



# Kentucky Hospital Research & Education Foundation Emergency Preparedness Update for July 26, 2019

## [Multistate outbreak tied to basil part of Cyclospora surge](#)

(CIDRAP) Federal health officials are investigating a *Cyclospora* outbreak linked to fresh basil that has so far sickened 132 people in 11 states, part of a steep increase at the national level. Nationally, 38 people were hospitalized, and no deaths were reported.

Learn more: <http://www.cidrap.umn.edu/news-perspective/2019/07/multistate-outbreak-tied-basil-part-cyclospora-surge>

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### **Critical Crossroads:**

#### **Pediatric Mental Health Care in the Emergency Department**

Webcast: Learn How To Use New Resource for Hospitals

#### **CRITICAL CROSSROADS**

Thursday, August 15, 2019

3:00 - 3:30 PM EDT

#### [Webcast Link](#)

All you need to join the webcast is this link.

Plan to log on a few minutes before 3pm to register.

### **Critical Crossroads Toolkit Benefits Hospitals**

The [Critical Crossroads](#) toolkit is a new resource to help hospital emergency departments better manage and coordinate care for children and adolescents in mental health crisis.

- You can tailor the resources to your specific needs, patient population, and community.
- During the webinar, you will learn why we developed the toolkit and how to use it. Presenters include:
  - Michael D. Warren, MD, MPH, FAAP, HRSA Associate Administrator for Maternal and Child Health
  - Tom Morris, MPA, HRSA Associate Administrator for Rural Health Policy

### **Can you use the Critical Crossroads toolkit?**

Anyone who establishes policies and protocols in emergency departments can use this toolkit. This includes:

- hospital administrators
- social workers
- pediatric care coordinators
- physicians and nurses
- mental health providers

### **[Download the Critical Crossroads toolkit](#)**

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***Critical Crossroads is a product of a partnership between HRSA's Maternal and Child Health Bureau - Emergency Medical Services for Children Program and Federal Office of Rural Health Policy.***

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### **[ASPR Report](#): Mass Casualty Trauma Triage: Paradigms and Pitfalls**

(NACCHO) Developed by ASPR TRACIE, this report provides ***a triage framework for emergency medical providers that accounts for the difference between "conventional" mass casualty incidents (MCIs) and mass violence incidents*** when:

- The scene is dynamic,
- The number of patients far exceeds usual resources; and

- Usual triage and treatment paradigms may fail.

The focus of this paper is to alert EMS medical directors and EMS systems planners and hospital emergency planners to key differences between “conventional” MCIs and mass violence events when: the scene is dynamic; the number of patients far exceeds usual resources; and usual triage and treatment paradigms may fail.

The traditional approach to MCIs is the model that has been used to train American EMS providers for decades. Unfortunately—especially in mass violence incidents involving patients with time-critical injuries and ongoing threats to responders and patients—this model may not be feasible and may result in mis-triage and avoidable, outcome-altering delays in care.

Further, many hospitals have not trained or exercised triage or re-triage of exceedingly large numbers of patients, nor practiced a formalized secondary triage process that prioritizes patients for operative intervention or transfer to other facilities.

*View the report:* <https://files.asprtracie.hhs.gov/documents/aspr-tracie-mass-casualty-triage-final-508.pdf>

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**How to navigate the Equifax data breach settlement offer**

(ABC) Consumers affected by the 2017 Equifax data breach (that's most U.S. adults who have credit) can get their names on the list to get free credit monitoring and/or monetary compensation.

You can see if you're included by visiting the Equifax Data Breach Settlement website .

But the compensation you apply for may not be what you end up with. Watch for qualifiers like "up to," and know the limitations of the settlement.

Learn more: <https://abcnews.go.com/Business/wireStory/navigate-equifax-data-breach-settlement-offer-64582951>

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**Canadian Centre for Cyber Security Releases Advisory on Fileless Malware**

The Canadian Centre for Cyber Security (CCCS) has released an [advisory](#) on an Astraroth fileless malware campaign affecting Microsoft Windows. Astraroth resides solely in memory, and an attacker can use it and other fileless malware to steal information such as credentials, keystrokes, and other sensitive data.

[The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency \(CISA\)](#) encourages administrators to review CCCS's Fileless Malware Advisory for potential infection vectors and recommended mitigations. Also refer to CISA's [Tip on Protecting Against Malicious Code](#).

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