



Kentucky Hospital Research & Education Foundation Emergency Preparedness Update for June 11, 2018

Kentucky State police, coroner accused of various crimes

GEORGETOWN, Ky. (AP) - A Kentucky State Police trooper, a retired State Police colonel and a county coroner have been accused of several crimes including transporting moonshine and eyeballs. Scott County Coroner John Goble, retired State Police Lt. Col. Mike Crawford were indicted Thursday on multiple counts of receiving stolen property. Master Trooper Robert M. Harris on unpaid leave. He's accused of providing stolen items to Goble and Crawford.

Read full AP Story: <http://www.wdrb.com/story/38376096/kentucky-state-police-coroner-accused-of-various-crimes>

Colleague speaks on Goble's indictment: *'We're not above the law.'*

<http://www.wkyt.com/content/news/Colleague-speaks-on-coroners-indictment-Were-not-above-the-law-484999271.html>

Marshall Co School District where 2 died adds officers, bans backpacks

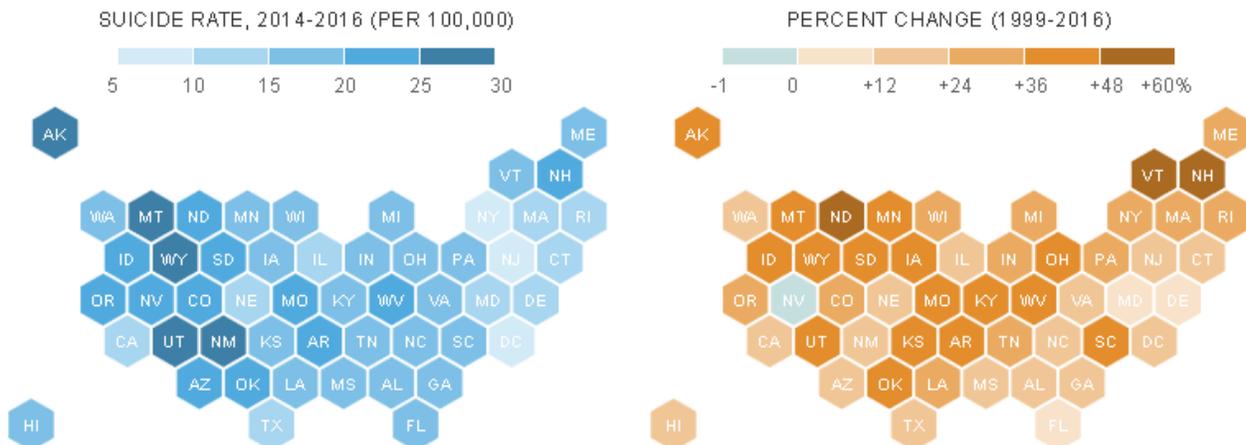
(AP) - A Kentucky district where two students were killed and 21 others were hurt in a school shooting will add police officers, install metal detectors and ban backpacks at middle and high schools.

News outlets report (last week) a district safety committee approved the measures (last) Monday in response to the Jan. 23 shooting at Marshall County High School, where 14 students were wounded by gunfire and seven others were injured trying to flee a crowded common area. Authorities have charged a 15-year-old boy with murder and assault. The new security measures will include walk-through metal detectors at all entrances of the high school and both middle schools, and increasing the number of school resource officers from one to five. Under the new procedures, elementary students will still be allowed to use backpacks, but only if they are made of see-through material.

Read more: <http://www.wdrb.com/story/38370994/kentucky-district-where-2-died-adds-officers-bans-backpacks>

CDC: U.S. Suicide Rates Have Climbed Dramatically

(NPR) Suicide rates have increased in nearly every state over the past two decades, and half of the states have seen suicide rates go up more than 30 percent.



Suicide is a major public health issue, accounting for nearly 45,000 deaths in 2016 alone. That is why the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta decided to take a comprehensive look at suicides from 1999 to 2016.

Full story: <https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2018/06/07/617897261/cdc-u-s-suicide-rates-have-climbed-dramatically>

The warning signs of suicide – and how to get help

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/suicide-warning-signs-how-to-get-help-deaths-of-kate-spade-anthony-bourdain/>

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

Call 1-800-273-8255

Available 24 hours everyday

Crisis Text hotline

Text CONNECT to 741741

in the United States.

Kentucky State Police: *Don't leave children in cars*

(AP) - As temperatures rise, Kentucky State Police are reminding people not to leave children inside vehicles. Sgt. Josh Lawson says on a 75-degree day, an infant could die of hyperthermia in only 15 minutes, depending on the circumstances

Full story: <http://www.wdrb.com/story/38338240/kentucky-state-police-dont-leave-children-in-cars>

This flu season was the deadliest for kids in almost a decade

(CBS) [Flu killed more U.S. children](#) in the past year than during any other regular flu season in recent years. U.S. health officials said Friday that they had received reports of 172 [pediatric flu deaths](#) since October. That surpasses the 2012-2013 flu season, when there were 171. An average season sees about 110. Full story: <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/flu-season-deadliest-for-kids-in-recent-history/>

CDC: Salmonella outbreak linked to pre-cut melon

(CBS) A multi-state outbreak of Salmonella infections has been linked to pre-cut melon, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) [announced](#) late Friday. It said eight states have been affected including Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, **Kentucky**, Michigan, Missouri, North Carolina and Ohio.

Sixty people were infected by the outbreak and 31 people were hospitalized, the CDC said, adding that no deaths have been reported. Most of the ill people told health officials they had eaten pre-cut cantaloupe, watermelon or a fruit salad mix with melon they had purchased from grocery stores. The outbreak is linked to Indianapolis-based Caito Foods, LLC. It recalled fresh cut watermelon, honeydew melon, cantaloupe, and fresh-cut fruit medley products at its facility.

Full report: <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/salmonella-outbreak-linked-to-pre-cut-melon-cdc-says/>

An Encouraging Prediction About The Ebola Outbreak

(NPR) When an Ebola outbreak was declared in the Democratic Republic of Congo this spring, there were all kinds of predictions about how the epidemic would play out. But now it looks as if the outbreak is slowing down. And one mathematical epidemiologist is predicting it'll all be over soon.

Read more: <https://www.npr.org/sections/goatsandsoda/2018/06/08/618012443/an-encouraging-prediction-about-the-ebola-outbreak>

Hospital-acquired Conditions Fall 8% Over Two Years

(AHA Today) Hospital-acquired conditions declined by 8% between 2014 and 2016, preventing an estimated 8,000 deaths and \$2.9 billion in health care costs, according to results reported June 5 by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. HACs decreased by an estimated 350,000 over the period, including a 15% decline in infections and adverse drug events, the agency said, largely through the work of 16 Hospital Improvement Innovation Networks. [Read more.](#)

CDC study: Antibiotics still widely overused for respiratory infections

(CIDRAP) The overuse of antibiotics to treat acute respiratory infections (ARIs), including influenza, is still widespread, according to a new study that covered close to 15,000 patients in five regions around the country over two flu seasons.

Researchers with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) found that 41% of antibiotic prescriptions written for patients with ARIs were inappropriate, according to their report published today in *JAMA Network Open*. Among other things, the team found that close to 30% of patients who had lab-confirmed flu were prescribed antibiotics, though flu is a viral infection, and that more than a few sore-throat patients received such prescriptions even though they tested negative for a bacterial cause.

Full story: <http://www.cidrap.umn.edu/news-perspective/2018/06/cdc-study-antibiotics-still-widely-overused-respiratory-infections>

He Started Vaping as a Teen...

And now says the habit is 'Impossible to Let Go'

(NPR) The debate over the health risks of *Juul*, vaping and e-cigarettes is now spilling into the public square. In one of the most restrictive measures nationwide, San Francisco voters this week upheld by what looks to be a large majority — nearly 70 percent in a preliminary tally — a ban on the sale of flavored vaping products, as well as conventional menthol cigarettes.

Read more: <https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2018/06/07/615724991/he-started-vaping-as-a-teen-and-now-says-juul-is-impossible-to-let-go>

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