



Kentucky Hospital Research & Education Foundation Emergency Preparedness Update for March 18, 2019

KY Catholic Teen Files Lawsuit Over Chickenpox

(Newser) – A Catholic high school student in Kentucky is suing for his right to avoid the chickenpox vaccine—on religious grounds, the [Cincinnati Enquirer](#) reports. Jerome Kunkel, 18, says the Northern Kentucky Health Dept. violated his religious freedom by telling unvaccinated students to stay away from Our Lady of the Sacred Heart/Assumption Academy in Walton during a chickenpox outbreak.

Read more: <http://www.newser.com/story/272675/high-school-student-sues-for-right-to-duck-vaccine.html>

Rescues, evacuations as floodwaters breach levees in Midwest

(AP) — Authorities were using boats and large vehicles on Saturday to rescue and evacuate residents in parts of the Midwest where a recent deluge of rainwater and snowmelt was sent pouring over frozen ground, overwhelming creeks and rivers, and killing at least one person.

The scramble to move people out of harm's way was expected to subside going into the new week, as rivers and creeks in flooded eastern Nebraska and western Iowa were expected to crest Saturday and Sunday. That left officials downstream looking to prepare for likely flooding.

Read full AP story: <https://apnews.com/dbfb07fca19942ddb921c33df841a0e5>

More from Nebraska Hospital Association

As of this afternoon we have five-member hospitals that are inaccessible by ground due to continued flooding and roads/bridges which have been washed away. Also, two of those five hospitals have sustained damage from the floodwaters. *At least a dozen long term care facilities* have also been evacuated in northeast Nebraska. I have listed more specific stats below which were released this afternoon by the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA).

The flooding is due to fast, heavy snow melt, combined with additional heavy rain this week. While all of this was occurring, we were experiencing blizzard conditions in Western Nebraska which will unfortunately create more moisture flowing soon into already flooded areas. Numerous levees have been breached on the Platte, Loup, Elkhorn and Niobrara Rivers. Probably most dramatic was the failure of the Spencer Dam on the Niobrara River. It was felled by an 11-foot surge of water and ice. There are hundreds a video on social media but this page on The Weather Channel's side has a good picture of the dam before and after. <https://weather.com/news/news/2019-03-17-flooding-before-and-after-images-midwest-nebraska>

NHA's Senior Director of Communications & Education is working with the AHA on establishing a Hospital Employee Relief Fund for the employees of our hospitals affected by the flooding. <More to come on this.>

Dodging bullets, a father of 4 confronted the New Zealand shooter and saved lives

(CNN) - Abdul Aziz Wahabzadah was praying with his four children at the Linwood mosque in Christchurch on Friday when the gunfire started.

Friday is the busiest day of the week for mosques around the world, when Muslims convene for Friday prayers. Wahabzadah told CNN he ran outside as soon as he heard the shots, grabbing a credit card reader along the way. He confronted a man in "army clothes" armed with guns and a camera.

To distract the shooter from the mosque, Wahabzadah said he threw the credit card reader. The credit card reader hit the shooter, who then ran back to the parking lot and began firing at Wahabzadah.

The shooter dropped the first gun -- which Wahabzadah described as a shotgun -- and started shooting with the second. Thinking the shooter was going to a car to get more weapons, Wahabzadah said he picked up the dropped gun, ran after the man and tried to pull the trigger, but realized the gun was empty. He threw it on his window like an arrow and blasted his window. Wahabzadah didn't stop there. He said he continued chasing the shooter.

Read the full story: <https://www.cnn.com/2019/03/16/asia/new-zealand-father-confronted-mosque-shooter/index.html>

Blow-by-blow description of how police caught alleged New Zealand gunman

(News.Com.AU) The police officers who dragged an alleged gunman from a car following a shooting at two Christchurch mosques came straight from a training session at a local hospital on how to deal with armed offenders.

Read the full story: <https://www.news.com.au/world/pacific/blowbyblow-description-of-how-police-caught-alleged-gunman/news-story/5fd7d992c9c9f2b2198e3befc6d54495>

The internet is radicalizing white men.

Big tech could be doing more

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/03/17/tech/youtube-facebook-twitter-radicalization-new-zealand/index.html>

Once sanctuaries, houses of worship struggle with security

(AP) — A rabbi who packs a gun. A church installing security cameras. A police car protecting a mosque. Houses of worship have traditionally been places of refuge where strangers are welcome. But high-profile attacks in recent years on an African-American church in Charleston, South Carolina, a synagogue in Pittsburgh and now mosques in New Zealand have made many worshippers and their prayer leaders rethink how protected sanctuaries really are.

More from AP: <https://apnews.com/3c9532e4da55471f86bb37cf9c1ab255>

Trooper Has to Be Revived After Drug Stop

(Newser) – A Vermont state trooper nearly died in the line of duty over a traffic stop, but not for the reason you might expect. Sgt. Brett Flansburg apparently came into contact with drugs during his search of a suspect's car before collapsing. Fellow troopers came to his aid and administered two doses of the narcotic-reversal drug Narcan. Flansburg was unresponsive at that point, and he needed a third dose in the ambulance. But the trooper is fine now and out of the hospital.

Full story: <http://www.newser.com/story/272664/trooper-has-to-be-revived-after-drug-stop.html>

Puzzling number of men tied to Ferguson protests have died

(AP) — Two young men were found dead inside torched cars. Three others died of apparent suicides. Another collapsed on a bus, his death ruled an overdose.

Six deaths, all involving men with connections to protests in Ferguson, Missouri, drew attention on social media and speculation in the activist community that something sinister was at play.

Police say there is no evidence the deaths have anything to do with the protests stemming from a white police officer's fatal shooting of 18-year-old Michael Brown, and that only two were homicides with no known link to the protests.

But some activists say their concerns about a possible connection arise out of a culture of fear that persists in Ferguson 4 ½ years after Brown's death, citing threats — mostly anonymous — that protest leaders continue to receive

Full AP story: <https://apnews.com/436251b8a58c470eb4f69099f43f2231>

Blood Test to Diagnose Heart Attacks May Not Be Foolproof

(HealthDay News) -- A blood test used to detect a [heart attack](#) may often provide some misleading results, British researchers report. In a new study of patients undergoing blood tests at a hospital in England, one in 20 people had high blood levels of troponin, a protein released into the bloodstream during a heart attack. But most of them had no clinical signs of a heart attack.

Learn more: <https://www.medicinenet.com/script/main/art.asp?articlekey=219425>

Study Finds One In Three Preteens Screens Positive For Suicide Risk

(Forbes) The study, conducted by NIH researchers, found that 1 in 3 children between the ages of 10-12 screened positive for risk of suicide during emergency department (ED) visits. Even more striking was that 7% of preteens who did screen positive for suicide risk sought treatment in the ED for physical as opposed to mental health issues. The [study](#) was published earlier this week in the journal, *Hospital Pediatrics*.

Read more: <https://www.forbes.com/sites/robertglatter/2019/03/17/one-in-three-preteens-screens-positive-for-suicide-risk-study-finds/#728fec6f54c8>

Study link: <https://hosppeds.aappublications.org/content/early/2019/03/07/hpeds.2018-0154>

From Amazon Warehouses, 189 Disturbing Calls

(Newser) – Stories about [working conditions](#) in Amazon warehouses have been circulating for years, and the [Daily Beast](#) is out with an investigation that adds a disturbing tangible element. Between October 2013 and October 2018, it found that 189 emergency calls had been placed from Amazon warehouses across the US because of "suicide attempts, suicidal thoughts, and other mental-health episodes."

Read more: <http://www.newser.com/story/272419/from-amazon-warehouses-189-disturbing-calls.html>

**NIMS Alert 06-19:
FEMA RELEASES IS-0200.c
Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response**

Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response, ICS 200

This course is designed to enable personnel to operate efficiently during an incident or event within the Incident Command System (ICS). This course focuses on the management of single resources. IS-0200.c provides training on and resources for personnel who are likely to assume a supervisory position within the ICS.

EMI will be hosting a series of Rollout Webinars for our Stakeholders and Training Partners, The dates and times of the Webinars:

March 19, 2019 at 11:00 am (EST)
March 19, 2019 at 3:00 pm (EST)
March 21, 2019 at 11:00 am (EST)
March 21, 2019 at 3:00 pm (EST)

The webinars will be presented in our NIMS ICS Training Forum - Adobe Connect platform here: [NIMS ICS Training Forum](#)

Note: The Adobe Connect platform is for displaying visuals and for chatroom only. Audio will be provided using the following conference call line and pin #:

Conference Telephone #: 800-320-4330

Pin #: 884976

More info can be found here: <https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-200.c>

Please note that IS-200.c is the updated version of the IS-200.b course and incorporates the discipline specific versions. IS-200.b and IS-200.HCa will be archived with this release. If you have successfully completed a previous version of this courses there is no FEMA requirement to take the revised version of the course. However, because this course contains new information based on the revised NIMS, October 2017, you may find it informative to review the new version.

The new material is available through the EMI website at <https://training.fema.gov/is/>.

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