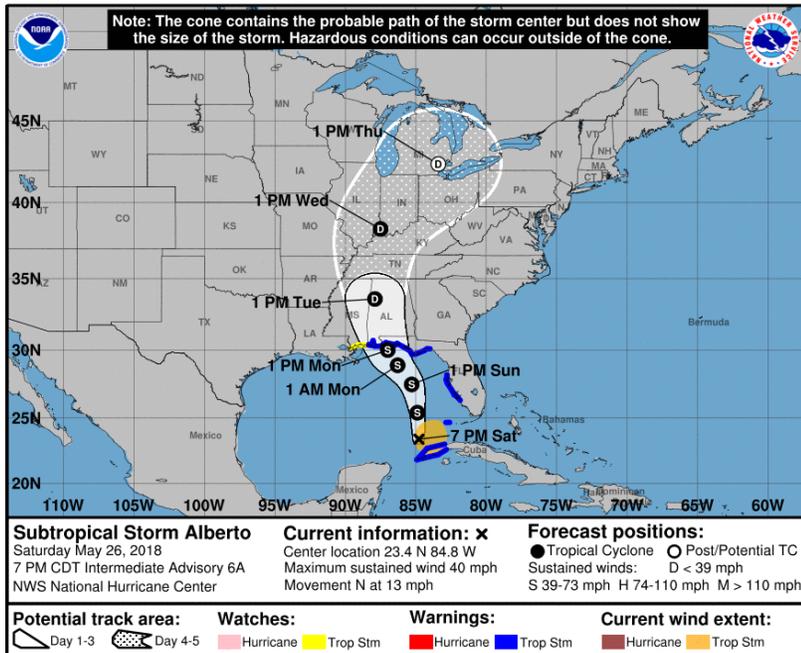




# Kentucky Hospital Research & Education Foundation Emergency Preparedness Update for May 26, 2018

Coming mid-week:  
**SUBTROPICAL STORM ALBERTO**  
*Florida, Mississippi and Alabama order states of emergency*



(USA Today) Governors in Florida, Mississippi and Alabama have declared a state of emergency ahead of Subtropical Storm Alberto as it makes its way toward the Gulf of Mexico on a path that meteorologists say could strengthen the storm.

Alberto, currently northwest of Cuba, is heading north toward the Gulf and is expected to bring days of heavy rainfall and possible flooding to the coast over the weekend. On its current track, the storm would make landfall along the Gulf Coast near the Florida-Alabama border late Monday or early Tuesday, according to the National Hurricane Center.

To prepare, all three states in the storm's current path declared a state

of emergency. The executive orders in Florida, Mississippi and Alabama will help free up resources and allow for the activation of the National Guard.

Full story: <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation-now/2018/05/26/subtropical-storm-alberto-florida-state-emergency/647257002/>

## Alberto to make landfall on US Gulf Coast to end Memorial Day weekend



(Accuweather) While the risk for damaging winds will lessen after Alberto makes landfall, the [flood danger will expand northward into the Tennessee Valley](#) in the days following Memorial Day.

While the worst of Alberto will focus on the upper Gulf Coast at the end of the holiday weekend, impacts have begun across the Southeast. Anyone spending the holiday weekend in Miami and Orlando, Florida; Atlanta and Savannah, Georgia; Columbia and Myrtle Beach,

South Carolina; the Outer Banks of North Carolina; and Birmingham and Montgomery, Alabama, should remain vigilant of downpours that can cause localized flash flooding.

Read more: <https://www.accuweather.com/en/weather-news/alberto-to-make-landfall-on-us-gulf-coast-to-end-memorial-day-weekend/70005035>

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### **Suspect wounds teacher, fellow student in 23rd school shooting in 2018**

(Reuters) - Indiana authorities on Saturday were yet to charge and identify the student who they say was responsible for wounding a teacher and student at a middle school in what media is reporting as *the 23rd shooting on a United States campus in 2018*.

The student, who was being held by police, was armed with two handguns when he shot a science teacher and another student in a science classroom at a Noblesville West Middle School on Friday morning, police in the community 25 miles (42 km) northeast of Indianapolis said.

Read more: <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-indiana-shooting/suspect-wounds-teacher-fellow-student-in-23rd-school-shooting-in-2018-idUSKCN1IR07U>

**Heroic teacher tackled middle-school shooter after running toward bullets**

Read more: <https://abcn.ws/2GR5uqi>

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### **Employee of Rally's location in Oldham County diagnosed with acute hepatitis A**

<http://www.wdrb.com/story/38281128/employee-of-rallys-location-in-oldham-county-diagnosed-with-acute-hepatitis-a>

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### **Robley Rex VA hospital will train staff to identify fake service animals**

(WDRB) -- Dogs are being portrayed as service animals without the proper certification at the Robley Rex VA Hospital. But not all of them are true service dogs, which is not allowed.

A lot of that, Interim Medical Director Kurt Thielen said, can be attributed to people simply buying service dog vests on the internet.

While staff will not ask for any type of service dog identification, Thielen said they will be asking questions if they notice a dog not showing signs of a service dog.

Video and full story: <http://www.wdrb.com/story/38281358/robley-rex-va-hospital-will-train-staff-to-identify-fake-service-animals>

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### **Safety Prime Concern for Central KY 100 mile bike race**

(WKYT) Around 2,000 cyclists will be pedaling through Georgetown this weekend, participating in this year's Horsey Hundred. The 100 mile bike ride will take cyclists on a challenging but scenic tour through central Kentucky with notable stops in Frankfort and Versailles before heading back to Georgetown. City officials are taking the necessary precautions to make sure everyone is safe through all legs of the journey.

"We want to treat them with the most courtesy that we can, and for folks to be willing to take just an extra moment or two to get where they're going, to make sure we all get there safely," Georgetown Mayor Tom Prather said.

Three years ago, Lexington attorney Mark Hinkle was hit and killed by a suspected drunk driver while participating in the Horsey Hundred. Last year, Odilon Paz-Salvador plead guilty in the case, and was sentenced to 35 years in prison.

Read more: <http://www.wkyt.com/content/news/Safety-is-top-priority-as-100-mile-bike-ride-brings-thousands-to-central-Kentucky--483738191.html>

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### **KSP using tractor-trailer rigs to catch texters & seatbelt violators**

(WKYT) Kentucky State Police are getting a better look at potential violators, as they are utilizing tractor-trailers to catch distracted drivers. Memorial Day weekend marks the biggest travel weekend so far in 2018, which is why troopers are launching this enforcement tactic. It's part of the "Click It or Ticket" initiative troopers launch every year leading up to the holiday, as it marks the start of the summer driving season.

"It really gives you perspective how many people text and drive and how many wear their seat belts."

Full story: <http://www.wkyt.com/content/news/State-troopers-using-tractor-trailer-to-catch-texters-seat-belt-violators-483725571.html>

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### **Proposed 50-mile interstate would provide new way around Louisville**

(WDRB) - A new 50-mile interstate could be coming to Kentucky, allowing drivers to completely avoid Louisville traffic.



The state is researching a plan to build a new interstate from I-65 in Bullitt County, passing through Spencer and Shelby Counties, and ending at I-71 in Oldham County. A \$2 million budget has already been allocated to look into the idea.

Kentucky already has plans to widen a portion of the Gene Snyder Freeway from Taylorsville Road to I-71, but construction funding for that project has not been approved, so a new interstate could be years away.

According to KYTC spokeswoman Andrea Clifford, Kentucky is accepting bids to research the proposal.

Learn more: <http://www.wdrb.com/story/38282571/proposed-50-mile-interstate-would-provide-new-way-around-louisville>

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### **Parent alerted to signs of risk in mock teenage bedroom**

(AP) — There are warning signs that parents could easily miss: A blood-speckled tissue in the trash. A misshaped paper clip. A empty tied plastic bag. Cough medicine on a dresser.

Seamlessly blended into a teen’s bedroom, any or all of these items could be red flags, indicating drug use or a mental health problem.

Over the next two months, the police department will offer parents and community members guided tours of “Behind Closed Doors” so they can learn both subtle and obvious signs that could indicate drug use, mental health concerns, bullying and unhealthy relationships, and other at-risk behaviors.

The bloody tissue could be a sign of a teen injecting drugs or cutting. The paper clip also could be a self-harm tool, he said. And cough medicine can be abused and is often “a precursor” to other illegal drug use, he said.

Then there are the empty soda cans, hair brushes and random tubes of used Chapstick — all of which could have “false bottoms,” and hide pills and other drugs.

“Drug trends are changing every day and so are the items to hide them; parents need to know just how creative these kids are getting.”

Read full story: <https://apnews.com/3664740180e64239a673f08000fdce69>

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### **Near a Nebraska town, cops seized enough opioids to kill over 26 million**

Read more: <http://www.whas11.com/mobile/article/news/nation-world/near-a-nebraska-town-cops-seized-enough-opioids-to-kill-over-26-million/507-558744390>

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### **Pressured by industry, U.S. EPA slows formaldehyde study release**

(Reuters) The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, under pressure from the chemical industry, has delayed release of a study detailing cancer risks from formaldehyde, according to internal communications seen by Reuters, potentially keeping important health information from the public.

Learn more: <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-epa-formaldehyde/pressured-by-industry-u-s-epa-slows-formaldehyde-study-release-documents-idUSKCN1IP3EX>

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### **Gut check: Swallowed capsule could spot trouble, send alert**

(AP) Scientists have developed a swallowed capsule packed with tiny electronics and millions of genetically engineered living cells that might someday be used to spot health problems from inside the gut.

Full AP story: <https://apnews.com/d88961e2e9e5488d9024c540a43836d3>

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### **The hardest part of preparing for disasters is overcoming human nature**

Seismologist Lucy Jones narrates the human history of natural disasters in her new book "The Big Ones". While natural hazards are inevitable, the destruction they wreak is not, Jones says in an interview with *The Verge*. "We can make choices about how we handle that — but we have to think ahead,"

Hundreds of years ago, we didn't have the information to be able to think ahead. Now we have more information, and yet we still struggle with the emotional aspect of it, because it doesn't seem real to us. And that, right there, is the challenge of natural disasters. We know what they're going to do, we know how to build to avoid the damage, but everything about human nature keeps us from looking forward [for] that really long-term planning. So it requires much more rational, logical thought, and reasoned discourse.

Full story: <https://www.theverge.com/2018/5/26/17321100/the-big-ones-natural-disasters-lucy-jones-earthquakes-hurricanes-volcanoes-floods>

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### **Here's How the US Government Managed to Lose Nearly 1,500 Immigrant Children**

The US government lost track of nearly 1,500 immigrant children, but officials say they are not "legally responsible" for them after they are placed in temporary homes to await the outcome of their asylum cases.

The revelation, made during a congressional hearing last month, comes as officials continue to struggle with the number of minors who make the dangerous trek into the United States, many of them seeking asylum from violence in their home countries.

It also comes amid concerns the Department of Homeland Security is looking to separate children from their parents if they are caught together while trying to cross the border as a [form of deterrent](#).

Full story: <https://www.buzzfeed.com/salvadorhernandez/heres-how-the-us-government-managed-to-lose-nearly-1500>

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### **How a Tiny Kansas Town Rebooted Its Struggling Hospital into a Health Care Jewel**

(POLITICO) - An innovative exec found a way to recruit doctors, help refugees and make money delivering babies.

Full story: <https://www.politico.com/magazine/story/2018/05/26/kansas-hospital-rural-healthcare-218407?cid=apn>

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### **FBI tells router users to reboot now to kill malware infecting 500k devices**

Feds take aim at potent VPNFilter malware allegedly unleashed by Russia.

Read more: <https://arstechnica.com/information-technology/2018/05/fbi-tells-router-users-to-reboot-now-to-kill-malware-infecting-500k-devices/>

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