



Kentucky Hospital Research & Education Foundation Emergency Preparedness Update for August 17, 2018

Roundup Weed Killer Chemical Found in popular cereals

(Fortune) If you or your children are eating Cheerios right now, there's a good chance that they're accompanied by a potentially harmful weed killer called Roundup.

The Environmental Working Group, a Washington, D.C. advocacy group that assesses chemicals in consumer products, on Wednesday released the results of a test it conducted on popular oat-based products, like Cheerios, Lucky Charms, Kind Bars, Nature Valley bars, and others, to determine whether they contained any of the herbicide glyphosate. Glyphosate is the active ingredient in Monsanto's Roundup weed killer, and at high levels, has been linked to cancer. Unfortunately, some of the results were not what you might hope.

Learn more: <http://fortune.com/2018/08/15/roundup-in-cheerios-weed-killer/>

Generic EpiPen cleared by FDA as Teva challenges Mylan

(CBS) Mylan's EpiPen, the life-saving and costly allergy treatment, will soon face a generic rival, a first in more than two decades on the market. The Food and Drug Administration on Thursday cleared Teva Pharmaceutical Industries to start selling generic versions EpiPen and EpiPen Jr., years after the Israeli drugmaker requested it.

The products are the first generic treatments that compete directly with EpiPen, whose price has soared more than 400 percent in the past decade, and that can be used to replace the brand-name version. Learn more: <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/generic-epipen-fda-teva-mylan/>

Senate hearing highlighted FCC efforts to expand broadband, telehealth

(AHA Today - Aug 16) Testifying at a [Senate hearing](#) on Federal Communications Commission policies and oversight, FCC Chairman Ajit Pai highlighted the agency's recent actions to expand access to broadband and telehealth. These include increasing the annual funding cap for the [Rural Health Care Program](#), as [advocated by the AHA](#), and proposing a \$100 million [pilot program](#) to expand telehealth. "These steps will enable more rural patients, specifically low-income Americans, to access telemedicine through high-speed broadband," Pai told the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation. Also testifying at the hearing, Commissioner Brendan Carr said, "With remote patient monitoring and mobile health applications that can be accessed on a smartphone or tablet, we now have the technology to deliver high-quality care directly to patients, regardless of where they are located," noting that "the relatively limited trials to date are showing significant cost savings." FCC is accepting [input](#) on the design of the proposed pilot program through Sept. 10.

CDC: 1 in 4 U.S. adults has disability

(AHA Today - Aug 16) One in four U.S. adults has a disability that impacts major life activities, including 40 percent of adults age 65 and older, according to a report released today by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The most common disability type – mobility, or serious difficulty walking or climbing stairs – affects one in seven adults. Other disabilities examined and their prevalence in adults include cognition (10.8 percent), independent living (6.8 percent), hearing (5.9 percent), vision (4.6 percent) and self-care (3.7 percent). The report also notes disability-specific differences in the ability to access health care. Generally, adults with vision disability report the least access to health care, while adults with self-care disability report the most access to care.

CDC MMWR Report: https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/67/wr/mm6732a3.htm?s_cid=mm6732a3_w

October is [National Cybersecurity Awareness Month \(NCSAM\)](#)

Overarching Theme: *Cybersecurity is Our Shared Responsibility and We all Must Work Together to Improve our Nation's Cybersecurity* <https://staysafeonline.org/ncsam/>

Campaign info at <https://www.dhs.gov/stopthinkconnect-join-campaign>.

John Hopkins: Health Security Headlines
Extracts from [August 17, 2018](#)

[FEMA Wants Puerto Rico to Start Paying for Part of Its Recovery](#) (NPR) Eleven months after Hurricane Maria devastated Puerto Rico, the Federal Emergency Management Agency has said that the island's emergency is over. And because of that, the agency has begun scaling back its financial assistance to the island. On Wednesday, FEMA denied a request from the island's governor for the federal agency to continue covering 100 percent of the cost of emergency work - including power restoration, debris cleanup and other recovery efforts. [Go to article](#)

[The Local Health Department Mandate and Capacity for Community Engagement in Emergency Preparedness: A National View Over Time](#) (*Journal of Public Health Management & Practice*) Local health departments perform the highly valued, yet time- and staff-intensive work of community engagement in public health emergency preparedness when the Great Recession has had lingering effects on their organizational capacity. [Go to article](#)

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Healthcare Coalition Conference
September 17-20, 2018
Owensboro Convention Center
Owensboro, KY

[Pre-conference](#) September 17
Golf Scramble & Welcome Reception September 18
Main Conference September 19-20

AGENDA: https://kshe.site-ym.com/page/2018hcc_agenda

Registration: https://kshe.site-ym.com/events/EventDetails.aspx?alias=2018hcc_registration

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Featured - [Curious about ASPR TRACIE, and how it can help you?](#)

Hear Shayne Brannman, the ASPR TRACIE Director, discuss it on Wednesday, September 19th. During this Session attendees will be introduced to the entire spectrum of support services offered by ASPR TRACIE including the website, tool kits, and resources. ASPR TRACIE presenters will discuss current and future trends in technical assistance and will provide real-life examples of how ASPR TRACIE can be used. Attendees will be provided an opportunity to provide feedback on how to improve ASPR TRACIE to better meet their needs and interact with ASPR TRACIE staff on practical aspects of this new initiative which includes the ability to:

- Assess technical assistance needs from end users,
- Research and compile a database of already developed technical assistance materials and make them available,
- Identify, develop, and disseminate needed material,
- Facilitate information exchange among healthcare preparedness professionals,
- Provide direct training and technical assistance to partners in need through various methods, and
- Support jurisdictions that are actively responding to or recovering from a disaster or emergency.

The KHREF Emergency Preparedness Update is assembled several times a week. When events make it necessary, the Update may be sent out several times a day to keep our hospital and the healthcare community advised on preparedness news and information. Most of this information is compiled from open sources, and where possible reference links will be provided. There is an archive of [Emergency Preparedness Updates available here](#). If you would like to add or delete, or have something you would like to contribute to a future edition of the Emergency Preparedness Update, please contact rbartlett@kyha.com (include your current email address). The preparedness program for the Kentucky Hospital Association (KHA) and KHREF are supported by US DHHS ASPR HPP funds through a contract with Kentucky Public Health.