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Resilience Report

Brief insights and the latest innovations in emergency management and health security.

With the past two weeks, we have seen 2020 continue to throw challenges at emergency managers across the country. This week on Resilience Report...we're diving in to the COVID-19 Vaccine Playbook that the CDC just released.



Protests for Racial Justice Erupt Again.

On Wednesday, the Kentucky Attorney General announced that only one of the three officers involved in the shooting of Breonna Taylor would be charged. [Protests are occurring](#) in many cities across the country, including Louisville and New York.

U.S. Hits Grim Milestone.

This week, the U.S. death toll from COVID-19 surpassed 200,000 deaths. Historically, [epidemics have caused more American deaths](#) than wars, attacks, and major disasters.

A Brief Respite.

This week, no hurricanes or tropical storms are present anywhere in the Atlantic Basin. While hurricane season appears to have [let up a bit](#), experts warn that the rest of hurricane season has the potential to be quite active.

Relative Success in Africa.

Despite initially having limited resources to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, exceptional leadership at the African CDC and at countries across Africa have helped the continent of 54 countries [control the outbreak](#) with a high degree of success.

SPECIAL HIGHLIGHT: CDC'S VACCINE PLAYBOOK

*Every week, we'll dedicate space for a hot topic that we think is especially important for emergency managers to read. The development of a COVID-19 vaccine continues to be **the** topic to discuss! The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently released the [COVID-19 Vaccine Program Interim Playbook for Jurisdiction Operations](#) with guidelines to assist state and local health agencies in preparing for the distribution of COVID-19 vaccines when they become available.*

The Playbook describes the vaccine distribution process and procedures that CDC will follow and provides recommended and required guidance for local and state health authorities. Here are some tools we think could be helpful to start working on the recommendations.

- Web-based mapping tools such as [COVID-19 Risk Mapping by Columbia University](#) can be extremely useful when estimating the number of people in critical population groups.
- Check out the [HHS Civil Rights Checklist](#) for ensuring language access and effective communication when developing large scale public education and outreach programs. [CDC's Coronavirus Communication Toolkit](#) also has great general resources already available to communicate about COVID-19 with the public.
- Having trouble identifying which stakeholders to involve? The Association for Community Health Improvement dedicates multiple sections of its [Community Health Assessment Toolkit](#) to identifying a range of stakeholders to establish robust relationships (e.g for planning, outreach, and distribution).

What other *Playbook* recommendations can be started on now?

Some of the CDC playbook guidance focuses on planning and preparedness. Hopefully, these plans do not need to be made from scratch. Here are some ideas on how to use what might already exist to develop a COVID-19 vaccination program:

- **Review existing vaccination and Points of Dispensing (POD) plans** to identify gaps and update processes. Pay particular attention to record keeping procedures and cold chain management while also thinking through a phased distribution plan.
- **Identify patient tracking systems used for existing vaccination programs that require multiple doses.** Explore ways these systems could be used and improved to track people receiving the vaccine to inform outreach and reporting to CDC.
- **Check POD agreements for healthcare partners** to begin the process of identifying, recruiting, and training potential providers to distribute the vaccine. If they already signed POD agreements, they may be good partners for this program too.



FUN THINGS

Now That's a PSA!

The City of Inglewood, California released an [awesome YouTube PSA](#) to promote mask use in their community. We must say...it's pretty catchy.

Fire Preparedness Isn't Just for People.

During a fire response, oxygen masks for humans can't properly fit on animals' snouts, so one woman founded the Emma Zen Foundation to solve that problem. The foundation has donated over [7,500 pet oxygen masks](#) to first responder departments across the country.

Ask a Contractor!

We want to make Resilience Report more collaborative with you, our lovely readers. So we're introducing "Ask a Contractor." If you have any questions under the sun about emergency management, health security, good disaster movies, or anything in between, submit them [using this form](#) and we'll happily answer them in the next issue of Resilience Report!

We're Here to Support You

If you need help with vaccine planning, COVID-19 AARs, EOC surge staff, or anything in between, shoot us an email at scott@constantassociates.com. We are here to help.



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