



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

10 ways the world changed after the 9/11 attacks

(Business Insider) It's been 17 years since the September 11, 2001 attacks on the Twin Towers and the Pentagon. Although more than a decade has passed there are still some lingering effects of this devastating terrorist attack that haven't dissipated. From increased security to a permeating mentality, Business Insider has listed some of the lasting effects of 9/11 that we still feel today. Check out their list.

<https://www.businessinsider.com/world-changed-after-september-11-2018-9#10-there-was-an-increase-in-patriotism-10>

FBI Director Christopher Wray:

"Today's terrorism threat is everywhere, coast to coast"

(CBS) FBI Director Christopher Wray revealed for the first time that the bureau has made "about 120" terrorism-related arrests in the last year alone. "We had about 1,000 investigations into just these homegrown violent extremists. That's out of about 5,000 terrorism investigations," Wray told "CBS This Morning" co-host Norah O'Donnell. The first portion of their multi-part interview airs Tuesday.

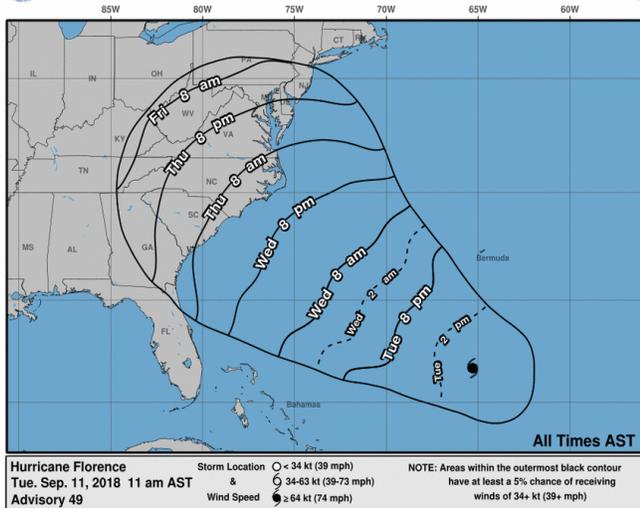
It's been 17 years since 9/11, the deadliest terror attack on American soil. "We're safer," Wray told O'Donnell, but he acknowledged the terror threats have "evolved" to present new challenges. He said the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force receives "about 15,000" tips a year, which works out to "basically 40 tips a day, two tips an hour."

Full story: <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/christopher-wray-fbi-director-911-terrorism-threat-everywhere-coast-to-coast/>

Hurricane Florence, already a monster, is due to strengthen as 1 million people are told to flee the US East Coast

(CNN) - Hurricane Florence has potential to cause "massive damage" to parts of the southeastern and mid-Atlantic United States -- and not just in the coastal areas where the storm aims to make landfall Thursday night, officials warned.

Earliest Reasonable Arrival Time of Tropical-Storm-Force Winds



More than 1 million people face mandatory evacuation orders Tuesday in coastal areas of Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina, as one of the strongest hurricanes [to churn toward the eastern seaboard in decades](#) -- a [Category 4](#) storm that may approach Category 5 strength -- nears shore.

Tropical-storm-force winds are due to reach the coasts of North and South Carolina late Wednesday night, and hurricane-force winds may be felt around noon Thursday, ahead of a landfall likely Thursday night, CNN meteorologist Chad Meyers said.

Watch the briefing & read more:

<https://www.cnn.com/2018/09/11/us/hurricane-florence-south-east-coast-wxc/index.html>

Follow the latest on the NWS Hurricane site:

https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/refresh/graphics_at1+shtml/152311.shtml?cone#contents

CDC: Preparing for a Hurricane or Tropical Storm

Read more: <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USCDC/bulletins/20c2bab>

KY Public Health Advises Coalitions to Get Ready

(KDPH Preparedness Branch) The Region IV states are preparing for Hurricane Florence to make landfall in the Carolinas Thursday into early Friday. As part of the southeastern state's preparedness efforts, Kentucky is preparing to support affected states by assessing available assets; identifying strike teams that may be deployed; and assessing hospital and long term care bed availability.

The Louisville FCC (National Disaster Medical System) is one of three FCCs that may be activated to receive evacuated patients from the Carolinas. As such, they are leaning forward and working with their partners, including Kentucky's Public Health Preparedness Branch to prepare for a possible evacuation. The Louisville FCC **has NOT been activated** at this time.

The Preparedness Branch would like to ask coalitions and their partners to do the following:

1. Hospitals are requested to update their available beds in WebEOC by 9 AM ET each day until further notice.
 - a. This is especially important for Regions 6 and 15.
 - b. Facilities are asked to ensure these updates are as accurate as possible during this time, as this will assist with patient placement decisions.
 - c. Incident Name – Hurricane Florence
 - d. <https://webeoc.kyemweb.com:8232/eoc7/default.aspx>
2. Review coalition's assets and ensure they are ready to be deployed if needed.

Kentucky will likely deploy state-level assets before requesting coalition assets. However, if the need is great, KDPH may begin to request certain assets from the coalitions (i.e. generators, Zumro tents, portable AC units, etc.).

KYTC issues emergency declaration in advance of Hurricane Florence
**Declaration waives certain commercial motor carrier regulations
for operators providing relief to affected areas**

(KYTC) In anticipation of Hurricane Florence and its potential to cause damage to the southeastern United States, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Secretary Greg Thomas has waived certain regulations on commercial motor carriers involved in the relief effort.

Secretary Thomas issued the emergency declaration (Order 111273) that provides temporary regulatory relief for crews heading to the affected areas to deliver goods, restore utilities and remove debris.

The order exempts a driver's hours of service limitation and weigh station stoppage, suspends registration requirements, and waives permit fees for overweight/over-dimensional vehicles. All other safety requirements will remain in effect for drivers. The declaration expires on Oct. 11.

Additional information is available here <http://transportation.ky.gov/>

ASPR Virtual Resources
[ASPR TRACIE Resources for Health Care Professionals/ Hurricane Lane Page](#)
[ASPR TRACIE Select Hurricane-Related Resources Page](#)

FEMA NBEOC Coordination Call Today at 3:00 p.m. ET

FEMA's **National Business Emergency Operations Center** (NBEOC) is currently at an *enhanced operational posture*. Two dashboards have been set up to monitor the responses:

Atlantic Dashboard: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/nbeocatlantic>

NBEOC Pacific Dashboard: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/nbeocpacific>

The NBEOC is also holding daily conference calls. Below is the teleconference Information:

Date: Tuesday, September 11, 2018

Time: 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. ET

Dial: 1-888-877-0354

Participant passcode: 9132924

For more information, email NBEOC@fema.dhs.gov.

----- From John Hopkins: [Preparedness Pulsepoints](#) -----

[Baylor Examines Topical Cream Efficacy for Influenza Vaccine.](#) Investigators from the Baylor College of Medicine began phase 1 clinical trials this week for a topical cream designed to enhance immune response granted by an influenza vaccine. ([Homeland Preparedness News, 9/7/18](#))

[CDC Guidance to Travelers as Influenza Season Nears.](#) Reports in the news media of airline passengers with influenza are a reminder that the influenza season in the United States is fast approaching, and people who are sick should protect themselves-and others-by not traveling. ([CDC, 9/7/18](#))

John Hopkins: Health Security Headlines Extracts from [September 10, 2018](#)

[Fears a SECOND Perfume Bottle Filled with Traces of Deadly Novichok is Lying Undiscovered in Britain After Being Dumped by Russian Agents](#) (*Daily Mail*) A second bottle of Novichok concealed in a perfume bottle could be out there amid fears the Russian assassins both had a bottle of the lethal chemical weapon. Police admit they cannot be sure the counterfeit bottle of Nina Ricci perfume which caused the death of Dawn Sturgess was the same one used to target Russian former double agent Sergei Skripal and his daughter Yulia. [Go to article](#)

[Japan Reports 1st Classical Swine Fever Outbreak in a Quarter Century](#) (*Outbreak News Today*) For the first time since 1992 classical swine fever has been found in Japan. According to the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (computer translated), the outbreak was confirmed over the weekend on a farm in Gifu Prefecture. To date, 546 hogs have been culled and an export ban has been instituted. Around 140 pigs at the farm have died from the disease, also known as hog cholera, over the past week. [Go to article](#)

[African Swine Fever in Asia: 'Just the Tip of the Iceberg'](#) (*Outbreak News Today*) A regional emergency meeting convened by the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization took place today in Bangkok, which included veterinary authorities and many other stakeholders from 12 countries, including the private sector, ASF experts, and representatives of the World Organisation for Animal Health. [Go to article](#)

[China Clamps Down on Public Discussion of African Swine Flu Outbreaks](#) (*Radio Free Asia*) The ruling Chinese Communist Party is clamping down on any public discussion of an outbreak of African swine fever among its pig population, shutting down social media accounts and detaining users who warn others not to eat pork. [Go to article](#)

[England Reports Monkeypox Case, Believe to be Contracted in Nigeria](#) (*Outbreak News Today*) Officials with Public Health England are reporting a case of imported monkeypox, the first such case seen in the UK. The patient was staying at a naval base in Cornwall prior to transfer to the expert infectious disease unit at the Royal Free Hospital, London where they are now receiving appropriate care. [Go to article](#)

[Leptospirosis Outbreak Prompts Travel Notice for Israel](#) (*Outbreak News Today*) A leptospirosis outbreak in Israel, which has sickened dozens, has prompted the CDC to issue a travel notice for people traveling there. Health officials in Israel have reported an outbreak of leptospirosis in the Golan Heights region of northern Israel. Cases have been linked to 7 water sites, 6 of which are currently closed to the public: waterways of Gilabun (Jilbon), Majrase, Meshushim, Yarden (Jordan) Park, Yehudiya, Zakhi, and Zavitan. [Go to article](#)

1 in 5 college students so stressed they consider suicide

(CBS) College can be so stressful that many students think about killing themselves, and some even try, a new study suggests.

Among more than 67,000 students surveyed, over 20 percent said they experienced stressful events in the last year that were strongly associated with mental health problems, including harming themselves and [suicidal thoughts](#) or attempts, researchers found.

Read more: <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/1-in-5-college-students-so-stressed-they-consider-suicide/>

Hospitals can better help patients choose a nursing home

(Fierce Healthcare) Health facilities may not be arming patients and caregivers with enough information to choose the right nursing home or other post-acute care.

Hospitals fear violating federal rules that prevent them from limiting patients' care choices, according to an [article](#) from Kaiser Health News, but they are not prohibited from sharing quality data and other information that could make the choice easier for patients.

Several health systems, including Partners HealthCare in Massachusetts, have programs in place to provide more detailed information to patients and caregivers on post-acute care options like nursing homes.

Read more: <https://www.fiercehealthcare.com/healthcare/how-hospitals-can-help-patients-choose-right-nursing-home>

When Looking For A Nursing Home, You May Get Little Help From Your Hospital

(Kaiser) The selection of a nursing home can be critical: 39 percent of facilities have been cited by health inspectors over the past three years for harming a patient or operating in such a way that injuries are likely, government records show. Yet many case managers at hospitals do not share objective information or their own knowledge about nursing home quality. Some even push their own facilities over comparable or better alternatives.

Read more: <https://khn.org/news/when-looking-for-a-nursing-home-your-hospital-may-offer-little-help/>

Community Healthcare Planning and Response to Disasters Course (MGT 409)

November 15-16, 2018 (8:00 AM – 5:00 PM ET)

Campbell County Fire Training Center

10 Training Center Drive

Highland Heights, KY

This course provides comprehensive planning tools to mitigate impacts on communities during large-scale incidents and examines the need for collaboration among responders in a community-wide disaster response. It is taught through a combination of facilitated discussion, hands-on training and traditional instruction. Recognizing that response to disasters differs by locale, the course can be tailored to local participant needs. Several activities rely on the varied expertise and experiences of the audience to provide information about their planning considerations and response roles.

The course is sponsored by the Campbell County Office of Emergency Management, The Northern Kentucky Health Planning Coalition and the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security. It is delivered by the NCBRT at Louisiana State University. All training delivered by the NCBRT is certified by DHS and offered tuition-free to the nation's emergency response community and associated stakeholders.

Register online at: <https://goo.gl/B7uX5t>

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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.