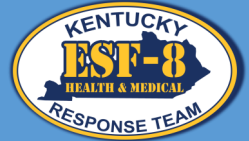




# COALITION CORNER

Healthcare Preparedness Newsletter  
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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 have been written and submitted soliciting financial support of our efforts which will help to supplement any fluctuations in our federal funding grant. 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 - [donor-box.org/critical-response-for-healthcare-partners](https://donor-box.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 >>>>>>>>>>



## **Epi Updates:**

**Lexington/Fayette** - Investigated 4 invasive pneumococcal cases this fall in adults aged 40-60 years old with underlying conditions. Although children < 5 and adults 65+ years should routinely receive the age-appropriate vaccine, we would like to remind people that the PPSV23 vaccine is available for persons 2-65 years of age, and especially for individuals with underlying conditions (such as chronic heart or lung disease, diabetes, persons who smoke, or for individuals with other immunocompromising conditions).

COVID-19 cases surged in late August/early September, which is attributed to students returning to school. A downward trend was seen in mid-to-late September and early October. Holding steady at around 230 PCR confirmed cases weekly for the last three weeks.

Currently there are 148 PCR confirmed influenza cases in Fayette County, with the majority in children 10 years or younger.

**Capital Region** - Supplies of the RSV vaccine are very limited, especially for those children who are 6-19 months old. CDC released a recent health advisory notice providing interim recommendations to protect infants - [FAQ](#) and [Interim Recommendations](#).

COVID-19 and RSV activity is moderate; Influenza activity is low but increasing; RSV hospitalizations in children are increasing; Hospitalizations for COVID-19 and influenza remain low.

2 LTC outbreaks; 2 RSV outbreaks in daycares; 1 Noro outbreak in a congregate settings.

## Important Dates

### December 5th

December Triage Tuesday

### December 21st

Regions 13 & 14 Local Health Dept. Meeting

Bluegrass Healthcare Coalition Meeting

### January 2nd

January Triage Tuesday

### January 9th

BGHCC Senior Living Communities Meeting

## Upcoming Trainings & Exercises

### January 8th-12th

ICS Train-the-Trainer (see KYEM site for info)

### January 11th

NDMS Bed Reporting Exercise

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