



Kentucky Hospital Research & Education Foundation Emergency Preparedness Update for July 9, 2018

[Nine Kentucky Hospitals Receive 2018 Patient Safety Excellence Awards from HealthGrades](#)

(Health Grades) If you need to be admitted into a hospital, the last thing you would expect is to become unnecessarily sicker. Patient safety measures how well a hospital prevents injuries, infections, and other serious conditions based on 14 serious, potentially preventable adverse events.

The Patient Safety Excellence Award recognizes hospitals that have the lowest occurrences of 14 preventable patient safety events. These hospitals are in the top 10% in the nation for patient safety.

KENTUCKY

- [Frankfort Regional Medical Center](#) Frankfort, KY
- [Hardin Memorial Hospital](#) Elizabethtown, KY
- [Hazard ARH Regional Medical Center](#) Hazard, KY
- [Meadowview Regional Medical Center](#) Maysville, KY
- [Methodist Hospital](#) Henderson, KY
- [St. Elizabeth Edgewood](#) Edgewood, KY
- [St. Elizabeth Ft. Thomas](#) Fort Thomas, KY
- [TriStar Greenview Regional Hospital](#) Bowling Green, KY
- [Whitesburg ARH Hospital](#) Whitesburg, KY

Full listing for US: <https://www.healthgrades.com/quality/patient-safety-excellence-award-recipient-2018>

Methodist Hospital of Henderson, Deaconess in Evansville agree on affiliation

(WFIE) - Methodist Hospital of Henderson and Deaconess Health System in Evansville have agreed on an affiliation. According to a release sent to employees, the plan allows Methodist Hospital to remain independent with some support from Deaconess. Both parties say they recognize this affiliation as the best option for ensuring Methodist Hospital's continued ability to serve the local community's healthcare needs. The release says the affiliation will enable Methodist Hospital to remain independent and provide higher quality, lower-cost care to the communities it serves and increase access to care.

Full story: <http://www.14news.com/story/38582805/methodist-hospital-of-henderson-deaconess-in-evansville-agree-on-affiliation>

2-Year-Old Boy Fatally Shoots Self After Finding Gun

(Newser) In what's being called a tragic accident, a two-year-old has died after accidentally shooting himself in the head Saturday afternoon. Fresno (CA) Police are currently investigating the case. Per [ABC 30](#), police said the boy's parent was not at home at the time, but that two adults were.

Read more: <http://www.newser.com/story/261645/toddler-2-fatally-shoots-himself-after-finding-gun.html>



Improving Mass Casualty Management: The Role of Radiation Biodosimetry

(Global It is expected that following a radiological/nuclear event, a large number of the uninjured population or 'worried well' will self-mobilize and overwhelm triage systems wanting to know if they have received a radiation exposure. Current efforts in research and late-stage development of new POC radiation biodosimetry diagnostics are aimed at meeting this critical need.

[Contagion Live: https://www.contagionlive.com/contributor/saskia-v-popescu/2018/07/improving-mass-casualty-management-the-role-of-radiation-biodosimetry](https://www.contagionlive.com/contributor/saskia-v-popescu/2018/07/improving-mass-casualty-management-the-role-of-radiation-biodosimetry)

Phoenix and heat related deaths as public health issue

(NPR) More than 155 people died from heat-related causes in the Phoenix area last year, a new record in a place where the number of such deaths has been on the rise. Former Phoenix Mayor Greg Stanton deemed it a public health crisis, and the city has launched an overhaul of how it prepares for and deals with extreme heat.

Just as other places prepare for hurricanes, Phoenix aims to create a model program for coping with the temperature spikes and heat waves that scientists say are [becoming more common](#) across the country as the climate warms. That effort includes trying to actually lower the temperature of the city.

Already, more people die from heat-related causes than from all other extreme weather events. And as with other disasters, the most vulnerable are the elderly, the sick and the poor.

Listen or read more: <https://www.npr.org/2018/07/09/624643780/phoenix-tries-to-reverse-its-silent-storm-of-heat-deaths>

The rural South's invisible public health crisis

Poverty, poor sewage infrastructure have led to a surge in tropical diseases typically found in developing countries.

Read more: <https://www.montgomeryadvertiser.com/story/news/local/alabama/2018/07/06/story-first-series-ways-communities-addressing-rise-poverty-related-tropical-diseases-poor-sewage/754311002/>

John Hopkins Health Security Headlines, [July 9, 2018](#)

[Which Company Will Test the DNA of Separated Families?](#) (*The Atlantic*) It did not take long for people look to DNA as a solution for reuniting families separated at the border. First, congresswoman Jackie Speier suggested that the DNA-testing company 23andMe help find separated parents and children. 23andMe quickly responded, offering to donate kits. Then on Thursday, the US Department of Health and Human Services announced it is conducting its own DNA tests--in this case, to verify claimed relationships before reuniting families. [Go to article](#)

[DRC: Ministry of Health to Declare End of Ebola Outbreak in Equateur](#) (*H5N1*) The Ministry of Health is preparing to declare the end of the Ebola outbreak in Equateur. According to a statement from the Ministry of Health, out of a total of 53 cases of haemorrhagic fever reported in 3 health zones in that province, 24 people were cured of the Ebola virus disease and 29 deaths were recorded. [Go to article](#)

[Novichok: Murder Inquiry After Dawn Sturgess Dies](#) (*BBC News*) Dawn Sturgess, 44, died in hospital on Sunday evening after falling ill on 30 June. Charlie Rowley, 45, who was also exposed to the nerve agent in Amesbury, remains critically ill in hospital. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said Russia was "deeply concerned" about the incident--but said accusations that it was involved are "absurd". The UK government previously blamed Russia for the poisoning of former spy Sergei Skripal and his daughter Yulia with Novichok in Salisbury in March. Russian authorities denied any involvement in the poisoning. [Go to article](#)

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