



Kentucky Hospital Research & Education Foundation Emergency Preparedness Update for September 11, 2021

9/11 Ceremonies Commemorate 20 Years Since The Attacks

(NPR) Twenty years to the day after a pair of hijacked airliners destroyed the World Trade Center towers and another plane punched a gaping hole in the Pentagon and a fourth passenger jet crashed in a Pennsylvania field after passengers sought to regain control from hijackers, Americans nationwide reflected on the events that forever changed their country.

To commemorate the day, hundreds of people on Saturday gathered in Lower Manhattan at the National September 11 Memorial & Museum on the spot where the World Trade Center's twin towers once stood.

At a ceremony at Shanksville, Pa., former President George W. Bush remembered the day that "the world was loud with carnage and sirens. And then silent with voices." Bush lamented the current era of political division, seemingly alluding to the Jan. 6 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol. Also in Shanksville, where a hijacked plane crashed after passengers fought back, Vice President Harris called the site "hallowed ground."

A moment of silence was also observed at 9:37 a.m., marking when American Airlines Flight 77 careened into the west face of the Pentagon. A ceremony there was hosted by Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Army Gen. Mark Milley.

Full report: <https://www.npr.org/2021/09/11/1035528744/911-sept-11-september-anniversary-20-year-memorials-ground-zero-pentagon>

Kentucky passes 8,000 COVID-19 deaths

(KY [Daily COVID Report](#)) On September 10th, the state recorded 32 new deaths, which took the total to 8,003 since the pandemic began. There were 5,197 new cases, 1,443 18 and under. The positivity rate is now 14%. 2,541 are hospitalized with COVID, with 698 in an ICU and 448 on a ventilator. 88.3% of the ICU capacity is occupied, along with 44.8% of the vents. All the regions but two are reporting ICU use at 85% or higher. Only the Eastern KY HCC region is not in the RED (over 80%) zone.

(See more: <https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/covid19/COVID19DailyReport.pdf>)

Corbin mayor asks the unvaccinated to 'shelter in place' to keep city's 273-bed regional hospital from being overwhelmed

Unvaccinated People Are 11 Times More Likely To Die Of COVID-19 Than Vaccinated

Read more: <https://www.npr.org/2021/09/10/1036023973/covid-19-unvaccinated-deaths-11-times-more-likely>

U.S. decision on Pfizer COVID-19 shot for kids age 5-11 could come in October -sources

(Reuters) Top U.S. health officials believe that Pfizer Inc's COVID-19 vaccine could be authorized for children aged 5-11 years old by the end of October, two sources familiar with the situation said on Friday.

U.S. has administered 379.4 million COVID-19 vaccine doses, CDC says

The United States has administered 379,472,220 doses of COVID-19 vaccines in the country as of Saturday morning and distributed 456,755,075 doses, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said.

BRIEF-U.S. CDC Reports Total Deaths Of 656,318 Due To Coronavirus In Its Report On Saturday

* U.S. CDC REPORTS TOTAL DEATHS OF 656,318 DUE TO CORONAVIRUS IN ITS REPORT ON SATURDAY VERSUS 654,409 IN PREVIOUS REPORT ON SEPT 10

Alabama man dies of cardiac event after 43 hospitals with full ICUs turned him away

(USA Today) Ray Martin DeMonia died on Sept. 1 in Meridian, Mississippi. His family struggled to find care, saying 43 hospitals had no ICU bed for him.

Learn more: <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/health/2021/09/10/cullman-al-man-dies-hospitals-full-icus-turn-away-covid/8281712002/>

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