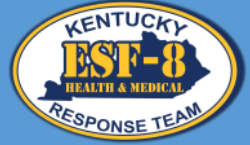




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Announcements & Updates

A Time For Thanks: As we head into the Thanksgiving holiday, Dave and I would like to extend our deepest thanks to all of you for being a part of this coalition. We may be the ones coordinating its activities, but it's each and every one of you that have truly made our coalition the prepared and capable group of health and medical partners that it is today. Our power is not in the *stuff* we have when disasters strike. Our power is in our *people*. You are what gives our region strength and resiliency, even in the most difficult of times. We can't thank you enough for your involvement in our coalition and we look forward to more collaboration in the coming year.

A Time for Giving: Our coalition continues to explore alternative funding sources utilizing our 501(c)(3) charitable organization status. Grant proposals continue to be written and submitted soliciting financial support of our efforts which will help to supplement any fluctuations in our federal funding grant now that we have entered our new 5-year budget period. We also have a Donor Box campaign where individuals can donate directly to our coalition through one-time or recurring, tax-deductible payments of any amount - donorbox.org/critical-response-for-healthcare-partners. However, one of the easiest methods by which others can support us (and for FREE!) is through Kroger Community Rewards. Supporters can link their Kroger digital account to the Community Rewards program and select our coalition as the recipient of donations made by Kroger - search by name "Bluegrass Healthcare Coalition" or by organization number "CN505". The more people who enroll in this program and then shop at Kroger, the more those Kroger donations will contribute to our cause! We would greatly appreciate it if you would share the Donor Box and Kroger Community Rewards information and links with others within your agencies. CLICK >>>



BGHCC App: Our coalition app is LIVE! If you have not yet been enrolled and would like to, please contact me at jordan.moore@ky.gov to get started. Once enrolled, you should receive a email instructing you to download the app from whichever app store you use. You will need to use the "Forgot Your Password" link to set your new password and get logged in. Please take some time to familiarize yourself with the app and everything it offers.

Epi Updates:

Capital - COVID-19 activity is low at this time; seasonal influenza and RSV activity remains low but is increasing; 2 COVID-19 outbreaks in LTCs within the region; Holidays are a time of gatherings and making memories, but please stay vigilant, especially around vulnerable family members. Wash your hands, get vaccinated, and stay home if you're sick!

Lexington/Fayette - Pertussis outbreak is still on-going with two new cases reported in November; Downward trend in COVID-19 cases and hospital ED visits/admissions since August, although one new LTCF outbreak was reported in November; Influenza remains low, although starting to show signs of increase; Notification of an international traveler to Africa requiring monitoring for Marburg Virus, a rare but severe hemorrhagic fever; Epi-X issued by DPH for a nationwide call for Legionella cases among travelers staying in a hotel in Lexington since May 2024.

Bluegrass - Same trends with COVID-19 and influenza as above; Pertussis outbreak in Clark Co.

Important Dates

December 3rd

December Triage Tuesday

December 19th

Regions 13 & 14
LHD Meeting

Bluegrass Healthcare
Coalition Meeting

January 7th

January Triage Tuesday

January TBD

BGHCC Senior Living
Communities Meeting

Upcoming Trainings & Exercises

None at this time

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