



Kentucky Hospital Research & Education Foundation Emergency Preparedness Update for May 1, 2018

Officials encourage people to learn signs of human trafficking before Derby

More than 3,500 Kentuckians have been trained on how to spot human trafficking victims

(WLKY) Thousands of people are expected in Louisville this week for the Kentucky Derby and officials want people to know how to spot human trafficking. Several Louisville hotels have trained staff members what to look for, especially around Derby time.

Kentucky Attorney General Andy Beshear works with county and state officials to help victims and catch predators. "Just recently we made a third arrest for trafficking two 16 year old girls in downtown Louisville," Beshear said.

Experts said other signs that someone is a victim of human trafficking include people who travel together and have identical tattoos, people who are unable to identify what town or state they are in, and someone who does not have official identification documents. Other signs include looking malnourished or having physical injuries, not making eye contact, and loss of sense of time.

- If you are a human trafficking victim and you are in immediate danger you should call 911.
- If you need to report suspected human trafficking of a child, call 877-KYSAFE1.
- Human trafficking victims should call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 888-373-7888.

See and read more: <http://www.wlky.com/article/officials-encourage-people-to-learn-signs-of-human-trafficking-before-derby/20107532>

FEMA and Whole Community Participate in National Level Exercise 2018

(FEMA) WASHINGTON – Through May 11, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will be engaged in the [National Level Exercise](#) (NLE) 2018. This event brings together more than 250 federal, state, local, tribal and territorial governments, private industry, and non-governmental and community organizations to test their emergency response to a simulated major incident. The NLE 2018 scenario involves a hurricane that makes landfall in the Mid-Atlantic region near Hampton Roads, VA. The exercise presents an important opportunity to take coordinated and inclusive protective actions prior to landfall using established plans, policies, and procedures, as well as incorporate lessons learned from 2017, as NLE 2018 is helping us prepare for the upcoming 2018 Atlantic Hurricane Season.

Here are a few easy steps to become better prepared:

- Download the [FEMA App](#) to get alerts and warnings about weather conditions.
- Create and test a [Family Communications Plan](#).
- [Document and insure your property](#) to ensure that you will have the necessary financial resources to help you repair, rebuild, or replace whatever is damaged.
- Learn about [purchasing flood insurance](#).
- [Strengthen your financial preparedness](#) by collecting and securing personal financial, insurance, medical, and other records.
- Get trained because you could be the one to [help others until help arrives](#).
- Join the [FEMA National Business Emergency Operations Center](#).

Ky. Leaders Back McConnell's Effort to Address Effect of Opioids on Workforce

(WFPL) Kentucky employers and addiction treatment providers are throwing their weight behind Senator Mitch McConnell's [opioid bill introduced last week](#) in the U.S. Senate.

Known as the CAREER Act, McConnell's bill would funnel millions of dollars into the state to help people with opioid addictions obtain jobs and safe housing.

McConnell took part in discussions about the opioid crisis in Louisville Monday.

Under the bill, 10 states with the highest rates of drug overdoses, which would include Kentucky, would get funding for five years starting in 2019. Scott Hesseltine, vice president of addiction services at addiction and mental health service provider Centerstone, said jobs and housing are common challenges for people finishing inpatient recovery programs.

Read more: <http://wfpl.org/ky-leaders-back-mcconnells-effort-to-address-effect-of-opeoids-on-workforce/>

Kentucky Seeks Relief As Autopsy Requests Surge

(WFPL) As the opioid epidemic rages across Appalachia, one grim consequence has played out in Kentucky's medical examiner's office: A staggering increase in autopsy requests.

Autopsy requests for overdose deaths have jumped more than 26 percent since 2013, part of an overall 18 percent increase of autopsy requests statewide. The increase has coincided with a 39 percent increase in drug overdose deaths during that same time.

The increase has overwhelmed the State Medical Examiner's Office, which consists of nine doctors for the entire state. And it comes amid a national shortage of forensic pathologists that makes it difficult to hire and retain qualified people.

Monday, Gov. Matt Bevin's administration announced a partnership with the state's largest public universities to offer some relief. The state hopes to move all of its forensic pathologists to the payrolls of the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville.

Full story: <http://wfpl.org/kentucky-seeks-relief-as-autopsy-requests-surge/>

**Next week, May 6-12, is both
[National Hospital Week](#)
and [National Nurses Week](#).**

Schools fret as teens take to vaping, even in classrooms

BOSTON (AP) — Sneaking a cigarette in the school bathroom? How quaint. Today's teens have taken to vaping, an alternative to smoking that's so discreet they can do it without even leaving the classroom.

Health and education officials across the country are raising alarms over wide underage use of e-cigarettes and other vaping products.

The devices heat liquid into an inhalable vapor that's sold in sugary flavors like mango and mint — and often with the addictive drug nicotine. They're marketed to smokers as a safer alternative to traditional cigarettes, but officials say they're making their way to teens with surprising ease.

Read full AP story: <https://apnews.com/d6b943fcd546a291f6ddb7af2d72ce>

John Hopkins: Health Security Headlines Extracts from [April 30, 2018](#)

[Sluggish Recovery from Hurricane Maria Reignites Calls for Puerto Rico's Statehood, Independence](#) (*Washington Post*) Ernesto Davila Marin was in elementary school when rebellion interrupted class. As he left the schoolhouse that October day, black smoke rose from the town center where nationalists had set Jayuya ablaze, shooting police officers and declaring the independent republic of Puerto Rico from a rooftop. [Go to article](#)

[National and Regional Influenza-Like-Illness Forecasts for the USA](#) (*bioRxiv*) There is demand from national health planners for forecasts of key metrics associated with influenza-like-illness near-term weekly incidence, week of season onset, week of peak, and intensity of peak. Here, we describe our participation in a weekly prospective ILI forecasting challenge for the US for the 2016/17 season and a subsequent evaluation of our performance. [Go to article](#)

Anti-ricin Monoclonal Antibody Licensed for Development (*Global Biodefense*) Antoxa Corporation has obtained a license from Defense Research & Development Canada, an Agency of the Canadian Department of National Defense, to develop and produce an anti-ricin monoclonal antibody for sale in markets worldwide. [Go to article](#)

'Failing Patients'

Baltimore Video Highlights Crisis of Emergency Psychiatric Care

(NPR) A viral video is drawing attention to a problem in hospital emergency rooms across the country. More and more patients with urgent psychiatric conditions aren't receiving the care they need.

Learn more: <https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2018/04/29/599892160/failing-patients-baltimore-video-highlights-crisis-of-emergency-psychiatric-care>

Patients pave the way for interoperability

(Modern Healthcare) Patient-directed data exchange might be the industry's best hope for achieving some form of interoperability. [READ MORE \(MAY REQUIRE A SUBSCRIPTION\)](#)

Fitbit and Google want to unite patient-generated and clinical data

(Modern Healthcare) The two companies intend to pair data generated from Fitbit wearables with clinical data, hoping the combination will give providers a more complete picture of patients' health. [READ MORE \(MAY REQUIRE A SUBSCRIPTION\)](#)

**CDC Webinar TODAY on
Crisis & Emergency Risk Communications**

When: **TODAY** - May 1, 2018, 2:00-3:00 PM EST for the **"Introduction to CERC"**

Webinar ID: 692 982 968

Objectives:

1. Define all six CERC principles
2. Describe the rhythm of CERC and how communication works at each phase of a crisis

Connection Information: Please click the button above or the following link to join the webinar:
<https://zoom.us/j/692982968>

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International numbers available: <https://zoom.us/j/692982968>

In order to receive continuing education (CE) for WC4027- Crisis and Emergency Risk Communication (CERC) Conference Calls, please visit [TCEO](#) and follow these [9 Simple Steps](#) before 6/1/18. For more information about the webinar, click [here](#).

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