### **Catastrophic flooding hits Middle Tennessee – *At least 30 missing***

#### *A foot of rain fell in 6 hours*

Story: <https://www.wvlt.tv/2021/08/22/catastrophic-flooding-hits-middle-tennessee/>

### **Henri makes landfall in Westerly, R.I.**

#### **Tropical storm now – it may stall over western Massachusetts**

(WCVB Boston) Tropical Storm Henri has made landfall in Westerly, Rhode Island, officials from the National Hurricane Center said Sunday afternoon. The storm was expected to continue to impact much of Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts through the day Sunday into Monday, bringing high winds, torrential rain, storm surge threats and the potential for a tornado.

Report: <https://www.wcvb.com/article/henri-update-hurricane-watch-massachusetts-new-england-august-22-2021/37366106#>

### **FBI sending more agents to Louisville to curb violence**

(WAVE) As Louisville's criminal activity rises, the Federal Bureau of Investigation is doubling down on its effort to drive crime out of the city. FBI agents are partnering with the Louisville Metro Police Department to target gangs and violent criminal groups, called the Safe Streets Task Force. Soon, more FBI agents will be in the area to put a hyper focus on these efforts.

"The main objective of a Safe Streets Task Force is to look at what we call 'enterprise investigation,'" FBI Louisville's Assistant Special Agent in Charge Brian Jones said.

The goal of the task force is to go after violent gangs and other criminal groups so Louisville's crime rate can be slowed, Jones said. "We want to make an impact by targeting a whole gang at what time or a whole crew."

Full story: <https://www.wave3.com/app/2021/08/19/fbi-sending-more-agents-louisville-curb-violence/>

## **Elon Musk's satellites beam internet into remote locations of US Expanded pilot project in Chilean fishing hamlet**

(Reuters) Starlink, a division of SpaceX, aims to roll out 12,000 satellites as part of a low-Earth orbiting network to provide low-latency broadband internet services around the world, with a particular focus on remote areas that terrestrial internet infrastructure struggles to reach.

Since October, it has been [offering](#) a 'Better Than Nothing Beta' program to subscribers in the United States, while also running pilot trials in other countries. In Chile, a second antennae will be installed in Caleta Sierra, a small fishing port close to the arid northern deserts.

Learn more: <https://www.reuters.com/business/aerospace-defense/wider-image-elon-musks-satellites-beam-internet-into-remote-chilean-fishing-2021-08-19/>

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## **GM recalls all Chevy Bolts due to fire risk, says owners should park outside and limit charging**

(CBS) General Motors is recalling all Chevrolet Bolt electric vehicles sold worldwide to fix a battery problem that could cause fires, expanding a previous recall. The company last month told owners of 2017-2019 model year vehicles to [park outdoors and not charge them overnight](#) after two vehicles repaired in the earlier recall caught fire. The recall and others raise questions about lithium ion batteries, which now are used in nearly all electric vehicles. Ford, BMW and Hyundai all have recalled batteries recently.

Learn more: <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/gm-recalls-chevy-bolts-fire-risk/>

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