



Kentucky Hospital Research & Education Foundation Emergency Preparedness Update for August 6, 2019

Dayton gunman reportedly had a "hit list"

(CNN) As a high school student, the [gunman in the Dayton, Ohio, massacre](#) had a "hit list" of classmates he wanted to kill or hurt, according to four former students who said they were told by school officials they were on the list.

Read more: <https://www.cnn.com/2019/08/05/us/connor-betts-dayton-shooting-profile/index.html>

AHA Talks about hospitals' response to treat victims from Texas and Ohio Shootings

([AHA Today for Aug 5, 2019](#)) Hospitals treated dozens of victims from mass shootings this weekend at a Walmart in El Paso, Texas, and hours later in downtown Dayton, Ohio, which together killed at least 31 people.

At least 13 patients were being treated Saturday at University Medical Center of El Paso, the region's only Level 1 trauma center, two of whom were transported to El Paso Children's Hospital.

"This is a terrible tragedy and we are doing everything possible to treat and care for the victims and assist their families," [said](#) UMC President and CEO Jacob Cintron. "Our hearts go out to all the victims of this terrible incident and we will continue to provide the best possible care in hopes of a quick recovery for all."

Del Sol Medical Center in El Paso, part of HCA Healthcare, also treated at least 11 patients from the shooting, according to news reports.

"I am incredibly grateful to the physicians, nurses and staff here in El Paso who have worked tirelessly to care for the victims and their families this weekend," David Shimp, CEO of Del Sol Medical Center, said in a statement.

In Ohio, Kettering Health Network's Grandview Medical Center, Kettering Medical Center and Soin Medical Center in Beaver Creek treated a total of 14 patients from the Dayton shooting, six of whom remained hospitalized today in good or fair condition, said Elizabeth Long, media and public relations manager for the health network. Premier Health hospitals, including Dayton's Miami Valley Hospital, also treated about 18 patients, according to news reports.

In a [statement](#), AHA President and CEO Rick Pollack said, "Our nation is once again mourning innocent lives lost to the tragedy of mass violence. We grieve with the families of the victims and express our condolences to the communities of El Paso and Dayton. Hate and violence have no place in our society. And respect for diversity must be a core value for our nation and viewed as a strength for our society. While we are devastated by this weekend's events, we can be encouraged by the number of our fellow citizens who came together to help one another in El Paso and Dayton. The role of hospitals and health systems in times of tragedy is clear: respond, care and be a force for good. We thank all the law enforcement community, and other first responders, caregivers, physicians and nurses for their efforts to save and protect lives. In the middle of chaos and during tragic times, they stand as beacons of hope and an inspiration to all – always ready to respond, care and help their communities heal. Like our nation, hospitals and health systems are increasingly looking for new ways to address the wave of violence that we are seeing. As with any other public health challenge, we will remain an engaged partner in both caring for and keeping our communities safe."

Chicago hospital stops accepting patients after trauma center is overwhelmed with shooting victims

(CNN - Aug 5) Chicago's Mount Sinai Hospital temporarily stopped accepting patients Sunday morning because they were at capacity following a series of shootings, a hospital official said.

The hospital went "on bypass" in the early morning, said Roberta Rakove, Senior VP for External Affairs. At its height early Sunday morning, Mount Sinai had 12 trauma patients. Chicago Police Public Information Officer Anthony Guglielmi told CNN Sunday that officers responded to several multi-victim shooting incidents on the west side of Chicago stemming from gang conflict.

Hospitals use the term "on bypass" when they stop accepting ambulance runs and those ambulances are diverted to other trauma centers. Mount Sinai Hospital is one of five trauma centers in Chicago.

Full story: <https://www.cnn.com/2019/08/04/us/chicago-mount-sinai-hospital/index.html>

**19 year old was plotting a mass shooting.
His grandmother stopped him and saved lives**

Read CNN story: <https://www.cnn.com/2019/08/05/us/mass-shooting-averted/index.html>

911 Dispatchers Enlist Support Group to Help Cope with Trauma

The group offers classes, stress management and peer support for those who've dealt with critical incidents. After roughly three years, it's grown to include an emphasis on everyday physical and mental wellness. [Click the headline to read more.](#)

**FEMA and the FCC Remind the Public About Upcoming Test Alert on TVs and Radios
Emergency Alert System test leaves internet & wireless devices out**

WASHINGTON— FEMA, in coordination with the FCC, reminds the public that it will conduct a nationwide test of the [Emergency Alert System](#) (EAS) on **Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2019**. The nationwide test message will be sent to radio and television stations beginning at **2:20 p.m. EDT**.

*The test will **not** include the wireless emergency alert system, which sends alerts to cell phones. This is solely a test of alerting on radio and television.*

The test is being conducted through FEMA's [Integrated Public Alert & Warning System](#) (IPAWS). This year, the test message will originate from designated radio stations, known as Primary Entry Point stations, which participate in a component of IPAWS called the National Public Warning System.

All other radio and television broadcasters, cable systems, wireline video providers, and satellite radio and television providers should subsequently receive and broadcast the test message.

This year's test will evaluate the readiness of the national alerting capability in the absence of internet connectivity. The test will be approximately one minute long, with only a minor interruption of radio and television programs, and similar to regular monthly EAS local tests. Both the audio message and text crawl should be accessible to people with disabilities.

For further information about the test, please visit: <https://www.fema.gov/emergency-alert-test>.

Study finds antibiotics used for noninfectious indications in kids

([CIDRAP News Scan](#)) A point-prevalence study of US children's hospitals found that 1.7% of hospitalized pediatric patients received at least one antibiotic for a noninfectious indication, a team of US researchers reported in the *Journal of the Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society*. Antibiotic use for a noninfectious indication among patients who received an antibiotic ranged from 0% to 10.1% across the hospitals. The most common reason for antibiotic use was gastrointestinal prokinesis (67.4%), followed by use for anti-inflammatory properties (17.5%) and small-bowel bacterial overgrowth (5.5%).

CDC: Naloxone access increasing, but gaps remain

(AHA Today) The number of naloxone prescriptions dispensed from retail pharmacies doubled in 2018, but access to the emergency opioid overdose treatment still varies widely, according to a [report](#) released today by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Rural counties were more likely to have low dispensing rates. CDC recommends that health care providers consider offering naloxone to all patients at risk for overdose, such as patients who take high daily dosages of prescription opioid pain relievers, use benzodiazepines concurrently with opioids or have a history of substance use disorder. In 2018, one naloxone prescription was dispensed for every 70 high-dose opioid prescriptions, a 150% increase from 2017 but still low, CDC said. To improve access, CDC recommends reducing the insurance co-pay for patients; increasing provider training and education; and targeting distribution especially in rural areas, among other actions. "With help from Congress, the private sector, state and local governments, and communities, targeted access to naloxone has expanded dramatically over the last several years, but today's CDC report is a reminder that there is much more all of us need to do to save lives," [said](#) Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar.

**KY hospital leader selected to serve on
AHA Task Force about Rural Healthcare's Challenges**

(Times-Tribune) The American Hospital Association recently commissioned The Future of Rural Health Care task force to work with legislators to help draft policies to address the healthcare challenges in rural communities. This task force will meet multiple times over the next year beginning this month in Washington, DC. Anthony Powers, President of Baptist Health Corbin, was one of the 28 healthcare leaders nationwide and the only leader from Kentucky chosen to serve on this task force.

Read story: https://www.thetimestribune.com/community/hospital-president-selected-to-serve-on-american-hospital-association-s/article_e69c34e0-b2e5-503f-8382-658223c0a067.html

Wyoming to seek Medicaid waiver for air ambulance costs

(AHA Today) The Wyoming Department of Health plans to submit an [1115 waiver application](#) that would expand Medicaid coverage to all Wyoming residents for the specific and sole benefit of air ambulance transportation. Under the proposal, Wyoming Medicaid would develop broad requirements for statewide ambulance service and set clear and transparent cost-sharing for patients on a sliding-fee scale. Last week, leaders of the House Ways and Means Committee [urged](#) the Department of Transportation to create an advisory committee to protect consumers from balance billing for air ambulance transports. A recent Health Affairs [study](#) found that air ambulances charged an average four to 10 times what Medicare paid for their services in 2016. The AHA supports addressing air ambulances in a federal solution to end surprise medical bills.

Ever heard of the Waffle House Index?

Hurricane Preparation and Recovery by the Waffle House Jump Team

(TNS) - Eleven panhandle Waffle House store managers turned off the lights of their 24-hour, hash brown diner establishments and locked the doors. It was going to be a bad storm. But 315 members of Waffle House's emergency jump team waited on the outskirts preparing for the worst as Hurricane Michael quickly grew to a Category 5 storm.

"It was like a bomb had gone off," said Duanne Wentworth, senior vice president of Waffle House over the panhandle area. "So much of Panama City proper, the part of the city away from the beach, was heavily damaged."

A large billboard had fallen and crushed the roof of a Waffle House in Callaway. Three other establishments in the area received significant damage. While the other eight faced power and water loss.

Local restaurant managers began checking the status of employees. In this case, 75 percent of the Waffle House employees in the area were unable to get to work due to blocked roadways or personal-home damages suffered by Hurricane Michael. It was the kind of disaster Waffle House has spent 30 years preparing for.

What Is The Waffle House Index?

(NPR) FEMA sometimes uses an unexpected metric to figure out how bad storms will be: the Waffle House Index. Bottom line - "If the Waffle House is open, everything's good."

Read more: <https://www.npr.org/2018/09/13/647559570/what-is-the-waffle-house-index>

Johns Hopkins: Health Security Headlines - Extracts from [Aug 6, 2019](#)

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