



Kentucky Hospital Research & Education Foundation Emergency Preparedness Update for March 19, 2019

Kentucky workers accused of illegally removing children from homes

(WDRB) – Kentucky social workers are failing to have courts properly scrutinize and approve the drastic step of taking some children from their homes, relying instead on blank removal orders with pre-signed judges' signatures, which is illegal according to several attorneys and judges.

The allegations, which involve cases of purported parental abuse or neglect, have prompted numerous complaints to judges and state officials.

Read more: https://www.wdrb.com/in-depth/sunday-edition-kentucky-workers-accused-of-illegally-removing-children-from/article_5b42179c-474f-11e9-b44e-5b1688808fe4.html?mode=nowapp

Magoffin County Struggles To Rise After Damaging Floods

(LEX 18) -- Magoffin County is facing millions of dollars' worth of damages from recent flooding after heavy rains inundated the area last month.

Link to this article: <https://lex18.com/news/2019/03/18/magoffin-county-struggles-to-rise-after-damaging-floods/>



Get ready for
National Stop the Bleed Day
May 23, 2019

Learn how to save a life: < [Click here](#) >

National Stop the Bleed Day is designed to heighten public awareness of Stop the Bleed by making it easy for individuals and organizations to get involved in the campaign. It is supported by the US Department of Defense, the American College of Surgeons, the American Red Cross, the American College of Emergency Physicians and many other private and public sector organizations across the country.

Jelly Belly has launching cannabis-infused jelly beans

(Business Insider) The inventor of Jelly Belly has a trendy new jelly-bean creation. David Klein, who invented Jelly Belly in 1976, recently launched a business called Spectrum Confections that makes jelly beans infused with cannabidiol, or CBD, the non-psychoactive component of marijuana.

The candy comes in 38 flavors, including roasted marshmallow, pina colada, and strawberry cheesecake, and each bean contains 10 milligrams of CBD.

Learn more: <https://markets.businessinsider.com/news/stocks/jelly-belly-inventor-cbd-infused-jelly-beans-2019-3-1028038410>

KY Public Health

2019 Harm Reduction Summit

April 9, 2019

Northern KY Convention Center, Covington

Free registration, Breakfast & lunch, Parking

8 contact CEU for KY Reg. Sanitarians

MD, RN & SW: CEUs & CME pending.

Register by March 22

Discounted hotel rooms available - Friday cut-off.

For more information: <https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/Pages/harmreduction.aspx>

Woodford County High School Students Hold Opioid Awareness Event

(LEX 18) – A group of Woodford County High School students is working to stop the abuse of prescription drugs and all opioids. They organized an event aimed at raising awareness about the opioid epidemic. In addition to guest speakers there was a silent auction and bake sale. All the proceeds from the event will go to creating care packages for the Ronald McDonald House to help families of babies who are born to addicted mothers.

Link to this article: <https://lex18.com/news/2019/03/17/woodford-county-high-school-students-hold-opioid-awareness-event/>

DHS Bomb-Making Materials Awareness Program

(US DHS) The Bomb-Making Materials Awareness Program (BMAP), sponsored by the *Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)*, is a national outreach program designed to promote private sector point-of-sale awareness and suspicious activity reporting to prevent the misuse of common household items as explosive precursor chemicals (EPC) and improvised explosive device (IED) components. To achieve this objective, BMAP works to build a growing network of vigilant public and private sector partners who serve as the Nation's "eyes-and-ears" and act as the first line of defense by providing early detection of EPC sales to suspect individuals.

BMAP increases public and private sector awareness of EPCs like pool sanitizers, paint additives and removers, fertilizers, hair color developer, instant cold packs, and exploding target material so point-of-sale employees will recognize and report suspicious EPC acquisitions prior to the manufacture of homemade explosives (HMEs) or IEDs.

Bombing Prevention Offers Free Training

The BMAP *Administrator Trainer* is a three-day **in-resident** course at the FEMA Center for Disaster Preparedness in Anniston, Alabama. Provides participants with the information and skills required to administer BMAP within their respective jurisdictions and to teach the BMAP Community Liaison course.

The BMAP *Community Liaison* is a one-day **non-resident** training course that includes lecture, facilitated discussions, and activities.

For additional information on BMAP, download the [BMAP factsheets](#).

For more information on how to receive the training and become a BMAP partner, visit: <https://www.dhs.gov/bmap>, or email OBP@hq.dhs.gov.

Johns Hopkins Health Security Headlines
Extracts from [March 18](#) & [March 19, 2019](#)

[U.S. Seizes 1 Million Pounds of Pork from China on Swine Fever Concerns](#) (*Reuters*) U.S. border agents have seized around 1 million pounds of pork from China, a spokesman for the agency said on Friday, over suspicions that it might contain African swine flu disease which has hit Chinese pork output. [Go to article](#)

[DRC: 24 Ebola Cases Confirmed in Past 72 Hours](#) (*CIDRAP*) The Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) grew by 24 cases today and over the weekend, including several case-contacts who refused or delayed vaccination after family members fell ill. [Go to article](#)

[Preparing for a Potential Domestic Ebola Outbreak](#) (*ASPR Blog*) An Ebola outbreak that began more than seven months ago continues to claim lives in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Although international response efforts are underway to contain the outbreak at its source and prevent the spread of the disease to other countries, we must always be prepared for the possibility of an Ebola case in the US. [Go to article](#)

[Measles Response Hampered by Emergency Programs Lapse at HHS](#) (*Bloomberg Law - Subscription Required*) State and local health officials can't be reassigned to tackle the measles outbreak because Congress let a health emergency program lapse, the head of HHS's response teams told Bloomberg Law. [Go to article](#)

[Wave of H3N2 Cases Keeps US Flu Activity High](#) (*CIDRAP*) Though flu activity decreased slightly last week, a wave of H3N2 virus activity has led to severe illnesses across the country and four more children have died from the disease, according to this week's FluView report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. [Go to article](#)

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