



Kentucky Hospital Research & Education Foundation Emergency Preparedness Update for August 9, 2019

[Expect a busier-than-normal hurricane season, NOAA says](#)

(CNN) In an uptick from the preseason forecast, the Atlantic hurricane season now is expected to be above normal, with 10 to 17 named storms, including five to nine hurricanes, the Climate Prediction Center of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or [NOAA, announced Thursday](#).

Two to four of those hurricanes are forecast to be Category 3 or stronger, with winds greater than 110 mph, experts said, in line with [the May prediction](#). Hurricane Barry [hit the Louisiana in July](#) as a Category 1 storm.

"We expect conditions to be more favorable for storm development through the rest of the season," Gerry Bell, the prediction center's lead seasonal hurricane forecaster, told CNN.

The updated forecast was issued just ahead of the start of the most active hurricane period --[the roughly eight weeks that surround September 10](#), when hurricane season hits [its statistical peak](#).

----- **HHS Awards Nearly \$400 Million to Combat the Opioid Crisis**

(HHS) The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) awarded nearly \$400 million to combat the nation's opioid crisis. The investments will enable HRSA-funded community health centers, rural organizations and academic institutions to establish and expand access to integrated substance use disorder and mental health services.

HRSA is awarding more than \$200 million to 1,208 health centers across the nation to increase access to high quality, integrated behavioral health services, including the prevention or treatment of mental health conditions and/or substance use disorders, including opioid use disorder through the Integrated Behavioral Health Services (IBHS) program.

View a list of IBHS award recipients here: <https://bphc.hrsa.gov/program-opportunities/funding-opportunities/behavioral-health/awards>

[Listing of KY HRSA Awardees](#) - Total Award: \$3,507,000 to support 21 health centers:
<https://bphc.hrsa.gov/program-opportunities/funding-opportunities/behavioral-health/awards/ky>

Full press release: <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2019/08/08/hhs-awards-nearly-400-million-to-combat-opioid-crisis.html>

----- **Rare Blood Infections Traced to Nurse's Alleged Opioid Theft** <http://newser.com/s278885>

Updated: CDC and EPA

"Emergency Water Supply: 2019 Planning Guide for Hospitals and Healthcare Facilities"

(From AHA Today & HHS) The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the American Water Ways Association (AWWA) developed the [2019 Emergency Water Supply Planning Guide \(EWSP\)](#) to help healthcare facilities prepare for, respond to, and recover from a water supply interruption. The updated EWSP includes guidance on how to assess water usage, response capabilities, and water supply alternatives that can help ensure patient safety in healthcare facilities in the event of an emergency.

Download the guide in [English](#) or [Spanish](#) to learn how to plan, respond, and recover from a total or partial water supply interruption in your facility. Facilities can also use the [Grab and Go Summary](#) as a quick reference guide in the event of a water supply interruption, outage or emergency.

For more information on Water, Sanitation, & Hygiene (WASH)-related Emergencies and Outbreaks, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/emergency/index.html>

CDC Emergency Water site:

https://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/emergency/ewsp.html?deliveryName=USCDC_2012-DM6679b

----- **Amnesty International Issues US Travel Warning**

(Newser) – The US is now among the countries covered by an Amnesty International travel warning. The international human rights organization issued the warning Wednesday, [tweeting](#) that visitors to the United States should "exercise extreme caution & have a contingency plan when travelling throughout the country" because of ongoing "rampant gun violence," [ABC](#) reports.

The organization called gun violence "a human rights crisis" and accused the US government of failing to meet its obligation to ensure people can "live and move about freely without the threat of gun violence."

Full story: <https://www.newser.com/story/278878/amnesty-international-issues-us-travel-warning.html>

HHS resource highlights lessons learned from mass violence events

(AHA Today) The Department of Health and Human Services offers a [resource](#) to help health care providers and others prepare for and respond to mass violence events such as the recent [shootings](#) in El Paso, Texas, and Dayton, Ohio. Developed by the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, the resource highlights promising practices and lessons learned from previous events. The ASPR Technical Resources, Assistance Center, and Information Exchange (TRACIE) also offers a wide variety of other emergency preparedness resources at <https://asprtracie.hhs.gov>.

Despite Pushback, EPA OKs Use of 'Cyanide Bombs'

Trump administration reauthorizes M-44 traps to kill predator wildlife

(Newser) – The Environmental Protection Agency has just reupped authorization of a controversial device designed to protect livestock from predators, but which critics call a "safety menace" against other animals and humans. [CBS News](#) reports the EPA has given the green light for the USDA's Wildlife Services, as well as agencies in five states, to make use of M-44s: The traps release deadly sodium cyanide into the mouths of wild animals such as coyotes and foxes when they bite into the trap's bait. But while farmers and ranchers appreciate these "cyanide bombs," the [Guardian](#) notes the traps have also accidentally killed off endangered species and pets and even injured people, including an [Idaho teen who in 2017 triggered one](#) while walking his dog (the dog died; the teen recovered).

Read full story: <https://www.newser.com/story/278923/despite-pushback-epa-oks-use-of-cyanide-bombs.html>

**Johns Hopkins: Health Security Headlines
Extracts for [August 9, 2019](#)**

[Lawmakers seek probe of controversial bioweapons defense system](#) (*Los Angeles Times*) The Trump administration's attempt to deploy a scientifically disputed system for detecting airborne anthrax or other infectious agents in terrorist attacks is facing increased scrutiny from a bipartisan group of House members.

[Defining hard-to-reach populations for vaccination](#) (*Vaccine*) Extending the benefits of vaccination to everyone who is eligible requires an understanding of which populations current vaccination efforts have struggled to reach. A clear definition of "hard-to-reach" populations – also known as high-risk or marginalized populations, or reaching the last mile – is essential for estimating the size of target groups, sharing lessons learned based on consistent definitions, and allocating resources appropriately.

Deaths Prompt Atlanta to Order Scooters Off Streets at Night

(Newser) – Atlanta is banning electric scooters in the nighttime hours during what's been a deadly summer for riders. Cities across the nation are struggling to regulate the companies renting the devices and keep riders safe, the [AP](#) reports. In Atlanta, three riders have died since May in crashes that involved a public bus, an SUV and a car. Police in the suburb of East Point say a fourth rider was killed there Tuesday in a collision involving his scooter and a truck. Read more: <https://www.newser.com/story/278918/deaths-prompt-atlanta-to-order-scooters-off-streets-at-night.html>

From Microsoft: Update Windows or Risk Being Hit by BlueKeep-based Ransomware
<https://news360.com/article/504366186>

Warning As Dangerous Cybersecurity Risks Found In Mainstream Office Printers
<https://news360.com/article/504354349>

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