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https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/disaster_resources/emergency-mental-health-resources.html

GOVERNOR HOCHUL ANNOUNCEMENTS: BREAST CANCER

October 28th: GOVERNOR HOCHUL ANNOUNCES EFFORTS TO INCREASE BREAST CANCER SCREENINGS AND IMPROVE OUTCOMES IN UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS

Survey: Women Without Insurance or a Regular Health Care Provider are Less Likely Up to Date with Routine Screenings

New York State Department of Health Providing \$41 Million in Cancer Services Program Grants; Prioritizing Those Focused on Underserved Populations

Governor Hochul today announced ongoing efforts to boost cancer screenings and improve cancer outcomes in underserved populations statewide, as Breast Cancer Awareness Month concludes. While many New Yorkers are regularly screened for breast cancer, those without insurance or a regular health care provider are less likely to report being up-to-date with routine screenings, according to a [report](#) released by the New York State Department of Health this month.

"The findings in this report are stark, and in response New York is redoubling our outreach efforts to women in underserved communities and ensure they have equitable access to cancer screening services for early detection," **Governor Hochul said**. "As Breast Cancer Awareness Month concludes, we must continue taking action to ensure all New Yorkers have access to the level of care to diagnose and treat this awful disease."

In an effort to better reach underserved populations, the Department of Health is [soliciting applications](#) for \$41 million for organizations to provide breast, cervical, and colorectal cancer screenings in their community. The Cancer Services Program grants will provide between \$210,000 to \$990,000 for these organizations annually over five years. Applications are due December 20, 2022.

To address health equity and improve cancer screening rates among populations less likely to be screened, the funding opportunity prioritizes reaching individuals who are Black, who identify as LGBTQIA+, or who live in rural areas. The funding will help provide cancer screening, diagnostic follow-up, and treatment referral services for every county and borough in New York State, with a focus on helping individuals who lack health insurance.

A survey conducted by the Department of Health found that about 66.3 percent of women without insurance reported being screen with a mammogram over the past two years, as compared to 83.1 percent who have health insurance. Likewise, only 66.4 percent of women without a regular health care provider regularly got screened, as opposed to 83.5 percent of women with a regular health care provider.

Breast cancer also takes a disproportionate toll on women of color. While non-Hispanic white women have the highest incidence rates of breast cancer, non-Hispanic Black women have the highest mortality rates, according to data on cancer incidence and mortality in New York.

The rate of breast cancer diagnosed in White women is 140 cases per 100,000 women per year, while the rate of deaths is 18.2 per 100,000. Meanwhile, the rate of breast cancer diagnosed in Black women is 124 cases per 100,000 women per year, while the rate of deaths is 22.2 per 100,000.

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State Health Commissioner Dr. Mary T. Bassett said, "Breast cancer screenings remain a first line of defense in the fight against this terrible disease and all women deserve equal access to critical early detection and intervention measures. Lacking health insurance or access to a regular health care provider should never be a barrier to quality care. The state Department of Health remains committed to advancing equitable access to diagnostics and care, addressing the racial disparities in outcomes that remain, particularly for Black women."

Breast cancer is the second leading cause of [cancer-related deaths](#) among women, with an estimated one in eight developing the disease in their lifetime. More than 16,800 women are diagnosed and about 2,500 are killed by breast cancer annually in New York, according to statistics compiled by the state Department of Health; about 160 men are also diagnosed with this disease each year.

State Department of Health Bureau of Cancer Prevention and Control Director Dr. Heather Dacus said, "Increasing rates of breast cancer screening in New York State will help to reduce breast cancer deaths and continues to be a key goal reflected in the New York State Prevention Agenda and the New York State Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan. Partners around the state are called upon to promote age-appropriate, risk-based breast cancer screening and refer those without health insurance to the Cancer Services Program."

For most women of screening age, regular mammograms are the best way to find breast cancer early when it's easier to treat. Having regular mammograms can lower the risk of dying from breast cancer. Free breast cancer screenings are available for eligible, uninsured, and underinsured New Yorkers through state-funded [cancer services programs](#). To get more information or to be connected to a nearby program, please call **1-866-442-CANCER**.

New York State continues to be a leader in cancer prevention, including the 2018-2023 [New York State Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan](#); a cancer prevention and control roadmap with robust measurable objectives and suggested strategies to reduce the cancer burden in New York State. New York is also taking action through the state's [Prevention Agenda 2019-2024](#), a blueprint designed to improve the health and well-being of all New Yorkers, with an emphasis on health equity in populations that have historically experienced disparities. -###-

GOVERNOR HOCHUL ANNOUNCEMENTS: OPIOID OVERDOSES

October 28th: GOVERNOR HOCHUL SIGNS LEGISLATION TO PREVENT OPIOID OVERDOSES ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES IN RECOGNITION OF RED RIBBON WEEK

Legislation (S.3448A/A.4485B) Requires Campuses To Carry Lifesaving Opioid Antagonist Medications in Housing Units, as Well as Training Resident Assistants to Administer During Overdose Emergencies

In recognition of Red Ribbon Week, Governor Hochul today signed legislation (S.3448A/A.4485B) that will require all public colleges in New York to have a supply of opioid antagonists in their housing facilities. Opioid antagonists, such as Naloxone, are lifesaving medicines which reverse the fatal effects of an opioid overdose. In addition to ensuring all State University of New York and City University of New York owned or operated housing facilities stock this vital medicine, resident assistants and other designated employees of the colleges will be trained to administer these antagonists in the case of overdose emergencies. -###-

GOVERNOR HOCHUL ANNOUNCEMENTS: Respiratory Illnesses

October 26th: GOVERNOR HOCHUL ANNOUNCES STEPS TO PROTECT NEW YORKERS FROM RESPIRATORY ILLNESSES THIS FALL AND WINTER

New York State Department of Health Warns COVID-19, Seasonal Flu and Respiratory Syncytial Virus Cases are Rising; Hospital Capacity Limited in Some Regions

Governor Received Flu Shot and Encouraged New Yorkers to Get Flu and COVID-19 Vaccinations and Boosters and Practice Distancing, Masking and Hygiene During Cold Weather Months

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced steps the New York State Department of Health is taking to raise awareness of and protect New Yorkers against respiratory virus infections that are spreading this fall and expected to continue through the winter. Health officials are urging the public to take steps geared toward stopping the spread of infectious disease as cases of seasonal influenza, COVID-19 and respiratory syncytial virus are rising with more New Yorkers staying indoors due to colder weather.

"We are not backing down in our fight against deadly respiratory illnesses — we have been preparing for the winter, and we are ready," **Governor Hochul said.** "New York State is taking action to provide guidance to hospitals and local health departments to ensure that we keep New Yorkers safe and healthy. Our best shot at protecting ourselves and fellow New Yorkers from respiratory illnesses continues to be getting vaccinated, staying up to date on boosters, and practicing good hygiene."

Governor Hochul received her seasonal flu shot today and urged other New Yorkers to receive this year's flu vaccine to protect against infection. The flu vaccine is available to anyone 6 months or older, and strongly recommended for people with chronic diseases, young children, and individuals who are pregnant - all of whom have a higher risk of developing serious complications from influenza. Earlier this fall, the State Department of Health (DOH) issued a [Health Advisory Notice](#) regarding respiratory illnesses to hospitals, local health departments, laboratories, emergency rooms, and providers in family medicine, primary care, pediatrics, adolescent medicine, infectious disease, neurology, and infection control practitioners. While not specific to any one virus, the notice highlighted increased hospitalizations from these types of illnesses and provides federal resources.

The best defense against respiratory viruses is to receive the seasonal flu and COVID vaccines, stay up to date on COVID-19 boosters (including the recently authorized COVID-19 bivalent booster for those eligible), practice social distancing, wear masks in crowded settings, and use proper hygiene, including frequent hand washing.

DOH is monitoring regional hospital capacity and engaging hospital and health care systems that may be seeing larger than normal patient volumes in their emergency departments and inpatient units. If you are sick and exhibiting symptoms of a respiratory virus, consult your primary care provider.

New York State Department of Health Commissioner Dr. Mary T. Bassett said, "As the respiratory virus season begins, including COVID-19, influenza, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), the symptoms for all three illnesses may be indistinguishable, and for the vast majority of older children

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these illnesses are mild. While we await a RSV vaccine, we have two straightforward messages for parents and guardians: make sure your child is up to date on their COVID-19 vaccination, and get a flu shot for children 6 months of age or older. Even if your child does get sick, the effects of immunizations have been shown to lessen illness severity. If you are concerned about your child, speak with a pediatrician or other health care professional. If your infant was born premature or otherwise fragile, you should seek medical advice early."

Respiratory Syncytial Virus

Respiratory syncytial virus is a seasonal infection that poses a risk to infants under 6 months of age and immune-compromised individuals, with symptoms similar to the common cold, ranging from a persistent cough and wheezing to fever. While this common virus typically spreads during the fall and winter months, DOH officials are seeing RSV cases in New York earlier this year.

To increase awareness of RSV, DOH will provide an informational alert to health care and child care providers, along with incorporating educational and prevention messaging into conversations with both. DOH will also utilize social media to spread the word via a video message from Dr. Bassett and is updating information on its [website](#) to include critical information about the transmission of this and other viral respiratory illnesses.

While there is no vaccine for RSV, testing and treatment for it is covered by insurance. New Yorkers experiencing coverage issues for RSV or any other medically necessary care may [file a complaint](#) with the New York State Department of Financial Services.

Seasonal Influenza

As with RSV, preliminary data indicates flu season is starting earlier than normal this year, which is why DOH is urging New Yorkers not to delay in getting their annual flu shot. The agency maintains a [weekly tracker](#) displaying flu cases across the state throughout flu surveillance season, which is October through May of the following calendar year.

Earlier this month DOH launched its [annual public education campaign](#), reminding adults and parents to get both flu and COVID-19 shots for themselves and children 6 months and older. Roughly 3 million influenza shots had been given as of Oct. 26.

COVID-19

Simultaneously, New York State is bracing for an increase in COVID-19 infections, which have spiked during the fall and winter months for two consecutive years. Cases are moderated as of now - between about 10 and 25 per 100,000 people in every region - though hospital admissions have been growing and are now between approximately two and three per 100,000 in every region.

COVID-19 continues to disproportionately impact vulnerable populations, including older adults and immunocompromised individuals. Over the past eight weeks, 60 percent of COVID hospital admissions have been patients aged 65 or older.

In accordance with the Fall Action Plan developed last summer, DOH has continued to take action to enhance the State's preparedness for a potential surge in infections this fall and winter. More than 2.6

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million at-home COVID-19 tests were distributed to schools across the state, with the availability of another 30 million tests over the next year.

The agency is also working closely with providers and local health departments to encourage COVID-19 vaccination and bivalent boosters, which children 5 years and older may receive to protect against infection. In addition to getting the flu and COVID-19 vaccines, there are some practical ways to avoid contracting and spreading RSV, flu, and COVID-19 viruses this fall and winter:

- Wash your hands often with soap and hot water for least 20 seconds to protect yourself from germs and avoid spreading them to others.
- Carry an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol to use when soap and water are not available.
- Do not cough or sneeze into your hands. Instead, cover your mouth and nose with a tissue.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth if you are symptomatic.

DOH is continuing to conduct wastewater surveillance for COVID-19 transmission, which will enable health officials to detect potential surges throughout the state. Likewise, the agency will continue to coordinate with local health departments to set up additional pop-ups to deliver this important protection to communities where vaccination rates are low.

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October 26th: GOVERNOR HOCHUL UPDATES NEW YORKERS ON STATE'S PROGRESS COMBATING COVID-19

Governor Encourages New Yorkers to Keep Using the Tools to Protect Against and Treat COVID-19: Vaccines, Boosters, Testing, and Treatment

View B-Roll of Governor Hochul Receiving the Flu Shot [Here](#) and Photos [Here](#).

Governor Kathy Hochul today received her flu shot and updated New Yorkers on the state's progress combatting COVID-19 and plan to protect against the spread of respiratory virus infections that become more common in the fall and winter seasons.

"As the weather gets colder and respiratory virus infections become more prevalent, I urge New Yorkers to remain vigilant and to use all available tools to keep themselves, their loved ones and their communities safe and healthy," **Governor Hochul said.** "Be sure to stay up to date on vaccine doses, and test before gatherings or travel. If you test positive, talk to your doctor about potential treatment options."

Governor Hochul [announced](#) last week that children ages 5 and older may now receive the bivalent booster shots that are recommended to increase protection against COVID-19. The State Department of Health updated its guidance after the U.S. Food and Drug Administration amended its emergency use authorization and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention updated its clinical guidance, which collectively will allow more children to safely boost their immunity against COVID-19.

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The Governor continues to urge New Yorkers to get their bivalent COVID-19 vaccine boosters. To schedule an appointment for a booster, New Yorkers should contact their local pharmacy, county health department, or healthcare provider; visit [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov); text their ZIP code to 438829, or call 1-800-232-0233 to find nearby locations.

In addition, Governor Hochul is encouraging New Yorkers to get their annual flu vaccine as [flu season is already widespread](#) across New York State. The flu virus and the virus that causes COVID-19 are both currently circulating, so getting vaccinated against both is the best way to stay healthy and to avoid added stress to the health care system.

The State Department of Health recently announced the launch of its [annual public education campaign](#), reminding adults and parents to get both flu and COVID-19 shots for themselves and children 6 months and older. The advertisements, which will run in both English and Spanish language, began running on Monday, October 10.

[This week](#), Governor Hochul and the state Department of Health warned New Yorkers that COVID-19, seasonal flu, and RSV cases are all rising and encouraged New Yorkers to get flu and COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters, and take important prevention steps including distancing, masking and hygiene during the cold weather months.

For information about flu vaccine clinics, [contact the local health department](#) or visit [vaccines.gov/find-vaccines/](https://www.vaccines.gov/find-vaccines/).

The [COVID-19 Vaccine Tracker Dashboard](#) is available to update New Yorkers on the distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine. The New York State Department of Health requires vaccinating facilities to report all COVID-19 vaccine administration data within 24 hours; the vaccine administration data on the dashboard is updated daily to reflect the most up-to-date metrics in the state's vaccination effort. New York State Department of Health-reported data from NYSIIS and CIR differs slightly from federally reported data, which is inclusive of federally administered doses and other minor differences. Both numbers are included in the release above.

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October 19th: GOVERNOR HOCHUL ANNOUNCES UPDATED COVID-19 BOOSTERS NOW AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN

Children Between the Ages of 5 and 11 Eligible to Receive Boosters Two Months After Completing Initial Series or Following Last Booster or Additional Dose

State Department of Health Sends New Guidance to Providers for Children to Receive Shots Targeting the Original Virus Strain; Omicron Variants

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Governor Kathy Hochul today announced that children ages 5 and older may now receive the bivalent booster shots that are recommended to increase protection against COVID-19. The state Department of Health updated its guidance this week after the U.S. Food and Drug Administration amended its emergency use authorization and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's updated its clinical guidance, which collectively will allow more children to safely boost their immunity against COVID-19.

"Being able to provide the bivalent boosters to an even greater number of children throughout the state will expand protection against the Omicron variants, as we collectively work to stay up to date with these safe, effective vaccinations," **Governor Hochul said.** "I encourage all eligible New Yorkers to get these boosters to protect themselves, their families, their children, and our communities from this virus as we head into the cold weather months."

In accordance with FDA's authorization and CDC's recommendations for use, the state Department of Health New Yorkers 5 years and older should receive the bivalent booster dose at least two months after completing their initial vaccine series or following their last booster or additional vaccine dose. Eligible children 5 years and older can receive the Pfizer-BioNTech bivalent booster and those 6 years and older can receive Moderna's bivalent booster. Viruses commonly mutate over time, so scientists update a vaccine's composition to be as effective as possible in protecting against the strain circulating

As noted by [CDC](#), the new boosters add Omicron BA.4 and BA.5 spike protein components to the vaccine, helping to restore protection that has waned previously and targeting recent variants that are more transmissible and immune-evading. The shots are expected to meaningfully reduce New Yorkers' chances of getting severe illness from COVID-19, including being hospitalized or even death. More than [1 million](#) COVID-19 deaths have been reported in the United States. Nearly 75,000 New Yorkers have died from the infection since the onset of the pandemic in 2020.

In addition to recommending bivalent boosters for all who are eligible, the Department of Health continues to urge parents and guardians to have any of their children who are six months old and up complete their primary vaccine series as soon as possible. Receiving the initial doses are necessary to be eligible for a booster two months later.

More than 1.1 million bivalent boosters have already been administered to individuals 12 years and older in New York State. Providers that pre-ordered and received bivalent doses are authorized to begin administering shots to New Yorkers 5 years and older.

Booster doses are free and available statewide. Supply is increasing each week as orders by providers continue to be filled by vaccine manufacturers. To schedule a shot, New Yorkers should contact a health care provider, local pharmacy, or county health department.

New Yorkers can also visit [vaccines.gov](#), text their ZIP code to 438829, or call 1-800-232-0233 to find nearby locations. At [vaccines.gov](#), after entering a 5-digit ZIP Code, New Yorkers can click "Updated Vaccines" and select the bivalent booster type by age they are seeking to book an appointment for themselves or their children.

New Yorkers can watch the State Department of Health's flu and COVID-19 public education campaign in [English here](#) and [Spanish here](#). Learn more about [COVID-19 boosters](#).

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GOVERNOR HOCHUL ANNOUNCEMENTS: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

October 26th: GOVERNOR HOCHUL ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS AIMED AT PROTECTING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS AND THEIR ADVOCATES

Program Raises Awareness of Additional Consumer Protections in the New York State Marketplace for Domestic Violence Survivors

Additional Consumer Protections Follow Governor Hochul's Signing of Five Bills into Law on Tuesday Further Protecting Domestic Violence Survivors

View Proclamation Declaring October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month [Here](#)

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced additional programs aimed at supporting domestic violence survivors as part of the New York Department of State's Division of Consumer Protection and Address Confidentiality Program. The announcement comes in the midst of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, which serves as an opportunity to highlight this important issue and raise awareness while continuing to support domestic violence survivors. On Tuesday, Governor Hochul signed a [comprehensive package of legislation](#) that strengthened protections for survivors of domestic and gender-based violence by ensuring guns are seized from abusive partners and protecting the confidentiality of survivors.

"Preventing domestic violence and supporting survivors of abuse is a mission that has been a lifelong journey for generations of women in my family," **Governor Hochul said.** "With the bills I signed into law yesterday and resources from our Division of Consumer Protection, the New York Department of State, the Address Confidentiality Program and the Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence, we are continuing to empower and lift up those who have suffered at the hands of others by helping them to transition into safer, more secure lives."

Yesterday, the Governor signed the below package of legislation:

- Authorizing Voting Registration Records of Survivors of Sexual Violence to Be Kept Confidential in Certain Cases **S.3855/A.7748A**
- Requiring Courts to Order the Search and Immediate Seizure of Firearms When a Defendant Willfully Refuses to Surrender Them **S.6363A/A.8102**
- Requiring Judges Issuing an Order of Protection to Ask About the Presence of Firearms **S.6443B/A.8105B**
- Requiring the Release of Individuals from Utility and Other Contracts in Instances of Domestic Violence **S.7157A/A.6207B**
- Requiring Health Insurers to Provide Survivors of Domestic Violence with The Option of Providing Alternative Contact Information **S.7263A/A.2519A**

The following rights and protections are available to New York State domestic violence survivors:

- **Address Confidentiality:** If you are a New York State resident and victim of domestic violence, stalking, sexual offenses, or human trafficking who has moved or are planning to move for safety reasons, the Department of State [Address Confidentiality Program](#) assists with shielding an address from an abuser, at no cost to the victim. DV Survivors can also provide alternate address information for their telephone services directly through their service provider to prevent their abusers from finding out their actual address.

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- **Telephone, cable, and satellite service contract opt out:** DV Survivors can request an opt-out of their service contract, in writing, at no charge if they are a victim of domestic violence.
- **Identity Theft:** Identity theft can be a challenge for DV Survivors, but regularly examining credit reports, setting up fraud alerts and checking bank records are three tools to assist Survivors in preventing identity theft. Learn more [here](#).
- **Insurance:** NYS Insurance Law prohibits any insurance policy providers from discriminating against someone specifically because they are a DV victim.
- **Smart Technology:** NYS law allows DV orders of protection to include prohibitions against remotely controlling any DV Survivors connected devices.
- **Workplace Protections:** Survivors of DV, family offenses, or human trafficking cannot be discriminated against for using leave accruals for sick time, family sick time, or safe time related to such matters. Learn more [here](#).
- **Alternative Contact Information:** Requires health insurers to provide an insurer or subscriber who is a victim of domestic violence, upon request of such insurer or subscriber, with the option to designate alternative contact information for the purpose of receiving specific claim information or for specific billing purposes.
- **Rental Lease Protections (Real Property Law, sections 227-c and 227-d, and the Human Rights Law):**
 - **Lease Termination:** A DV victim may terminate a residential lease to support their safety, without liability, if they provide the landlord with a written 30-day notice. Then within 25 days of the written notice, the DV victim must provide documentation to the landlord affirming their DV status. Qualifying DV victim status documentation includes: a (1) valid DV incident report, (2) police report, (3) a valid order of protection, (4) a signed affidavit from a certified medical professional, or (5) a signed and notarized affidavit from qualified third party to include any law enforcement officer; employee of a NYS court; attorney, physician, psychiatrist, psychologist, social worker, registered nurse, therapist, or clinical professional counselor licensed to practice in any state; person employed by a government or non-profit domestic violence services agency or any member of the clergy of a church or religious society or denomination
 - **Discrimination Prohibited:** Residential landlords cannot discriminate against a person or their accompanied child(ren) who are Survivors of either a criminal act or family offense of domestic violence. DV Survivors who are discriminated against may initiate a civil claim in court and may be awarded up to \$2,000 and attorney's fees.
 - **Evictions Prohibited:** Residential landlords cannot evict a person or their accompanied child(ren) who are Survivors of either a criminal act or family offense of domestic violence. If a proceeding for eviction begins, a victim may produce evidence of the offense as a defense to the court. This protection does not apply to owner-occupied housing with two or fewer units. The protection also does not apply if the landlord provides other valid reasons for the eviction.
- **Membership Campground Contracts:** Although a cancellation period for a membership campground may have passed, DV Survivors can cancel their contract by submitting to the membership campground operator any one of these four DV status affirming documents:- a (1) valid DV incident report, (2) police report, (3) a valid order of protection, or (4) a signed affidavit from a licensed medical or mental health care provider, employee of a court acting within the scope of his or her employment, social worker, a rape crisis counselor or DV advocate.

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About New York's Address Confidentiality Program (ACP)

New York's Address Confidentiality Program (ACP) allows Survivors of domestic violence, stalking, sexual offenses, and human trafficking to shield their address from their abuser. This free program is one tool that a victim may use in their overall safety plan. Once registered, participants are assigned a substitute address that they may use instead of their actual address. All state and local agencies are required to accept the substitute address. Any mail sent to a participant at the substitute address is processed by ACP staff and forwarded daily to the confidential location of the participant.

The program is available to Survivors of domestic violence, stalking, sexual offenses, and human trafficking who have moved or are planning to move for safety reasons. Other members of the same household (children, partners, parents or siblings) are also eligible to participate. For more, visit the ACP webpage at <https://dos.ny.gov/address-confidentiality>.

About the Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence

The Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence (OPDV), created in 1992, is the country's only executive level state agency dedicated to the issue of domestic violence. It replaced the former Governor's Commission on Domestic Violence established in 1983.

The NYS Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence's work is completed under four main bureaus: Sexual Assault Prevention, Policy, and Programming; Domestic Violence Prevention, Policy, and Programming; External Affairs, and Law and Public Safety.

To find more protections for New Yorkers suffering from domestic violence, visit the OPDV website at <https://opdv.ny.gov/>. New York State's Domestic and Sexual Violence Hotline provides free, confidential support 24/7 and is available in most languages: 800-942-6906 (call), 844-997-2121 (text) or @opdv.ny.gov (chat).
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GOVERNOR HOCHUL ANNOUNCEMENTS: Online Platforms and Gun Violence

October 18th: GOVERNOR HOCHUL AND ATTORNEY GENERAL JAMES RELEASE REPORT ON THE ROLE OF ONLINE PLATFORMS IN THE BUFFALO SHOOTING

Report Details Shooter's Radicalization on Fringe Websites, Use of Mainstream Platforms To Livestream Violence

Governor Hochul, Attorney General James Call for Federal and State Legislative Reforms To Combat Online Extremism and Violence

Governor Kathy Hochul and New York Attorney General Letitia James today [released a report](#) on the role of online platforms in the tragic Buffalo mass shooting at a Tops grocery store where 10 Black individuals were killed and three others were injured. The Office of the Attorney General reviewed thousands of pages of documents and social media content to examine how the alleged shooter used online platforms to plan, prepare, and publicize his attack. This investigation and subsequent report were completed in accordance with a referral from Governor Hochul. During the course of the investigation, OAG obtained and reviewed external and internal content and policies of several of the online platforms used by the shooter. The report concludes that fringe online platforms, like 4chan, radicalized the shooter; livestreaming platforms, like Twitch, were weaponized to publicize and

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encourage copycat violent attacks; and a lack of oversight, transparency, and accountability of these platforms allowed hateful and extremist views to proliferate online, leading to radicalization and violence.

In the wake of these findings, Governor Hochul and Attorney General James are calling for federal and state reforms to combat online extremism and violence, including state legislation that would criminalize graphic images or videos created by a perpetrator of a homicide and penalize individuals who reshare or repost those same images or videos. In addition, Governor Hochul and Attorney General James are recommending changes to Section 230 of the federal Communications Decency Act to increase accountability of online platforms and require companies take reasonable steps to prevent unlawful violent criminal content from appearing on their platforms.

The OAG report examined several online platforms used by the shooter, including 4chan, 8kun, Reddit, Discord, Twitch, and YouTube, and other online platforms where OAG found graphic content of the shooting or the shooter's manifesto, including Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, TikTok, and Rumble. The OAG subpoenaed these companies and reviewed thousands of pages of documents. Investigators looked at how platforms have been used to distribute and promote racist and antisemitic memes and messages and share graphic media of previous racially motivated violence, both of which contributed to the alleged shooter's radicalization. The report also details how several more mainstream platforms were used to livestream the shooting with the goal of inciting additional violent acts, and how graphic video of the shooting has proliferated online.

In sum, the report confirms that several online platforms played an undeniable role in this racist attack, first by radicalizing the shooter as he consumed voluminous amounts of racist and violent content, helping him prepare for the attack, and finally allowing him to broadcast it.

Report takeaways include:

- **Fringe Platforms Fuel Radicalization:** By his own account, the Buffalo shooter was radicalized by virulent racist and antisemitic content on anonymous, virtually unmoderated websites and platforms that operate outside of the mainstream internet, most notably 4chan. In the wake of the Buffalo shooting, graphic video of the shooting recorded by a viewer of the shooter's livestream proliferated on fringe sites. The anonymity offered by 4chan and platforms like it, and their refusal to moderate content in any meaningful way, ensures that these platforms continue to be breeding grounds for racist hate speech and radicalization.
- **Livestreaming Has Become a Tool for Mass Shooters:** Livestreaming has become a tool of mass shooters to instantaneously publicize their crime, further terrorizing the community targeted by the shooter and serving as a mechanism to incite and solicit additional violent acts. The Buffalo shooter was galvanized by his belief that others would be watching him commit violence in real-time. Although the platform he used to livestream his atrocities disabled the livestream within two minutes of the onset of violence, two minutes is still too much.
- **Mainstream Platforms' Moderation Policies Are Inconsistent and Opaque:** Many large, established platforms improved on their response time for identifying and removing problematic content related to the Buffalo shooting, including graphic video of the shooting and the shooter's manifesto, as compared to past events. However, the platforms' responses were uneven, with one platform unable to identify posts that linked to off-site copies of the shooting video even after those posts were flagged through user reports. Many platforms also do not fully disclose how they moderate hateful, extremist, or racist content.

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- **Online Platforms Lack Accountability:** Online platforms enjoy too much legal immunity. Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act largely insulates platforms from liability for their content moderation decisions, even when a platform allows users to post and share unlawful content.

In response to the findings in the report, Governor Hochul and Attorney General James recommend a variety of reforms to tackle online extremism and increase accountability of online platforms. These recommendations include:

- **Create Liability for the Creation and Distribution of Videos of Homicides:** New York and other states should pass legislation imposing criminal liability for the creation, by the perpetrator, of images or videos depicting a homicide. New York should explore establishing civil liability for anyone who transmits or distributes a perpetrator's images or videos depicting the homicide they commit. In concert with appropriate revisions to Section 230, this liability would extend to online platforms, including social media and livestreaming platforms, that do not take reasonable steps to prevent such content from appearing.
- **Add Restrictions to Livestreaming:** Livestreaming was used as a tool by the Buffalo shooter, like previous hate-fueled attacks, to instantaneously document and broadcast his violent acts to secure a measure of fame and radicalize others. Livestreaming on platforms should be subject to restrictions—including verification requirements and tape delays—tailored to identify first-person violence before it can be widely disseminated.
- **Reform Section 230:** Currently, Section 230 of the federal Communications Decency Act protects online platforms from liability for third-party content that they host, regardless of those platforms' moderation practices. Congress should rethink the ready availability of Section 230 as a complete defense for online platforms' content moderation practices. Instead, the law should be reformed to require an online platform that wishes to retain Section 230's protections to take reasonable steps to prevent unlawful violent criminal content from appearing on the platform. This proposal would change the default. Instead of simply being able to assert protection under Section 230, an online platform has the initial burden of establishing that its policies and practices were reasonably designed to address unlawful content.
- **Increase Transparency and Strengthen Moderation:** Online platforms should provide better transparency into their content moderation policies and how those policies are applied in practice, including those that are aimed at addressing hateful, extremist, and racist content. They should also invest in improving industry-wide processes and procedures for reducing the prevalence of such content, including by expanding the types of content that can be analyzed for violations of their policies, improving detection technology, and providing more efficient means to share info.
- **Call on Industry Service Providers to Do More:** Online service providers, like domain registrars and hosting companies, stand in between fringe sites and users. These companies should take a closer look at the websites that repeatedly traffic in violent, hateful content, and refuse to service sites that perpetuate the cycle of white supremacist violence.

In May 2022, Governor Hochul provided a referral to OAG under New York Executive Law Section 63(8) to investigate the role of online platforms in the Buffalo shooting.

The investigation and subsequent report were conducted by the Bureau of Internet and Technology and the Hate Crimes Unit of the Bureau of Civil Rights, with special assistance from the Research and Analytics Division and the Criminal Justice Division.

STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ANNOUNCEMENTS: STROKES

New York State Department of Health Urges New Yorkers to Recognize Risk Factors and Make Lifestyle Changes to Prevent Stroke in Recognition of World Stroke Day

Stroke is a Leading Cause of Death in New York with Higher Prevalence Among Black Americans Than Non-Hispanic Whites, According to [New Report](#)

Learn More About Stroke Symptoms, Risk Factors and Treatments [Here](#)

ALBANY, N.Y. (October 28, 2022) – The New York State Department of Health encourages all New Yorkers to be aware of the risk factors for stroke ahead of World Stroke Day on October 29. Stroke is a cardiovascular disease (CVD) that involves the circulatory system and occurs when a clot blocks blood supply to the brain or when a blood vessel bursts and causes internal bleeding in the brain.

[An annual survey](#) conducted by the State Health Department found an estimated 1,118,000 adults, or 7 percent had a heart attack, angina/coronary heart disease or stroke in 2020. The report acknowledges stroke is the fourth leading cause of death in the State and that CVD accounted for 32 percent of all deaths in New York, with the incidence of CVD significantly higher for those aged 65 and older.

Stroke prevalence is also nearly twice as high among non-Hispanic Black adults than non-Hispanic White adults. The annual survey also concluded that men, adults with less than a college education, and adults who experience food insecurity are more likely to report a heart attack, coronary heart disease or stroke than women, adults with a college education, and adults with food security.

“Stroke is a deadly health emergency that has a significant impact on communities of color. The State Health Department remains resolute in its commitment to eliminate the systemic inequities that contribute to disparities in health outcomes,” **State Health Commissioner Dr. Mary T. Bassett said.** “We will continue to pursue and promote equity in health care to improve health care and overall health for all New Yorkers.”

According to the [American Stroke Association](#), Black Americans have a higher prevalence of stroke and the highest death rate from stroke than any other racial group, with more than two-thirds of Black Americans having at least one of these risk factors:

- High blood pressure – Over half of Black adults have high blood pressure, which develops earlier in Black Americans and is often more severe.
- Overweight and obesity – Almost 70 percent of Black men and more than 80 percent of Black women are overweight or obese.
- Diabetes – African Americans are more likely to have diabetes than non-Hispanic whites.
- High cholesterol - Nearly 30 percent of Black Americans have high levels of “bad” LDL cholesterol.
- Smoking – More than 15 percent of Black adults smoke, doubling their risk of stroke.
- Eating too much salt (sodium) – Research shows that African Americans may have a gene that greatly increases sensitivity to salt and its effects.
- Stress – African American adults face daily stressors that may increase risk for stroke.
- Sickle cell anemia – This common genetic disorder in African Americans is a risk factor for stroke because the disorder causes some red blood cells to form an abnormal shape that can get stuck in blood vessels and block the flow of blood to the brain.

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Individuals with these risk factors should discuss the best ways to manage them with their health care providers and follow recommendations, including taking medications as prescribed. Additionally, the State report acknowledges these lifestyle changes can reduce the likelihood of stroke and prevent as much as 80 percent of heart disease and stroke:

- Eating more fruits and vegetables.
- Reducing salt intake.
- Increasing physical activity.
- Quitting smoking.
- Losing excess body weight.
- Managing stress.

To improve prevention, treatment and community education, the State manages a data-driven quality improvement program focused on stroke. The [New York State Coverdell Stroke Program](#) is aimed at developing comprehensive systems to identify and resolve gaps in stroke systems of care and implement strategies to eliminate disparities in care. It is one of only 13 such programs in the U.S. funded through the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to monitor care delivered to stroke patients, improve the quality of that care and reduce the burden of stroke.

Additional information and resources are available online:

- This State [brochure](#) can help identify when someone is having a stroke.
- The department's stroke [website](#) has additional information on stroke symptoms, risk factors and treatments.
- The federal [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) website features a special campaign, "[Live to the Beat](#)", focused on reducing the risk of CVD among Black adults.
- The American Heart Association issued a [presidential advisory](#) acknowledging structural racism as a fundamental driver of health disparities in stroke and heart disease.

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STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ANNOUNCEMENTS: NY STATE of HEALTH

October 20th: NY State of Health Promotes Affordable Health Insurance at Rite Aid Locations Across New York State

Certified Enrollment Assistors Available to Meet with Shoppers On-site

ALBANY, NY (October 20, 2022) – NY State of Health, the state's official health plan Marketplace, today announced its continued partnership with Rite Aid to help New Yorkers find a health plan that fits their needs and budget. Certified Enrollment Assistors will be available at Rite Aid locations across the state to provide information about affordable coverage, answer questions and make enrollment appointments. Assistors will be available near pharmacies at select locations statewide on October 22, 2022, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Enrollment for 2022 coverage remains open for Medicaid, Essential Plan, Child Health Plus and Qualified Health Plans (QHP). New Yorkers can newly enroll (or renew current coverage) in a Qualified Health Plan for 2023 starting November 16, 2022.

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"NY State of Health continues to provide a platform for New Yorkers to access affordable health insurance, including enhanced tax credits and online tools to compare plans and connect with enrollment assistors," **NY State of Health Executive Director Danielle Holahan said.** "We are excited to meet community members in-person once again and continue to deliver the message on how important health insurance is and the availability of financial assistance. We encourage anyone who may need health insurance to visit a nearby location to learn more about what the Marketplace can offer."

Details on which Rite Aid locations will have NY State of Health Assistors on site are included [here](#). Enrollment is open all year for Medicaid, Child Health Plus, and the Essential Plan. Since the start of the federal Public Health Emergency (PHE) in March 2020, coverage was automatically extended to New Yorkers enrolled in Medicaid, Child Health Plus or Essential Plan. Aligned with the PHE, New York State took action to allow New Yorkers to enroll now (outside of the Open Enrollment Period) into Qualified Health Plans for 2022 coverage. After the federal PHE ends, consumers will once again need to take action to keep their coverage. To receive important health insurance updates, including when it's time to renew, or to avoid a gap in coverage, consumers can sign up for NY State of Health [text alerts](#) to by texting START to 1-866-988-0327.

Qualified Health Plan enrollees may be eligible to receive expanded federal tax credits through the [American Rescue Plan Act](#) (Inflation Reduction Act), to lower their 2022 and 2023 premiums, including higher income New Yorkers who may be eligible for the first time. Over 97 percent of NY State of Health enrollees qualify for free or low-cost insurance that covers important benefits, including doctor visits, immunizations, mental health services, prescriptions, and hospital care.

In addition to making appointments with an enrollment assistor at NY-SOH events, consumers can:

- Call the Customer Service Center at 1-855-355-5777:
 - Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
 - Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Log onto the website at nystateofhealth.ny.gov.
- Speak with an enrollment assistor. Find an assistor [here](#).

About NY State of Health

New York opened its health plan Marketplace, NY State of Health, in October 2013. The Marketplace's one stop health insurance shopping experience offers high quality comprehensive health plans. NY State of Health is the only place where consumers can qualify to get help paying for coverage through premium discounts or tax credits. Eligible New Yorkers can also enroll in Medicaid, Child Health Plus and the Essential Plan through the Marketplace all year. For more information about the NY State of Health Marketplace, please visit: <https://nystateofhealth.ny.gov> or call Customer Service at 1-855-355-5777, TTY: 1-800-662-1220 or find an enrollment assistor.

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STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ANNOUNCEMENTS: MONKEYPOX

October 20th: State Department of Health Announces Social Media Video Contest to Help Prevent the Spread of Monkeypox Among College Students

College Students Encouraged to Submit Videos Before November 28th to Help Fight Monkeypox [HERE](#)

FAQ Webpage for Colleges and Universities Available [HERE](#)

Learn More About Monkeypox [HERE](#)

ALBANY, N.Y. (October 20, 2022) – New York State Department of Health Commissioner Dr. Mary T. Bassett today announced the launch of a social media video contest as part of a public awareness campaign aimed at informing college students about monkeypox and how to prevent transmission. The Department is inviting all students and student associations in New York State colleges, universities, and graduate schools to produce up to a 15-second video for social media educating other students about the transmission, dangers, and prevention of monkeypox.

“Hearing from other students through social media videos is a unique way for college students to stay informed about monkeypox so they understand the symptoms, how it spreads, and what to do if they are exposed,” **State Health Commissioner Dr. Mary T. Bassett said.** “It’s particularly important to remind college-aged students that anyone can get monkeypox, so campuses should communicate that monkeypox is a public health concern for everyone and how to prevent transmission of this virus.”

While anyone can get monkeypox, since the outbreak of monkeypox in May, the virus has spread to thousands of people, including cisgender and transgender gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men (MSM).

Commissioner Bassett noted that the Department will select six winners, first, second, and third place, in the categories of *live action* and *animation* from the submissions received between October 24, 2022 and November 28, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. EST. Submissions will be closed after this time.

The winning videos will be featured on the State Department of Health's social media platforms to help spread the word on monkeypox. Prizes of Amazon, grocery, or gas gift cards will be awarded in each category as follows: 1st prize, \$500; 2nd prize; \$300; and 3rd prize, \$200.

Video Contest Rules:

Application Period

The Department will start accepting submissions on October 24, 2022. The contest ends on November 28, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. EST. Submissions will be closed after this time.

Eligibility

Contestants must be meet both the following criteria:

1. Enrolled in a college or university in New York State at the undergraduate or graduate level; and
2. Age 18-26 years old.

Contest Guidelines

All submissions MUST follow each of our contest rules. Failure to meet ALL these rules will lead to disqualification.

- Content must relate to monkeypox and educate young adults ages 18 – 26 about monkeypox, and its transmission, dangers, and/or prevention.
- Video must address at least one of the topics listed below in the [Approved Messaging section](#).
- Only eligible contestants (see above) may submit a video.
- If any of your collaborators is a minor (age <17 years), please make sure a parent or guardian signs their [video release waiver form](#).
- Video may be live action, animation, or a combination of both.
- No copyrighted music or images. All assets must be original or copyright free. If using copyright free assets, please give credit on the entry form.
- Video specs:
 - Maximum length of video - 15 seconds
 - Minimum resolution - 540 x 960 px or 640 x 640 px
 - Maximum file size - 500 MB

All submissions must follow the content policies of the following social media platforms – TikTok, Instagram, Snapchat and Facebook.

How to Submit

Contestants must submit the following items:

1. A URL for your video. The video must follow all Contest Guidelines (see above) and meet video specs for all social media platforms.
2. An [entry form](#) with all necessary information

Both the [entry form](#) and the videos must be submitted at the same time. Students can email the completed entry form to Contest.Entries@health.ny.gov.

Winners: New York State Department of Health judges will begin reviewing submissions after the application period has ended. Winners will be announced on the State Health Department website and social media channels. Those who submit the winning videos will also receive an email notification.

Full contest rules and eligibility available [here](#). This video contest is the latest part of a comprehensive public awareness campaign to get monkeypox information directly to New Yorkers. The Department's [website](#) has free, downloadable materials, including an information card, poster, and palm card in English and Spanish.

In addition to the video contest, New Yorkers can sign up for text messages—which will include alerts about cases, symptoms, spread, and resources for testing and vaccination—by texting "MONKEYPOX" to 81336 or "MONKEYPOXESP" for texts in Spanish. By providing a zip code, New Yorkers can also opt-in for location-based messages.

For more information about monkeypox, including case counts by county, treatment, and care, visit: health.ny.gov/monkeypox.

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STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ANNOUNCEMENTS: OPIOIDS

October 17th: State Department of Health Announces County Opioid Quarterly Report and Reminds New Yorkers of Standing Order to Get Naloxone Without a Prescription

Recommended by the New York State Heroin and Opioid Task Force, Report Directly Informs Local Treatment and Prevention Strategies

Read the Full Report [HERE](#)

ALBANY, N.Y. (October 17, 2022) - The New York State Department of Health released its County Opioid Quarterly Report for October 2022, showing a 14% preliminary increase in 2021 overdose deaths involving opioids over the prior year. As part of the State's ongoing work to address the opioid crisis, this report provides timely information about county level health burdens related to heroin and opioid use. This enables local communities to respond to those needs.

In light of these findings, the Department reminds New Yorkers that State Commissioner of Health Dr. Mary T. Bassett has issued a statewide pharmacy standing order for naloxone that took effect on August 15, 2022. Naloxone is a lifesaving medication that can be easily administered to block the effects of opioids allowing a stricken person to regain consciousness and resume normal breathing.

"Cases of overdose are on the rise both nationally and statewide, and about three-quarters of all overdose deaths in New York State now involve fentanyl," **State Health Commissioner Dr. Mary T. Bassett said.** "I'd like to remind the public our standing order for naloxone should put this lifesaving medication in the hands of more people to help reduce the number of fatal overdoses. I appreciate the hard work of the Department's team at the Office of Public Health and our partners at the New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports for continuing to find new ways to help those dependent on opioids and those who treat them."

The report, published quarterly, is authored by the State Department of Health. It was established following a recommendation from the New York State Heroin and Opioid Task Force in 2016. The report provides county-level data on major opioid-related measures in a timely manner to directly inform on-the-ground efforts. It is a key component of the State's work to advance comprehensive solutions that target heroin and opioid abuse with a focus on prevention, education, treatment, and recovery.

More than 30,000 naloxone administrations have been reported to the Department based on reports received through September 6, 2022.

Key findings, comparing state totals for the third quarters of 2020 and 2021, from this report include the following:

1. An increase of 14% in overdose deaths involving opioids.
2. An increase of 2% in hospitalizations due to opioid overdoses.
3. An increase of 7% in hospitalizations due to opioid overdoses excluding heroin, primarily caused by opioids such as fentanyl.
4. An increase of 24% in outpatient Emergency Department visits due to opioid overdoses.
5. An increase of 12% in Emergency Medical Services (EMS) naloxone administrations.

STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ANNOUNCEMENTS: OPIOIDS (continued)

In addition to collecting and publishing these findings, the Department continues to support a variety of harm reduction initiatives to reduce the burden of opioid abuse and dependency statewide. This includes New York MATTERS, an electronic referral system for connecting persons with opioid use disorder to local treatment and harm reduction services; the Local Health Department Initiative, providing funding to 24 county health departments with the highest overdose rates outside of New York City to bolster primary care, corrections, harm reduction, emergency departments, public safety, and more; and over 900 registered Opioid Overdose Prevention Programs, which provide training to community members to recognize opioid overdoses and respond appropriately by calling 911 and administering naloxone—provided at no cost—the antidote for these overdoses; the Department's Naloxone Co-payment Assistance Program (N-CAP), in which individuals with prescription drug coverage as part of their health insurance have co-payments of up to \$40 covered, resulting in no or lower out-of-pocket expenses.

Additionally, the State continues to advance 25 Syringe Exchange Programs (SEPs) with over 81 sites statewide. SEPs remain at the forefront of innovation in addressing the needs of New Yorkers who use drugs and lead in the distribution of naloxone to New Yorkers vulnerable to overdose. The State's 14 Drug User Health Hubs have been built upon the foundations of the SEPs. These centers focus on reducing overdose by providing easy access to buprenorphine, building safety plans with people who have experienced a non-fatal overdose and equipping participants with naloxone.

Read the full report [here](#).

The public and providers are encouraged to recognize the signs of overdose and take advantage of the resources available through the [Opioid Overdose Prevention Program](#) to help those in need.

People with questions or requests for additional information should contact opioidprevention@health.ny.gov.

About the Report

The New York State Department of Health's County Opioid Quarterly Reports provide data by quarter with annual totals for fatal and non-fatal opioid overdoses (deaths, emergency department (ED) visits, and hospitalizations) by county. The report includes data from the New York State Department of Health Vital Statistics for death records, Statewide Planning and Research Cooperative System for emergency department and hospital records, New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports' Client Data System for treatment admissions, Pre-hospital Care Reports, Law Enforcement Naloxone Administration, and Community Opioid Overdose Prevention Program Datasets for naloxone administrations.

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STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ANNOUNCEMENTS: POLIO

ICYMI: Polio: Provider Education

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Recorded: October 25th, 2022

View Here: <https://www.health.ny.gov/Polio>

Featured Presenters:

- **Eugene P. Heslin, MD, FAAFP**, First Deputy Commissioner and Chief Medical Officer
- **Jim McDonald, MD, MPH**, Medical Director, Office of Public Health

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October 11th: STATE AND CITY DEPARTMENTS OF HEALTH UPDATE NEW YORKERS ON POLIO

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ALBANY, N.Y. (October 11, 2022) – On Sunday, October 9, New York State extended the [Executive Order](#) to continue to maximize the resources available to protect New Yorkers against polio through vaccination. While only one case of polio has so far been identified, ongoing [wastewater surveillance](#) provides evidence of repeated poliovirus detections in sewage samples in the greater New York metropolitan area. The latest wastewater results include an August sample, collected in New York City from Brooklyn (Kings County) and a small, adjacent part of Queens County, tested by CDC, that is genetically linked to the case previously identified in Rockland County.

State Health Commissioner Dr. Mary T. Bassett and City Health Commissioner Dr. Ashwin Vasan said, “These findings put an alarming exclamation point on what we have already observed: unvaccinated people are at a real and unnecessary risk. We have seen more New Yorkers getting vaccinated. But these latest results are a searing reminder that there is no time to waste, especially for young children, who must be brought up to date with vaccinations right away. Paralysis changes life forever. Fortunately, the response is simple: get vaccinated against polio.”

Most adults do not need polio vaccine because they were already vaccinated as children. But for unimmunized and under-immunized children— as well as adults who know they are unvaccinated, particularly those who live or work in Rockland County, Orange County, Sullivan County, and New York City – the message from both agencies remains the same: the poliovirus in New York today is an imminent threat. Now is the time for New Yorkers, parents and guardians, and pediatricians and providers to urgently make sure they, their children, and their patients are up to date with polio immunizations. Wastewater and clinical surveillance are ongoing and will continue.

Polio is a serious, life-threatening disease that affects the nervous system and can cause muscle weakness, paralysis, or death. Polio is very contagious and can be spread by someone even if they aren't sick or experiencing symptoms, which range from mild, flu-like symptoms to paralysis, permanent disability, and death. The inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) is 99 to 100 percent effective at preventing paralysis among people who get all recommended doses. That's why driving immunizations among unvaccinated and under-vaccinated children and communities – especially in counties of concern – remains the backbone of New York's public health response.

STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ANNOUNCEMENTS: POLIO (continued)

The work of health officials at the local, State, and national level are advancing these efforts. From July 21 to October 2, more than 28,260 polio vaccine doses have been administered to children 18 years and younger in Rockland, Orange, Sullivan, and Nassau Counties — a 14 percent increase compared to the same time period in 2021.

New Yorkers can learn more about polio at health.ny.gov/polio or nyc.gov/health/polio.

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STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ANNOUNCEMENTS: Long COVID

September 26th UPDATE: Long COVID FAQ now available in an audio format, listen [here](#).

- **Learn more at our Long COVID website [here](#)**

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Learn more about the COVID-19 vaccine: [COVID-19 Vaccine](#).

New Yorkers who test positive for COVID and think they may be suffering from long COVID can prepare to [Discuss Post-COVID Conditions](#). There is also a [Healthcare Appointment Checklist](#) designed to help patients and caregivers get the most out of appointments with healthcare providers.

Because management of long COVID may require a team approach, a healthcare provider can help you get referrals to other providers who offer focused care. New Yorkers who have, or had, COVID-19 and are not getting better should call their health care provider or visit our [Provider List](#).

If you are struggling with long COVID symptoms or suspect you have long COVID and you do not have a health care provider, don't wait to seek care. Reach out to a health care provider as early as possible. If you do not have a health care provider, use the [NYS Provider & Health Plan Look-Up Tool](#) to find one that works with your health plan.

If you are a New York City resident, you can visit the [NYC Health and Hospitals aftercare page](#) for more resources.

Governor Hochul has also launched new, [online education opportunities](#) to help workers who believe they contracted COVID-19 due to an exposure at work, especially those suffering from ongoing long COVID symptoms. A new series of webinars - offered through the New York State Workers' Compensation Board - will provide information on workers' rights when it comes to filing a workers' compensation claim and the cash and/or medical benefits they may be eligible to receive. For COVID-19-related questions and other information relating to health coverage, visit the [NYS Department of Financial Services' COVID-19 FAQ page here](#).

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NYSDOH ANNOUNCEMENTS: BRFSS Reports (October 2022)

New reports based on 2020 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)

The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) is an annual telephone survey of adults developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention conducted in all 50 States, the District of Columbia, and several US Territories. The New York BRFSS is administered by the New York State Department of Health to provide statewide and regional information on behaviors, risk factors, and use of preventive health services related to the leading causes of chronic and infectious diseases, disability, injury, and death. Data from the BRFSS are useful for planning, initiating, and supporting health promotion and disease prevention programs at the state and federal level, and monitoring progress toward achieving health objectives for the state and nation.

October 19th: The New York State (NYS) Department of Health is pleased to announce the release of a new infographic based on 2020 data from the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS). This infographic is the first in a series of infographics on [Improving the Health of New York State Adults Living with Disability](#). This infographic describes the disparity among adults living with disability by social determinants of health.

According to the report, social determinants of health are conditions in the places where people live, learn, work, and play which affect a wide range of health risks and outcomes. Healthy People 2030 outlines five key areas of determinants as healthcare access and quality, education access and quality, social and community context, economic stability, and neighborhood and built environment. Medical care accounts for only 20% of favorable health outcomes. The other 80% are related to physical (10%), social and economic factors (40%), and healthy behaviors (30%).

In New York State, over 3 million adults, one in four, live with a disability. People living with disability are adversely impacted by a number of social determinants of health compared to their peers without disability. People living with disability are less likely to graduate from high school, less likely to be part of the labor force, and more likely to report an annual income of less than \$15,000 than adults not living with disability. Also, adults living with disability are more likely to miss a healthcare visit due to cost, and to report food insecurity within the last 12 months than their peers not living disability.

This report has been approved for public release. Please feel free to use and share this report and its data with your partners and colleagues involved in improving the health and wellness of persons with a disability.

- **October 12th:** NYSDOH BRFSS report “[Breast Cancer Screening, New York State Adult Females, 2020](#)” presents data on estimated percent of populations with a breast cancer screening history aligning with recommendations of the United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF).
- **September 15th:** NYSDOH BRFSS report “[Diagnosed Diabetes, New York State Adults, 2020](#)” provides updated prevalence estimates of diagnosed diabetes in the state.
- **September 1st:** NYSDOH BRFSS report “[Cannabis Use, New York State Adults, 2020](#)” provides new prevalence estimates of NYS adults who report using marijuana or cannabis in the past 30 days, the mode (or method) and reasons for use.

Additional reports and resources are available on the NYSDOH Public Website:
<https://www.health.ny.gov/statistics/brfss/reports/>

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- **CDC Health Alert Network -- [2022 HAN Messages | Health Alert Network \(HAN\)](#)**

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Resources to Improve Health Equity

- Download the [C2C Roadmap to Better Care](#), which explains what health coverage is and how to use it to get primary care and preventive services. The companion [Roadmap to Behavioral Health](#) outlines mental health and substance use services.
- View [C2C Prevention Resources](#), which outline the services that are available at no cost under most health coverage. Flyers are available for [adults](#), [women](#), [men](#), [teens](#), [children](#), and [infants](#).
- Review the [Enrollment Toolkit](#), which is designed to help community partners, assisters, and other people who help consumers enroll in coverage.
- Review [A Practical Guide to Implementing the National CLAS Standards: For Racial, Ethnic and Linguistic Minorities, People with Disabilities and Sexual and Gender Minorities](#), which is designed to enable organizations to implement the National Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) Standards and improve health equity.
- View the [Guide to Developing a Language Access Plan](#) to help identify ways that providers can assess their programs and develop language access plans to ensure persons with limited English proficiency have meaningful access to their programs.
- Download [Providing Language Services to Diverse Populations: Lessons from the Field](#), which discusses multiple approaches health care organizations use to provide language assistance services to persons with limited English proficiency based on the findings of case studies conducted with a variety of health care organizations.

- Visit the [In-Person Assistance in the Health Insurance Marketplaces](#) webpage to find resources that Navigators can use to help those they serve to understand health coverage and enroll in the proper plan.
- Visit the [Health Literacy in Healthy People 2030](#) webpage to find tools and resources that the agency is using to help achieve its goal of “attaining health literacy” to improve the health and well-being of all.
- Visit the HHS Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion website to read [Health Literacy and Health Equity: Connecting the Dots](#) and learn more about the relationship between health equity and health literacy.

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CDC COVID-19 Partner Alert: Novavax monovalent COVID-19 boosters — On Wednesday, October 19, 2022, CDC’s Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky signed a decision memo and released a [media statement](#) allowing Novavax monovalent COVID-19 boosters for people ages 18 years and older targeting the original COVID-19 strain, following FDA’s granting of [emergency use authorization](#).

Novavax monovalent COVID-19 boosters are available for adults if they have completed primary series vaccination but have not previously received a COVID-19 booster—and if they cannot or will not receive an updated mRNA booster.

CDC recommends that everyone ages 6 months and older be [up to date](#) with COVID-19 vaccination. For those 5 years and older, you are up to date if you have completed a primary series and received the most recent booster dose recommended for you by CDC. Vaccines are highly effective at protecting people from serious illness and remains the best way to protect from severe COVID-19 hospitalization and death.

Clinical research has demonstrated the safety and effectiveness of updated COVID-19 vaccines. As occurs for all vaccines—including COVID-19 vaccines—safety monitoring will continue for them.

Resources

Below is a list of resources and upcoming informational activities related to the recommendations.

- [Interim Clinical Considerations](#)
- [Vaccines.gov](#)
- [CDC COVID-19 booster tool](#)

Web resources for the public:

- [Stay Up to Date with Your COVID-19 Vaccines | CDC](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccines for People who are Moderately or Severely Immunocompromised | CDC](#)
- [Overview of COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions about COVID-19 Vaccination | CDC](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccination for Children and Teens with Disabilities | CDC](#)
- [How Do I Find a COVID-19 Vaccine or Booster?](#)

Web resources for immunization partners:

- [Vaccinate with Confidence](#)
- [Guidance for Vaccinating Older Adults and People with Disabilities: Ensuring Equitable COVID-19 Vaccine Access](#)
- [Vaccinating Older Adults and People with Disabilities at Vaccination Clinics](#)

October 18th: CDC published a [science brief on the detection and transmission of monkeypox](#), summarizing the latest available published research on:

- Affected populations and clinical presentation;
- Detection of virus in various anatomic sites and bodily fluids (including skin lesions, semen, saliva, blood, urine) and on surfaces, as well as the potential for transmission; and
- Symptomatic transmission, and possibility of asymptomatic and pre-symptomatic transmission.

This [science brief](#) summarizes the rapidly evolving science regarding detection of monkeypox virus in various specimen types and the related potential for transmission of the virus. CDC will continue to monitor case data and [available science](#) for new or changing information about transmission.

Safe Specimen Collection

- Train and educate healthcare personnel on safe methods for monkeypox specimen collection.
- Practice methods to [safely collect monkeypox specimens using swabs](#).
- Vigorously swab lesion specimens to maximize the probability of achieving accurate diagnostic results, safely.
- **Do not unroof or aspirate lesions using sharp instruments during monkeypox lesion specimen collection. It is dangerous and not necessary for diagnostic accuracy.**

Healthcare Personnel Exposures

- Know the [signs and symptoms of monkeypox](#).
- Do not report to work if any signs or symptoms develop after exposure.
- Leave work if signs or symptoms develop while at work, and notify supervisor or other appropriate group (e.g., occupational health services) for further evaluation.
- Provide flexible, non-punitive sick leave policies at healthcare facilities to allow healthcare providers to take leave when needed.
- Support healthcare personnel's access to counseling and care in the event of a possible monkeypox exposure.
- Quickly administer PEP for [higher risk exposures](#) (e.g., sharps injury while collecting a specimen or performing phlebotomy).

Infection Prevention and Control

- Establish a process to screen patients for [signs and symptoms of monkeypox](#) at or before arrival so that they can be identified promptly.
- Dedicate adequate resources to support infection prevention practices, including access to all [recommended PPE](#).
- Review infection prevention and control practices including carefully putting on and taking off PPE to ensure healthcare personnel are properly trained and provided the opportunity to ask questions and practice their technique.
- Evaluate [cleaning and disinfection practices](#) to ensure they are being completed effectively. Cleaning and disinfecting rooms and equipment between patients is important to prevent transmission to others.

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Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO)

New Public Health Careers Website | Calling all job seekers and hiring managers! ASTHO has launched a new website dedicated to bringing together public health jobseekers and employers. PublicHealthCareers.org is a one-stop shop for public health professionals—whether you're looking to advance your career in public health or trying to hire the perfect candidate for your health department, the site will support all of your job needs. [Check out the site now](#) to find the best fit for you.

- [Incorporating Health in All Policies: Tips for Grantmakers | ASTHO](#)
- [Strengthening Risk-Appropriate Care in American Indian and Alaska Native Communities | ASTHO](#)
- [ASTHO Learning: Integrating Healthy Aging into Public Health](#)

Communications Resource Hub | ASTHO is partnering with the Harvard Opinion Research Program at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, National Public Health Information Coalition, and CDC to strengthen communication during public health emergencies. [This online repository](#) provides a collection of resources, products, and events from the project to support state and local public health agencies as they enhance communication efforts.

ICYMI: A Pandemic Success Story: Distribution and Administration of COVID-19 Vaccines | [Read more here.](#)

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REPORT: Blueprint for Changemakers: Achieving Health Equity Through Law and Policy

Changing existing laws and policies is an effective method for undoing the harms of discriminatory policies and advancing health equity across America. Unfair and unjust policies can impede people from gaining access to good jobs and schools, healthy food, safe neighborhoods, quality health care, and affordable housing.

This new resource, *Blueprint for Changemakers: Achieving Health Equity Through Law & Policy* by ChangeLab Solutions, presents legal strategies and best practices to help policymakers, practitioners, and communities improve health outcomes.

The *Blueprint* outlines ways to leverage the unique power and efficacy of local policy solutions, incorporate health in all policies, and engage diverse community members in the policy process. At its core, the *Blueprint* focuses on comprehensive strategies to address the five fundamental drivers of health inequity:

- Structural discrimination
- Income inequality and poverty
- Disparities in opportunity
- Disparities in political power
- Governance that limits meaningful participation

ChangeLab Solutions developed *A Blueprint for Changemakers* in partnership with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and a national committee of advisors.

Access the full report [here](#).

The Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB)

PHAB is forming the first cohort of the [Pathways Recognition program](#). Pathways is a program for local, Tribal, and territorial health departments to support performance efforts, strengthen infrastructure, promote public health system transformation, and facilitate accreditation readiness. Apply by December 15, 2022 to join the first cohort of health departments and start on the path to performance improvement and PHAB accreditation. **Interested in Pathways? [Visit PHAB's website](#)**

Process Improvement Webinar

Need help onboarding new team members? Continual Impact is hosting a webinar Nov. 17th focused on process improvements for onboarding. [Learn more>](#)

PHAB recently released two new resources:

- [Acronyms and Glossary of Terms](#)
- [Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Antiracism Glossary](#)
- Be sure to check out the [PHAB Resources webpage](#) and the [PHAB Learning Center](#) for more resources.

Stories from Collaborations in the Field

PHNCI at PHAB's Cross-sector Innovation Initiative (CSII) has ended, and we are proud to share stories from each of grantee in a [new digital coffee table book](#). A special congratulations to the accredited health departments that participated in CSII: Hennepin County Public Health Department, Minneapolis Health Department, and Spokane Regional Health District.

PHAB Research & Data Insights

Interested in the work our Research and Evaluation staff have completed recently? Take a look at recent reports from PHAB:

- [Analysis of PHAB Annual Report](#)
- [Accreditation and Preparedness](#)

Public Health Transformation; What is it?

PHNCI has recently released the new definition of [public health transformation](#).

PHAB at APHA Nov. 6-9, 2022

For those attending the American Public Health Association meeting, November 6 – 9, stop by PHAB Booth #241. Check out our two sessions at the Industry Expert Theater:

- **Staffing Up: Strengthening the Public Health Workforce** | Tuesday, November 8 at 11:20am
- **PHAB Accreditation and Pathways Recognition: Transforming Governmental Public Health** | Tuesday, November 8 at 11:40am

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TRUST FOR AMERICA'S HEALTH:

[Delivering Clean Air: Health Benefits of Zero-Emission Trucks and Electricity](#)

A new report from the **American Lung Association** illustrates the potential health benefits if all new medium- and heavy-duty vehicles sold are zero-emission by 2040. This new research builds on the Lung Association's [Zeroing In on Healthy Air](#) research and focuses specifically on trucking corridors with 8,500 or more trucks trips per day. It also projects that the nation's electric grid will be powered by clean, non-combustion renewable energy replacing fossil fuels by 2035.

[Healthy School Meals for All](#)

The **Community Preventive Services Task Force (CPSTF)** recommends to increase participation in the U.S. National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program and reduce school absenteeism. Participation in these programs is associated with reduced food insecurity, improved nutritional quality of students' diets, and improved academic outcomes.

[Suicide Prevention in Indigenous Communities: Proceedings of a Workshop](#)

The [Forum on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders](#) and the [Forum for Children's Well-Being](#) at the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine recently released this resource which highlights a three-part virtual public workshop held on April 26, 2022, May 13, 2022, and June 10, 2022, that examined suicide risk and protective factors in Indigenous populations, discussed culturally appropriate and effective suicide prevention policies and programs explored existing data systems and how data can be used for tracking suicide rates, and considered opportunities for action.

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National Network of Public Health Institutes (NNPHI)

REPORT: GLIDEPATH to the FUTURE of PUBLIC HEALTH (GLIDEPATH FPH)

This report provides a tactical and strategic frameworks for modernizing public health structures, systems, and practices. GLIDEPATH FPH is designed for health department leaders actively building the future of public health practice in their respective jurisdictions and for nonprofit partners engaged in building capacity to protect and improve public health. **Access the full report [here](#).**

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AmeriCorps – Public Health

In partnership with CDC, AmeriCorps recently [announced](#) the next round of funding for the [Public Health AmeriCorps](#) program. Public Health AmeriCorps is a groundbreaking initiative funded by the American Rescue Plan Act. Organizations interested in hosting one or more Public Health AmeriCorps members may apply for the [2023 Public Health AmeriCorps Grant](#) through January 4, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. (ET). Successful applicants will be notified in April 2023. Public Health AmeriCorps members will provide support to recipient organizations and become a valuable part of our nation's public health workforce. Eligible organizations include nonprofit, faith-based, tribal and community-based organizations; higher-education institutions; state, local and territorial government entities, including local public health departments.

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Community Commons

- **NEW!** [Policy Series: Green Jobs Contribute to a Well-Being Economy - Community Commons](#)
- **NEW!** [Policy Series: Ensuring the Right to Unionize for Well-Being - Community Commons](#)
- **NEW!** [Policy Series: Creating Jobs by Increasing Building Efficiency - Community Commons](#)
- **NEW!** [Parents and Families - Community Commons](#)
- **NEW!** [The Climate Change and Health Playbook: Adaptation Planning for Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion - Community Commons](#)
- **NEW!** [Native Language Immersion Initiative - Community Commons](#)
- **NEW!** [LGBTQ+ People and Identity-Based Stress - Community Commons](#)
- **NEW!** [Do No Harm Guide: Additional Perspectives on Data Equity - Community Commons](#)
- **NEW!** [Two Years and Thousands of Voices: What Community-Generated Data Tells Us About Anti-AAPI Hate - Community Commons](#)
- **ICYMI:** [BIPOC Health Equity Library - Community Commons](#)

Public Health Institute

Study: Harmful Toxins from Algal Bloom are Contaminating Drinking Water

Harmful algal blooms (HABs) caused by cyanobacteria are on the rise in lakes, rivers, and reservoirs—posing a health threat to humans, domestic animals and wildlife. A new study from PHI's Gina Solomon, Tracking California and partners reveals that microcystin, a toxin produced by cyanobacteria, contaminated private drinking water that many community members rely on in Clear Lake, California. "Tribes have always relied on Clear Lake for some basic needs—members use the lake for important cultural activities, it's a source of food and income, and the wildlife depend on it as well," said Sarah Ryan, Director of the Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians' Environmental Protection Department and a co-author of the study. "Our ecosystem is altered because of climate change."

[See the Study](#)

Study: Community Engagement in Biomedical & Health Sciences Research

A new study from PHI's Population Health Innovation Lab dives into the motivations, facilitators and barriers that biomedical and health sciences researchers and funders face when conducting community engaged research. The report includes recommendations for how researchers and funders can operationalize community engagement, such as build cultural competency and utilize cultural intelligence strategies.

[See the study →](#)

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National Academies of Sciences Engineering and Medicine (NASEM)

NEW! PUBLICATION: [Exploring Psychedelics and Entactogens as Treatments for Psychiatric Disorders: Proceedings of a Workshop](#) - Psychiatric illnesses—such as major depressive disorder, anxiety disorder, substance use disorder, and posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD)—are widely prevalent and represent a substantial health burden worldwide. Yet, conventional medications for mental illnesses often fail to provide relief to patients of disruptive and disabling symptoms. Existing and emerging evidence that psychedelics (e.g., LSD and psilocybin) and entactogens (e.g., MDMA) may be useful as tools to alleviate mental illness has sparked a renaissance of interest by investigators, clinicians, drug developers, and patient advocates in recent years. While promising data on therapeutic efficacy has energized research and development, resolving the mechanisms of action will be important for optimizing the efficacy and safety of these medicines. Further, evaluating the effect of psychedelics and entactogens on mood and behavior comes with unique challenges still in need of resolution. These include unresolved questions relating to blinding, placebo and nocebo effects, and the impact of psychosocial contexts.

In response to this renewed interest, the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine's [Forum on Neuroscience and Nervous System Disorders](#) convened a workshop on March 29–30, 2022. The workshop brought together a diverse group of stakeholders to explore the use of psychedelics and entactogens as treatments for psychiatric disorders. This Proceedings of a Workshop summarizes the presentations and discussions of the workshop.

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AMERICAN JOURNAL OF PUBLIC HEALTH, the official journal of the American Public Health Association (APHA) - The [November issue](#) of *AJPH* features select articles that cover the common challenges faced by those impacted by Monkeypox, COVID-19 and HIV/AIDS.

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PODCASTS:

- **NEW!** [Conversations with CEI](#) Podcasts – Latest Episode: [Universal Hepatitis C Screening among Pregnant Persons: The Time is Now](#)
- **NEW!** **Strengthening Public Health’s Capacity to Improve Maternal Health** | ASTHO’s Ellen Pliska recently joined Maternal Health Learning and Innovation Center’s podcast, *Maternal Health Innovation*, for a discussion on strengthening public health’s capacity to improve maternal health. You can [listen to the episode here](#).
- **County Health Rankings & Roadmaps: In Solidarity: Connecting Power, Place and Health.** Three-part series, [Undervalued and Underpaid: The Gender Pay Gap’s Connection to Our Health](#).
 - **NEW!** [LISTEN TO EPISODE THREE NOW](#)
 - Catch up on [Episode one](#) and [episode two](#) of the gender pay gap series.
 - Check out the new [data spotlight](#), complete with an interactive map that lets you discover how wide the gap is in your community. Read a [blog](#) highlighting the changes Kansas City, Missouri, is making to improve pay equity.
- **NEW!** APHA Podcast: "[Monkeypox Pandemic: How can we ensure an equitable response?](#)" (Watch as a [video](#))
- **NEW!** BiPartisan Policy Center:
 - [Episode 131: This Week in Immigration](#) and [Episode 130: This Week in Immigration](#)
- **Public Health Institute (PHI) Podcasts:**
 - [Emerging Trends in Addiction Medicine](#)
 - [PHI/CDC Global Health Podcast](#)
 - [PHI’s People.Power.Perspectives CA4Health Podcast](#)
- **NEW Episodes!** THIS WEEK ON [PUBLIC HEALTH REVIEW MORNING EDITION](#)
 - [293: Delaware Youth Go Positive in New Campaign](#) | Katie Capelli, Delaware Division of Public Health
 - [292: Massachusetts Wins Genomics Center Work](#) | Margret Cooke, Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Public Health
 - [291: Vermont’s New “Facing Suicide” Campaign](#) | Dr. Mark Levine, Commissioner of the Vermont Department of Health
 - [290: Healthy Aging Policy Trends](#) | Claire Pendergrast, ASTHO Senior Analyst for Health Improvement and Healthy Aging
 - [289: Monkeypox Communication Strategies](#) | Dr. Carlton Thomas, a gastroenterologist in San Diego
 - [288: ACIP Immunization Decisions Explained](#) | Dr. Marcus Plescia, ASTHO’s Chief Medical Officer,
 - [287: New Disability Preparedness Toolkit](#) | Dawn Skaggs, World Institute on Disability
 - [286: Creative Vaccine Strategies](#) | Margaret Jaco Manecke, National Council for Mental Wellbeing
 - [285: COVID-19 Spending Oversight](#) | Jeffrey Ekoma, ASTHO
 - [284: Public Health Careers Website Launches](#) | Joanne Pearsol, ASTHO
- **PUBLIC HEALTH REVIEW PODCAST**
 - [Helping the Helpers Address Youth Mental Health](#)
 - [Improving Health Equity with Data](#)

New and Upcoming Live Events: *Some items are marked with **NEW!**, generally indicating that the promotion is new to this edition of the eDistance Learning Newsletter.

November 2022

NEW! Advancing Equity through Quality Improvement

Sponsored by MPHI, Center for Healthy Communities

November 1, 3, 10, 15, and 17 From Noon – 3:00 PM EDT

Concept-to-Practice Follow-up January 10, 2023, 12:30 – 2:00PM

Virtual Zoom Sessions

Opportunities for 15.5 hours of CE credit available for CHES, CHW, CPH, Nursing, and MI Social Work

Cost is \$610 per person

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Log-In 2 Learn: Question, Persuade, and Refer: Gatekeeper Training for Suicide Prevention

Sponsored by Region 2 PHTC

Tuesday, November 1, 2022, 12-1pm

[Register Here](#)

Does your patient complain of fatigue, breathlessness, leg swelling and neuropathy? Is it long-COVID, Lyme disease, chronic fatigue? Could this be AL Amyloidosis?

Sponsored by Clinical Directors Network, Inc. (CDN)

Tuesday, November 1, 2022, 12-1:30pm

[Register Here](#)

“Why Do They Do That?” webinar featuring Teepa Snow

Sponsored by Alzheimer's Foundation of America

Tuesday, November 1, 2022, 12-1pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Long-term Solutions to Improve U.S. Drinking Water Services

Sponsored by National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine

Tuesday, November 1, 2022, 12-5pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Women's Economic Impact Briefing

Sponsored by The White House Gender Policy Council

Tuesday, November 1, 2022, 12:30-1:30pm

[Register Here](#)

Protect and Preserve: Priorities of Antimicrobial Stewardship

Sponsored by the Alabama Regional Center for Infection Prevention and Control Training and Technical Assistance

Tuesday, November 1, 2022, 1-2pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Tackling Neighborhood Poverty to Improve Children’s Health: How Doctors Can Drive Community Investments

Sponsored by PHI's Build Healthy Places Network

Tuesday, November 1, 2022, 3-4:30pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Partnering for Vaccine Equity

Sponsored by Urban Institute

Tuesday, November 1, 2022, 3-4pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Food Insecurity and Health: Strategies to Address Community Needs

Sponsored by NIHCM Foundation

Tuesday, November 1, 2022, 3-4pm

[Register Here](#)

Adolescent Medicine Symposium: Hot Topics in Adolescent Health

Sponsored by the CEI Sexual Health Center of Excellence and the University of Rochester Division of Adolescent Medicine

November 1 – 3, 2022, 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM Daily on Zoom

[Register Here](#)

Public Health Live! Diabetes Education and Support: Keys to Living Well

Sponsored by University at Albany, School of Public Health, Center for Public Health Continuing Education

Wednesday, November 2, 2022, 9:00 - 10:00 am

[Register Here](#)

NEW! November 2022 Preventive Medicine Grand Rounds: Data Practice Through the Lens of American Indian/Alaska Native Communities

Sponsored by Centers for Disease Control & Prevention

Wednesday, November 2, 2022, 1:30-3pm

Remote participation only through [Zoom](#)

Passcode: PMGR_1102 (if asked)

NEW! Ask Me Anything – Academic Health Department Partnerships

Sponsored by Academic Health Department (AHD)

Wednesday, November 2, 2022, 2-3pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! The Environmental Justice Index: A National Tool to Measure the Cumulative Impacts of Environmental Burden on Health

Sponsored by The DHHS Office of Environmental Justice (OEJ), in conjunction with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)'s Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (CDC/ATSDR)

Register to attend for either [November 2nd](#), [November 9th](#), or [December 7th](#).

Exploring Sleep Disturbance in Central Nervous System Disorders

Sponsored by National Academy of Sciences

November 2-3, 2022

[Register Here](#)

NEW! The National Conference on Child Health and Well-Being

Sponsored by Action for Healthy Kids

November 2-4, 2022

[Register Here](#)

Persuasive Communication: Influencing Patients, Partners and the Public

Sponsored by Region IV Public Health Training Center

November 3, 2022, 9:15am-12:30pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Build it green to stay green: Reversing today's blackstart decline; enabling tomorrow's greengrid blackstart

Sponsored by EIS Council

November 3, 2022, 11am-12pm

[Register Here](#)

Creating Pockets of Excellence: Improving Sepsis Programs Through Multi-Disciplinary Collaboration and Physician Champions (1.20 RN CE Contact Hours)

Sponsored by Sepsis Alliance Institute

November 3, 2022, 2-3pm

[Register Here](#)

REIA ECHO Series Utilizing Racial Equity Impact Assessments for Performance Improvement Session 6 of 6: Equitable Evaluation: Measuring and Sustaining Equity

Sponsored by The Institute for Public Health Innovation

November 3, 2022, 2:30 – 4:30 PM

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Sharing and Exchanging Ideas and Experiences on Community-engaged Approaches to Oral Health

Sponsored by The Global Forum on Innovation in Health Professional Education

November 3, 2022

[Register Here](#)

APHA Annual Meeting & Expo

Sponsored by American Public Health Association

November 6-9, 2022

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Health During and After Incarceration

Sponsored by NIHCM Foundation

November 7, 2022, 2-3pm

[Register Here](#)

Infection Prevention and Control: Incorporating Lessons Learned in Managing Special Pathogens

Sponsored by The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response's Technical Resources, Assistance Center, and Information Exchange ([ASPR TRACIE](#)) and the National Emerging Special Pathogens Training and Education Center ([NETEC](#))

November 7, 2022, 2-3:15pm

[Register Here](#)

Basic Motivational Interviewing Online Course

Sponsored by Rocky Mountain Public Health Training Center

November 7, 14, 29, and December 5, 2022, 12:00 – 1:00 pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! A Conversation with FDA's Center For Tobacco Products Director Dr. Brian King And Truth Initiative CEO And President Robin Koval

Sponsored by Truth Initiative

Tuesday, November 8, 2022, 12:30 - 1:30pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Building Trust Between Communities of Color and Health Care Organizations: Lessons from New York

Sponsored by Center for Health Care Strategies

Wednesday, November 9, 2022, 12-1pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Exploring Multisectoral Collaboration: New Rural Health Care Models of Investment

Sponsored by American Hospital Association and PHI's Build Healthy Places Network

Wednesday, November 9, 2022, 1-2pm EDT

[Register Here](#) →

[Read A Playbook for New Rural Healthcare Partnership Models of Investment](#) →

OMH Statewide Virtual Town Hall Featuring Commissioner Ann Sullivan, M.D.

Sponsored by The Office of Mental Health, The Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities Prevention

Wednesday, November 9, 2022, 2- 4 p.m.

[Register Here](#)

NEW! The Second Annual Age-Friendly Ecosystem Summit

Sponsored by the George Washington University's (GWU) Center for Aging, Health and Humanities

Wednesday, November 9, 2022, 9am-5pm

[Register Here](#)

Data Analytics for Public Health

Sponsored by Region IV Public Health Training Center

November 10, 2022, 8:45am-12pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! A New Approach to Evaluate Outcomes of Complex Care Randomized Controlled Trials: The Distillation Method

Sponsored by Center for Health Care Strategies

November 10, 12:00 – 1:00 pm

[Register Here](#)

My City My Health Conference

Sponsored by The Healthy Project

Friday, November 11, 2022, 10am-4pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Transforming Data into Policy Actions for Health Equity & Racial Justice

Sponsored by PHI's Center for Wellness and Nutrition and Public Health Alliance of Southern California

Third and fourth webinars in a [four-part series](#) on data and equity.

Session 3: Monday, November 14: Decolonizing Data Practices through Indigenous Evaluation Approaches

Session 4: Monday, December 12: Data and Health Equity: Using Open-Source Data and Mapping to Understand Rural Community and Special Population Needs

Addressing Resistance in the Development of Cancer Immune Modulator Therapeutics

Sponsored by National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine

November 14 & 15, 2022

[Register Here](#)

Training the Regenerative Medicine Workforce for the Future

Sponsored by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine's Forum on Regenerative Medicine

Tuesday, November 15, 2022, 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Then & Now: The Opportunities & Challenges of Healthy Aging in New York City

Sponsored by The New York Academy of Medicine (NYAM)

Tuesday, November 15, 2022, 5-6 PM

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Addressing the Needs of an Aging Population through Health Professions Education and Implementation Science

Sponsored by The Global Forum on Innovation in Health Professional Education

Tuesday, November 15, 2022

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Safe Routes to School Summit 2022

Sponsored by Safe Routes to School

November 15 - 17th

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Indoor Air Management of Airborne Pathogens: Public Transportation

Sponsored by National Academy of Sciences

Wednesday, November 16, 2022, 12-3pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! HIV Screening and Diagnosis in New York State: *This Month in HIV*

Sponsored by New York State Clinical Education Initiative (CEI)

Wednesday, November 16, 2022, 12:00 - 1:00 PM

CME Available!

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Better Care Playbook webinar: The Paramedic Will See You Now: Expanding Access to Community-Based Care for People with Complex Needs

Sponsored by Better Care Playbook and the Seven Foundation Collaborative

Wednesday, November 16, 2022, 3:00 – 4:00 pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! How Nutrition and Health Change Over a Person's Life Course

Sponsored by National Academy of Sciences, Standing Committee on Evidence Synthesis and Communications in Diet and Chronic Disease Relationships

Wednesday, November 16, 2022, 12-3pm

[Register Here](#)

175th Anniversary Discourse and Celebration of NYAM Fellows & Members

Sponsored by New York Academy of Medicine

Wednesday, November 16, 2022, 5:30PM-7:30PM

[Register Here](#)

Strengths-based Leadership: Creating Workplaces that Work

Sponsored by Region IV Public Health Training Center

November 17, 2022, 8:45am-12pm

[Register Here](#)

The Social Determinants of Health Policy Forum

Sponsored by RISE and Aligning for Health

November 28th - 30th

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Hepatitis C and Injection Drug Use

Sponsored by CEI/HepCure

Tuesday, November 29, 2022, 4:30 - 5:30 PM EST

CME and CNE Available!

[Register Here](#)

December 2022

The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) Commissioner's Special Recognition Awards

Sponsored by The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH)

Thursday, December 1, 2022, 2:00 pm.

worldaidsday@health.ny.gov.

National Overdose Prevention Leadership Summit

Sponsored by Public Health Institute

Tuesday, December 6th - Wednesday, December 7th

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Applying Lessons Learned from COVID-19 Research and Development to Future Epidemics

Sponsored by The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine's Forum on Microbial Threats; Forum on Drug Discovery, Development, and Translation; and the Forum on Medical and Public Health Preparedness for Disasters and Emergencies

December 7-8, 2022

[Register Here](#)

New OnDemand Content Available on the NYLearnsPH.com LMS

Helping Children, Youth, and Families Cope After Mass Violence

Sponsored by NYS Office of Mental Health

Recorded June 9, 2022

Enroll in LMS Course: [OMH-20220609](#)

Addressing Community Grief and Trauma in the Wake of the Buffalo Tragedy

Sponsored by NYS Office of Mental Health

Recorded May 18, 2022

Enroll in LMS Course: [OMH-20220518](#)

Addressing Community Grief and Trauma Caused by Racism and Violence

Sponsored by NYS Office of Mental Health

Recorded May 25, 2022

Enroll in LMS Course: [OMH-20220525](#)

Log-in2Learn: Monkeypox: Epidemiology, Clinical Features, Challenges and Opportunities

Sponsored by Region 2 PHTC

Recorded October 4, 2022

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Log-in2Learn: Adaptation to Stress: Five Practices to Cultivate Resilience and Work-Life Wellbeing

Sponsored by Region 2 Public Health Training Center

Recorded September 13th, 2022

Enroll in LMS Course: [Reg2PHTC-L2L202209](#)

Healing Trauma for Better Health

Sponsored by County Health Rankings & Roadmaps

Recorded Aug 16, 2022

Enroll in LMS Course: [CHRR-20220816](#)

Region 2 PHTC Log in 2 Learn: Gun Laws, Mental Illness and Stigma

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Recorded Aug 1, 2022

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Additional Training of Interest

NEW! Health Workforce Shortages in the Wake of the Pandemic

Sponsored by UCTV

Recorded October 17, 2022

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NEW! Genetics 101 and Developmental Disabilities

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NEW! ONA Webinar: Celebrating LGBTQ+ History Month & Services for LGBTQ+ Immigrants

Sponsored by New York State Office for New Americans

Recorded October 25, 2022

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NEW! Undervalued and Underpaid: The gender pay gap's connection to our health

Sponsored by County Health Rankings & Roadmaps

Ep. 1: **Connecting the Gender Pay Gap to Everyone's Health** - Recorded Oct 12, 2022 - [View Here](#)

Ep 2: **Solving the Gender Pay Gap** - Recorded Oct 19, 2022 - [View Here](#)

Ep 3: **The Myth of the Gender Pay Gap Myth** - Recorded Oct 26, 2022 - [View Here](#)

NEW! Cost-Effectiveness Calculators for SUD: A Pilot of Peer Recovery Support Services and Bystander Naloxone Distribution

Sponsored by Michael & Susan Dell Center for Healthy Living University of Texas and Recovery Research Institute

Recorded October 26, 2022

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NEW! Fostering Partnerships to Address Racism and Disparities in Cancer Care

Sponsored by Center for Health Care Strategies (CHCS)

Recorded October 25, 2022

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CDC COCA Call: Melioidosis in the United States: What Clinicians Need to Know Following Newly Discovered Endemicity

Sponsored by Centers for Disease Control & Prevention

Recorded October 13, 2022

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NEW! NETEC SITUATION REPORT: International Efforts to Control the Ebola Outbreak

Sponsored by National Emerging Special Pathogens Training & Education Center (NETEC)

Recorded October 13, 2022

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CDC COCA Call: Update on 2022 Ebola Outbreak in Uganda

Sponsored by Centers for Disease Control & Prevention

Recorded October 12, 2022

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COPEWELL Town Hall

Sponsored by the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security, the Texas State University Center of Excellence for Community Health and Economic Resilience Research (CHERR), and the Texas Rural Health Alliance

Recorded October 11 & 13, 2022

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Polio: Provider Education

Sponsored by NYSDOH

Recorded: October 25th, 2022

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Post-Pandemic Recovery: From What, For Whom, and How?

Sponsored by Johns Hopkins University

Recorded October 5 & 6, 2022

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The Mystery and Epidemiology of Long COVID

Sponsored by The University of Alabama at Birmingham

Recorded September 29, 2022

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Practical Law for Public Health Officials

Sponsored by Northwest Center for Public Health Practice

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NEW! Introduction to Public Health Practice training plan

Sponsored by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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NEW! Leaving No One Behind: How Can the Federal Government Help Meet the Unique Health Needs of Rural Communities in Pandemics.

Sponsored by Capitol Hill Steering Committee on Pandemic Preparedness & Health Security

Recorded September 29, 2022

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NEW! Infectious Disease Transmission Models for Decision Makers

Sponsored by Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health Course on Infectious Disease Modeling, & Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Center for Forecasting and Outbreak Analytics

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NEW! Together at The Table: Bringing Diverse Groups Together in Partnership for Public Health

Sponsored by National Network of Public Health Institutes

Recorded September 23, 2022

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NEW! Maternal Mortality and New Risks to Women's Reproductive Health, Part of "Stopping the Other Pandemic: Systemic Racism and Health"

Sponsored by NIHCM

Recorded September 20, 2022

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NEW! New Healthy Aging Learning Module

Sponsored by ASTHO

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NEW! Addressing Monkeypox in the Bay Area & Beyond

Sponsored by Public Health Institute

Recorded September 14, 2022

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NEW! Food and Nutrition Security

Sponsored by UCTV

Recorded September 3, 2022

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Child Care Cost Burden

Sponsored by County Health Rankings & Roadmaps

Recorded Sept. 2022

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Around the Table: Civic Health

Sponsored by NYAM

Recorded August 30, 2022

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NEW! Quality Improvement Learning Series

Sponsored by Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO)

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[The CDC National Environmental Public Health Tracking Network](#) (Tracking Network) brings together health data and environmental data from national, state, and city sources and provides supporting information to make the data easier to understand.

Center for the Study of Traumatic Stress – Uniformed Services University

[Grief Leadership: Leadership in the Wake of Tragedy](#)

[Leadership Communication: Anticipating and Responding to Stressful Events](#)

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Upcoming and Recent CDC COCA (Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity) Calls:
<https://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/index.asp>

Free continuing education (CME, CNE, ACPE, CEU, CECH, and AAVSB/RACE) are available for most calls.

For more information about free CE, visit <https://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/continuingeducation.asp>

NEW! [Update on Monkeypox in Children, Adolescents, and People Who are Pregnant or Breastfeeding](#)

Date: Thursday, October 27, 2022

NEW! [Melioidosis in the United States: What Clinicians Need to Know Following Newly Discovered Endemicity](#)

Date: Thursday, October 13, 2022

NEW! [Update on 2022 Ebola Outbreak in Uganda](#)

Date: Wednesday, October 12, 2022

NEW! [Situational Update for Clinicians about Severe Monkeypox Virus Infections](#)

Date: Thursday, October 6, 2022

Title: [What Clinicians Need to Know about Dengue in the United States](#)

Date: Thursday, September 29, 2022

Title: [Evaluating and Supporting Patients Presenting with Cardiovascular Symptoms Following COVID](#)

Date: Tuesday, September 20, 2022

Title: [2022–2023 Recommendations for Influenza Prevention and Treatment in Children: An Update for Pediatric Providers](#)

Date: Thursday, September 15, 2022

Title: [Recommendations for Bivalent COVID-19 Booster Doses in People Ages 12 Years and Older](#)

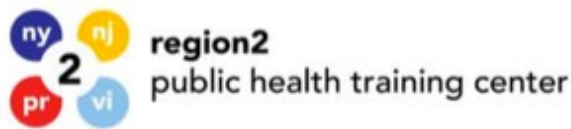
Date: Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Title: [2022-2023 Influenza Vaccination Recommendations and Guidance on Coadministration with COVID-19 Vaccines](#)

Date: Thursday, September 8, 2022

Title: [Polio in New York: How to Recognize and Report Polio, and Reinforce Routine Childhood Polio Vaccination](#)

Date: Thursday, September 1, 2022



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4. **NEW!** [Reg2PHTC-Enactment](#) Policy Enactment and Implementation in the Policy Process and How Systems Thinking Fits In
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