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Welcome to the **December 2022** New York State Department of Health's e-Distance Learning Newsletter. **In this issue**, you will find virtual and in-person upcoming events, resources & opportunities, including on demand and self-directed content available through the NYSDOH's [NYlearnsPH.com](https://www.NYlearnsPH.com) Learning Management System (LMS). Check back each issue to find previously live content available on demand at www.NYlearnsPH.com. **Questions?** Email: edlearn@health.ny.gov.

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- COVID-19 Resources Webpage: <http://coronavirus.health.ny.gov>
- Monkeypox Resources Webpage: health.ny.gov/monkeypox
- Polio and immunization Webpage: health.ny.gov/polio

Feeling stressed by the COVID-19 epidemic? You are not alone. Call the NYS Emotional Support Helpline 7 days a week, 8am-10pm at 1-844-863-9314.

NYS Office of Mental Health:

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

GOVERNOR HOCHUL ANNOUNCES: COVID-19

December 1st: 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

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

"I remind all New Yorkers to remain vigilant and continue 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 is also [urging](#) New Yorkers to take common prevention measures - like staying up to date on vaccines and practicing proper hygiene - to protect from Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV), flu and COVID-19 and reduce the patient burden on local hospitals. Influenza is spreading quickly, with the number of [laboratory-confirmed cases statewide](#) and hospitalizations having spiked recently.

Governor Hochul previously launched a [public awareness campaign](#) featuring New York State Health Commissioner Dr. Mary T. Bassett speaking directly to New Yorkers about three viruses - RSV, flu and COVID-19 - now circulating in the state with similar symptoms and the potential to cause serious illness. Produced by the New York State Department of Health, the videos include a [short clip](#) and a [longer version](#) geared toward parents; and a version aimed specifically at [health care providers](#).

Governor Hochul continues to remind New Yorkers that children ages 5 and older may now receive the [bivalent booster shots](#) that are recommended to increase protection against COVID-19.

The Governor also urges 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](#); text their ZIP code to 438829, or call 1-800-232-0233 to find nearby locations.

In addition, Governor Hochul encourages New Yorkers to get their annual flu vaccine as [flu season is widespread](#) across New York State. The flu virus and the virus that causes COVID-19 are both 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 is continuing 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. Advertisements in both English and Spanish language began running last month.

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

The [COVID-19 Vaccine Tracker Dashboard](#) is available to update New Yorkers on the distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine.

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GOVERNOR HOCHUL ANNOUNCES: Reduce Respiratory Illness Risk

November 21st: GOVERNOR HOCHUL URGES NEW YORKERS TO TAKE STEPS TO REDUCE RISK OF RESPIRATORY ILLNESSES THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Encourages Proven Prevention Measures to Prevent Severe Illness, Including Vaccinations and Good Respiratory Hygiene

Respiratory Virus Cases, Including RSV and Flu, Have Increased at a Rapid Pace; COVID-19 Continues to be a Significant Threat

Governor Kathy Hochul today urged New Yorkers to take precautions this holiday season to protect young children, older individuals and those with underlying health conditions from respiratory viruses like RSV, influenza and COVID-19 as infections continue to rise nationwide. With statewide travel and indoor gatherings prevalent around the Thanksgiving holiday, Governor Hochul asked New Yorkers to take common prevention measures - like staying up to date on vaccines and practicing proper hygiene - to protect from these viruses and reduce the patient burden on local hospitals.

"As many New Yorkers look forward to gathering with friends and family during the Thanksgiving holiday, we should also embrace the commonsense measures we know to be effective at reducing the spread of respiratory illnesses," **Governor Hochul said**. "Be sure to stay up to date on vaccines - including flu shots and COVID-19 boosters. And if you do fall ill or develop symptoms, stay home and first seek treatment from your primary care provider."

RSV, influenza and COVID-19 can be especially dangerous for very young children, New Yorkers 65 and older and those with underlying health conditions. As a result of this threat, the state Department of Health issued a [Health Advisory Notice](#) this fall to alert hospitals, local health departments, laboratories, emergency rooms, and other health care providers to remain vigilant against rising respiratory illnesses.

Department of Health Commissioner Dr. Mary T. Bassett said, "While the simplest thing to do is regularly wash your hands and practice good respiratory hygiene, like covering your cough, one of the key things we learned in our battle against COVID-19 is that wearing a well-fitting mask can also dramatically reduce the spread of other respiratory viruses, including flu and RSV. This holiday season, we can protect our children and elderly, keep our family out of the hospitals and reduce the pressure on our local healthcare system by taking many of the same protective measures that became commonplace from the outset of the pandemic more than two years ago, including masking in public indoor spaces."

The Department of Health's statewide surveillance of influenza found activity levels were geographically widespread for six consecutive weeks. The number of laboratory-confirmed flu cases reported to the agency has nearly tripled over the past three weeks, while hospitalizations have more than doubled.

The agency's [weekly flu tracker](#) displays the number of cases and hospitalizations cases across the state. This site is updated throughout flu season, which is typically October through May of the following calendar year.

Nationally, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that between 1.6 million and 3.7 million people were sick with the flu in October; with between 760,000 and 1.8 million seeking a healthcare provider; and between 13,000 and 28,000 being hospitalized. Between 730 and 2,100 people died from the flu or flu-related causes last month, the federal agency estimates.

GOVERNOR HOCHUL ANNOUNCES: Reduce Respiratory Illness Risk (continued)

Simultaneously, RSV cases continue to emerge with more frequency than recent years and can strain pediatric hospital capacity. A common respiratory virus, RSV can be especially harmful to older adults and very young children - particularly those under one year of age or born preterm.

To increase public awareness of RSV and to provide information for parents, guardians, and pediatricians, the Department of Health produced three videos to be shared on social media: A [short clip](#) and a [longer version](#) geared toward parents; and a version aimed specifically at [health care providers](#). The videos encourage New Yorkers to recognize the best measures for preventing the spread of RSV spread, managing symptoms and care, and how to protect loved ones at the greatest risk of getting very ill.

Meanwhile, COVID-19 continues to pose a significant threat, particularly for unvaccinated or under-vaccinated New Yorkers. COVID-19 is one of the leading causes of death in the United States; all New Yorkers 6 months of age and older should stay up to date with their shots, particularly those who are older or immuno-compromised, as well as everyone 5 years and older who are eligible for the updated, bivalent booster dose.

This fall, New York State prepared for a potential increase in COVID-19 infections, which spiked during the fall and winter months for two consecutive years. Case levels remain at moderate levels as of now - between about 5 and 25 per 100,000 people in every region and hospital admissions due to COVID-19 have been similarly steady and are between approximately 0.6 and 2.3 per 100,000 in every region.

On November 16, 2,686 New Yorkers who tested positive for COVID-19 were hospitalized. The Department of Health also continues to conduct wastewater surveillance to check transmission levels in communities, enabling the agency to detect prospective surges statewide.

New Yorkers who test positive for COVID-19, but don't have a health care provider, can call a new hotline or submit an online form to be evaluated for treatment. All New Yorkers are eligible regardless of income or health insurance coverage. Outside of New York City: Call 888-TREAT-NY (888-873-2869) or complete an evaluation at the [NYS COVID-19 ExpressCare Therapeutics Access website](#). New York City residents should call 212-COVID-19.

To protect against respiratory viruses, NYSDOH recommends commonsense precautions, including:

- Staying up to date on vaccines, including Flu and COVID-19.
- Washing your hands often with soap and hot water for least 20 seconds.
- Not coughing or sneezing into your hands.
- Regularly washing hands and using good hygiene.
- Staying home when sick or symptomatic.
- Wearing a well-fitting, high-quality mask when in public indoor spaces.

Individuals who have someone in their home who is higher risk, including those under 1 year of age, over 65 years of age, or with a compromised immune system, should be vigilant with mask wearing when outside the home or when others come into your home, with scientific [evidence](#) supporting this simple, precautionary measure.

Resources are available to help New Yorkers make informed decisions about these viruses:

- Information about [RSV](#).
- Information about the [flu](#), including fact sheets and other downloadable materials.
- The [COVID-19 website](#) has resources for the public, schools, adult care facilities and medical laboratories.
- Information about [vaccine efficacy](#).

STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ANNOUNCEMENTS: End the Epidemic

NOVEMBER 29th: New York State Department of Health Announces 7th Annual Ending the Epidemic Summit

This year's ETE theme is entitled, "Collaborating for Change: Partnering for Health Equity"

Ending the Epidemic Summit and World AIDS Day Details [HERE](#)

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ALBANY, N.Y. (November 29, 2022) – To coincide with World AIDS Day on December 1, the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) today announced that New York's seventh annual Ending the Epidemic (ETE) Summit will be held virtually on November 29 and 30, 2022.

"This year's Ending the Epidemic Summit is a time to remember the lives lost to HIV and AIDS," **State Health Commissioner Dr. Mary T. Bassett said.** "Decades of research, education, and advancements in treatment are saving lives every day. As we turn toward the future, we must recognize the challenges we still face, and the work that still must be done to finally end the epidemic." This year's ETE theme: "Collaborating for Change: Partnering for Health Equity." Events will showcase the work that's been done by the Department, providers, and community partners statewide.

"Ensuring access to quality, culturally responsive care is paramount to ensuring that individuals diagnosed with HIV can continue to live long, healthy lives," **Office of Health Equity and Human Rights Deputy Commissioner Johanne Morne said.** "Prioritizing access to social determinants of health, the key factors that influence health outcomes, and addressing the persistent disparities in diagnoses, are both necessary to end the HIV epidemic. I look forward to continuing this mission with the support of Commissioner Bassett, Governor Hochul, and our community partners – all who remain committed to ending the epidemic."

2022 Ending the Epidemic Summit features:

- A presentation, followed by Q&A, from Acting Director, AIDS Institute, Joseph Kerwin, and Dr. Sarah Braunstein, Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of Hepatitis, HIV and Sexually Transmitted Infections, NYCDOHMH. Together, they will describe progress made towards ending the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the context of COVID-19 challenges.
- A special keynote address from Harold Phillips, Director, White House Office of National AIDS Policy, with opening from Chanel Lopez, Deputy Director, LGBTQ Affairs, NYS Governor's Office.
- 12 Workshops, three plenaries, and over 40 posters highlighting the many important stories, key accomplishments, and lessons learned while achieving ETE goals –despite the many challenges presented during 2020 and 2021– showcasing efforts to address persisting health inequities.

In 2019, New York State bent the curve on the HIV epidemic, reversing the decades-long increase in the number of people diagnosed with HIV in New York, due in large part to the historic State response over the last few decades.

During last year's summit, Governor Hochul and Commissioner Bassett recommitted New York State to ending the epidemic by 2024, along with a continued commitment to prioritizing health equity. More information about Ending the Epidemic, and World AIDS Day virtual events are available [here](#).

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STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ANNOUNCEMENTS: New York State of Health

NOVEMBER 16th: NY State of Health Partners with Food Pantries this Holiday Season to Help New Yorkers Enroll in Quality, Affordable Health Insurance for the New Year

New Yorkers Enrolling by December 15 will be Covered on January 1

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ALBANY, N.Y. (November 23, 2022) – NY State of Health, the state's official health plan Marketplace, is working with food pantries for the sixth consecutive holiday season to help consumers access high-quality, affordable health insurance for the upcoming year. Certified enrollment specialists will be available at food pantries across the state during November and December to provide consumers with enrollment assistance. Consumers must enroll by December 15, 2022, for health coverage starting January 1, 2023.

“After facing the outreach challenges that accompanied the pandemic these past few years, NY State of Health is so pleased to spend this holiday season out in the community, partnering with food pantries to help New Yorkers stay healthy with access to nutritious meals and low-cost health insurance,” **NY State of Health Executive Director Danielle Holahan said**. “Our enrollment assistors will help consumers compare health plans, review financial assistance eligibility, and help them choose a plan that is right for them.”

Many New Yorkers visiting food pantries may qualify for free or very low-cost health insurance coverage. In addition to onsite assistance, NY State of Health educational materials in English and Spanish will be included with thousands of charitable Thanksgiving and holiday dinner baskets distributed to food pantry recipients. NY State of Health food pantry events can be found [here](#).

More than 2.9 million New Yorkers continue to rely on the federal Supplement Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) available through the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA). NY State of Health continues its partnership with OTDA to share SNAP information with people who renew their coverage through the Marketplace referral program which has helped more than 400,000 people access hunger relief since its 2019 launch.

Enhanced federal tax credits are available through 2025 to help eligible Qualified Health Plan enrollees lower their premiums. The enrollment deadline is December 15 for Qualified Health Plan coverage that is effective January 1, 2023. Enrollment is open all year for Medicaid, Child Health Plus, and the Essential Plan. All health plans offered through NY State of Health cover preventive care, such as routine doctor visits and screenings, at no additional cost. Consumers can apply for coverage through www.nystateofhealth.ny.gov, by phone at 1-855-355-5777 and by getting free help from an enrollment assistor in their [community](#) and in their own language.

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STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ANNOUNCEMENTS: Diabetes

NOVEMBER 16th: NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RECOGNIZES WORLD DIABETES DAY: HIGHLIGHTING THE IMPORTANCE OF SCREENING FOR A DISEASE DEVASTATING MILLIONS

Diabetes is the 7th Leading Cause of Death in New York State

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STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ANNOUNCEMENTS: Diabetes (continued)

NYSDOH joins American Diabetes Association in recommending providers use blood glucose testing for all adults over 35, and for younger New Yorkers with risk factors, to expand access to early detection

Learn more: health.ny.gov/diabetes

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ALBANY, N.Y. (November 14, 2022) –The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), along with health organizations around the world, today recognizes World Diabetes Day with a focus on access to education, prevention, and affordable diagnostics and care. To expand access to early detection, NYSDOH joins the American Diabetes Association (ADA) in recommending providers use blood glucose testing for all adults over 35 years and younger New Yorkers with risk factors.

Diabetes is the 7th leading cause of death in both the United States and New York, impacting 1.6 million New Yorkers – 10.3 percent of the State’s population. Year over year, the percentage of New York adults living with diabetes continues to increase, from 6.3 percent in 2000 to 10.3 percent in 2020.

“Like many other diseases, diabetes represents society’s failure to ensure everyone’s right to health education, healthy foods, and affordable, high-quality diagnostics and care,” **New York State Health Commissioner Dr. Mary T. Bassett said.** “On World Diabetes Day, the Department remains unwavering in our commitment to reduce disease burden, particularly among Blacks and Hispanics who are disproportionately affected by diabetes; increase access to early detection mechanisms; and improve the lives of every New Yorker devastated by this disease.”

Based on NYSDOH’s 2020 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)* [brief](#), an annual telephone survey conducted among New York adults, diabetes rates have almost tripled over the past two decades. The disease has contributed to reductions in quality of life for over 1.6 million New Yorkers and resulted in significant costs to government, employers, and residents. Without sweeping changes, the number of diagnosed diabetes cases nationwide is expected to increase from 39.7 million (13.9 percent) in 2030 and to 60.6 million (17.9 percent) in 2060.

Prediabetes, a condition in which a person’s blood sugar level is higher than normal, but not high enough to be diagnosed as diabetes, affects 4.5 million New Yorkers and more than 38 percent (96 million) of adults nationwide. According to data from the [brief](#), in New York State, diagnosed diabetes is most prevalent among Black (15.1 percent) and Hispanic (12.1 percent) adults. By comparison, prevalence for white, non-Hispanic adults is only 8.3 percent. The [brief](#) also found diagnosed prediabetes to be more common among older adults, Black non-Hispanic adults, adults living with a disability, and adults living in New York City. Despite these alarming figures, health officials estimate that 90 percent of those with prediabetes are unaware they have it. Without a diagnosis, preventative lifestyle changes, and treatment, roughly 15 – 30 percent of people with prediabetes develop type 2 diabetes within 5 years.

This stark situation can be reversed. The onset of type 2 diabetes can be delayed or even prevented through early detection and modest lifestyle changes, including regular exercise. To accomplish this, NYSDOH joins the American Diabetes Association (ADA) in encouraging health care providers to screen all adults 35 years and older for prediabetes and type 2 diabetes. Screening should begin earlier for adults with additional risk factors including being overweight, obesity, hypertension, elevated blood cholesterol, or a family history.

STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ANNOUNCEMENTS: Diabetes (continued)

Expanding education about diabetes prevention, testing, and treatment, later this month, NYSDOH will be launching a public awareness campaign to reach Black and Hispanic adults in ten upstate counties.

To prevent or delay type 2 diabetes, NYSDOH recommends New Yorkers engage in [CDC's National Diabetes Prevention Program](#) lifestyle change program, available in multiple languages. Participation in the program is a covered benefit for all New York State Medicaid enrollees as well as those with Medicare.

NYSDOH has free, multi-language resources available for New Yorkers to assess their risk for prediabetes and prevent or delay disease:

1. [Take the online risk test](#)
2. Watch the [Prediabetes video](#)
3. Find a prevention program near you at [CDC Diabetes Prevention Programs](#)
4. Health care providers can visit [the American Medical Association and the Centers for Disease Control Prevent Diabetes STAT Toolkit](#)

For more information, visit health.ny.gov/diabetes.

About NYSDOH's Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) [brief](#): [The Prevalence of Diagnosed Prediabetes and Testing for High Blood Sugar, New York State Adults, 2020](#)

The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) is an annual telephone survey of adults developed by the CDC conducted in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and several U.S. territories. The New York BRFSS is administered by NYSDOH 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.

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STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ANNOUNCEMENTS: Opioid Prevention

December 1st: The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) has just released the latest report in a series of Data to Action reports to support efforts to prevent opioid overdose deaths in the state. Data to Action reports are short communications on important topics that provide specific data to mobilize public health action. This report, [Pre-hospital Care Reports – Improving Data Reporting and Data Quality Supports Public Health Response in New York State, 2015-2021](#), presents data and information about trends in pre-hospital care reporting over the years. Additionally, it informs emergency medical service (EMS) providers, regional EMS councils, state and local health departments, as well as other coalitions and organizations that work on opioid abuse, dependence, and overdose prevention about improvements in data quality and surveillance due to significant progress in electronic reporting. It also identifies reporting gaps/improvement opportunities at the local level and provides recommended actions and resources for further increasing the efficiency and quality of data reporting, particularly for the surveillance of overdose response by EMS in NYS.

Important findings of the report:

- Data show that the number of EMS agencies submitting electronic pre-hospital care reports (e-PCRs) more than doubled from 457 agencies (42 percent) in 2015 to 1,096 (98 percent) by the end of 2021.
- This brought the percentage of e-PCRs from 83.8 percent in 2015 to nearly 100 percent by the end of 2021.

STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ANNOUNCEMENTS: Opioid Data2Action (cont'd)

- Furthermore, the quality of the data recorded on the e-PCRs has also been significantly improved through the transition from National EMS Information Systems (NEMIS) 2.2.1 standard platform to NEMIS 3.4.0 by January 1, 2020. This new platform further standardizes the documentation and improves data validation, increasing the ability to report incident information and patients' care activities more accurately and timely.
- NYS continues to implement strategic changes to encourage and incentivize EMS agencies to transition to a documentation effort that results in better documentation quality and increased efficiency of data reporting.

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November 17th: The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) has just released the latest report in a series of Data to Action reports supporting efforts to prevent opioid overdose deaths in the state. Data to Action reports are short communications on important topics that provide specific data to mobilize public health action. This report, [Continuous buprenorphine prescriptions for 6 months or more for the treatment of opioid use disorder in New York State, 2017-2021](#), presents data and information regarding continuous buprenorphine prescriptions for 6 months or more for the treatment of opioid use disorder (OUD). Additionally, it informs the general public, local health departments, emergency medical service providers and emergency departments/hospitals, correctional health settings, healthcare insurance providers, community and family members as well as other coalitions and organizations that work on opioid abuse, dependence, and overdose preventions about the trends of buprenorphine dispensing for 6 months or more for OUD. It also provides recommended actions and resources to promote the use of buprenorphine for the treatment of OUD.

Important findings of the report:

- In 2021, 48,933 NYS residents had continuous buprenorphine prescriptions for 6 months or more for OUD. Of those, 42,054 (85.9 percent) residents were from outside of New York City (NYC).
- The crude rate of residents who had continuous buprenorphine prescriptions for 6 months or more for OUD in NYS increased by 43.6 percent from 174.4 per 100,000 population in 2017 to 250.4 in 2021. This was primarily driven by the increases in the areas outside of NYC.

Please use and share these reports with your partners and colleagues. We hope this Data to Action reports will be a useful tool in our collective work to prevent overdoses and to improve public health response. Please direct opioid prevention related questions and requests for additional information to opioidprevention@health.ny.gov.

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Did You Know?

Nearly **1 in 4** American Indian or Alaska Native adults aged 18+ are reported to be in fair or poor health

CDC's Healthy Tribes Program partners with tribes and tribal organizations to:

- Focus on chronic disease prevention and health promotion
- Connect cultural teachings and traditions to health and wellness
- Build public health workforce capacity

Learn more about our work:
bit.ly/HealthyTribes-DYK-2022

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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) – CDC Health Alert Network -- 2022 HAN Messages | Health Alert Network (HAN)

- November 17th: [HAN Archive - 00481 | Health Alert Network \(HAN\) \(cdc.gov\)](#) | Update on **Managing Monkeypox in Patients Receiving Therapeutics** health officials with new information about managing monkeypox in patients requiring therapeutics.
 - November 7th: [HAN Archive - 00480 | Health Alert Network \(HAN\) \(cdc.gov\)](#) | Update on **Ebola Virus Disease (Sudan ebolavirus) Outbreak in Central Uganda**
 - November 4th: [HAN Archive - 00479 | Health Alert Network \(HAN\) \(cdc.gov\)](#) | **Increased Respiratory Virus Activity, Especially Among Children, Early in the 2022-2023 Fall & Winter**
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NEW & Upcoming! **CDC COCA (Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity) Calls:**
[Updates on Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children \(MIS-C\): Epidemiology, Case Definition, and Prevention](#) - **Date:** Thursday, December 8, 2022

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Updated! V-safe — CDC's [after vaccination health checker](#) is expanding to include health check-ins for people who receive any dose of a [monkeypox vaccine](#). As our partner, we are asking for your help to promote **v-safe** enrollment among people who get vaccinated against monkeypox. [Vaccine safety](#) monitoring is a top priority at CDC. **V-safe** is one of several systems CDC uses to monitor vaccine safety. It allows CDC to gather important information and monitor potential side effects in real time so scientists can quickly study them and determine if there is a safety concern with a particular vaccine. Enrolled **v-safe** participants receive personalized and confidential health check-ins via text messages and web surveys so they can quickly and easily share with CDC how they, or their dependent, feel after getting any dose of monkeypox vaccine.

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Help promote v-safe for monkeypox:

- Talk to community leaders, healthcare providers, and other partners and organizations in your network about the availability of **v-safe** for monkeypox and share our print and web resources.
- Encourage monkeypox vaccine recipients to sign up for **v-safe** at [vsafe.cdc.gov](#).
- Visit and share our [new v-safe webpage](#) for information about **v-safe** for monkeypox and COVID-19.
- Distribute our **v-safe** [info sheet](#) to monkeypox vaccine recipients and places where people are receiving monkeypox vaccines.
- Hang our **v-safe** [poster](#) in places where people are receiving monkeypox vaccines.

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New Infection Control Resources Available in Spanish! — CDC's Project Firstline has released a new suite of [infection control educational materials and resources](#) for Spanish-speaking frontline healthcare workers. These new resources were developed to ensure the delivery of infection control information for Spanish-speakers in-culture and in their native language.

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[Actions to Fight Antibiotic Resistance | CDC](#) -- Antimicrobial resistance happens when germs like bacteria and fungi develop the ability to defeat the drugs designed to kill them. That means the germs are not killed and continue to grow. Antimicrobial resistance has been found in every U.S. state and country. Addressing this threat requires continued aggressive action to:

- **Prevent infections** in the first place
- **Improve antibiotic and antifungal use** to slow the development of resistance
- **Stop the spread** of resistance when it does develop

PHCC Resource Roundup

As cases of the flu, RSV, and COVID-19 rise across the country, many people have questions about the best way to stay safe and healthy this holiday season. To support your continued year-end communication efforts and help your communities gather safely—whether virtually or in-person—here are some of PHCC’s recent resources to promote COVID-19 and flu safety:

- Communicate about this year’s severe [flu season and flu prevention](#)
- Help your community understand when to test for COVID-19 and [how to use at-home COVID-19 tests correctly](#)
- Amplify the safety and efficacy of [updated COVID-19 booster doses](#)
- Underscore the latest [COVID-19 vaccine recommendations for children](#)

[At-Home COVID-19 Testing Toolkit](#)

Testing is one of our best tools to prevent the spread of COVID-19, alongside getting vaccinated and boosted. As we approach winter and the holiday season, our newest toolkit provides messaging guidance to help the public understand when to test and how to use at-home tests correctly. [The toolkit](#) includes graphics and sample social copy in English and Spanish to support your local outreach.

Our [Answers to Tough Questions](#) also help address questions about COVID-19 at-home antigen tests such as:

- When should I take a rapid at-home test?
- Why is repeat testing important?
- Are tests free? How do I get them?

ICYMI: [Flu Messaging and Resources](#)

There are early signs that this flu season in the U.S. could be severe, according to recent [CDC data](#). Flu hospitalizations are on the rise, and they are higher than usual at this time in the season. Flu is one of several respiratory illnesses circulating, including RSV and COVID-19.

Use our [recent toolkit](#) to underscore the “what,” “why” and “when” about this flu season and flu prevention. You’ll also find links to vetted communication resources, including social media graphics, videos, PSAs, and other multilingual outreach tools.

More from PHCC:

- [WHO recommends new name for monkeypox disease](#) (WHO)
- [Misinformation Alerts](#)
- [Messaging: The State of the Pandemic](#)
- [Toolkit: Children and COVID-19 Vaccination](#)
- [Resource: Communicating Through COVID-19 and Beyond](#)

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

[HHS Releases Long COVID Report Providing Insights and Opportunities to Support Patient Community | HHS.gov](#)

Community Commons

- [Creating Virtual Resources to Amplify Public Health Equity | PHERN \(communitycommons.org\)](#)
- [Children and Youth - Community Commons](#)
- [Get Involved – Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week \(hhweek.org\)](#)
- [How the GI Bill's Promise Was Denied to a Million Black WWII Veterans - Community Commons](#)
- [Race-Based Stress and Intergenerational Trauma - Community Commons](#)
- [2022 U.S. Trans Survey \(ustranssurvey.org\)](#)
- [ICYMI: Policy Series: Green Jobs Contribute to a Well-Being Economy - Community Commons](#)
- [ICYMI: Parents and Families - Community Commons](#)

County Health Rankings & Roadmaps

[Find new ways to explore data and resources to improve health and equity | CHR&R](#)

American Journal of Public Health – Read the [December issue here](#)

Trust for America's Health

- [The Impact of Chronic Underfunding on America's Public Health System: Trends, Risks, and Recommendations, 2022](#) - Chronic underfunding has created a public health system that cannot address the nation's health security needs, persistent health inequities, or emerging threats. It was also a major factor in the inadequate COVID-19 response. This report tracks federal, state, and local investment in public health and how underinvestment in public health programs continues to put Americans' lives and livelihoods at risk. Learn more about funding trends and recommendations for new investments.
- TFAH's Age-Friendly Public Health Systems (AFPHS) website now offers [topic one-pagers](#) that include specific recommendations for public health actions aligned with the [AFPHS 6Cs Framework](#). The focus of the one-pagers align with AFPHS trainings and are currently available on food security, rural health, technology, and transportation.
- The State of Childhood Obesity, a project of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, recently released their annual report entitled [Meeting the Moment: Learning From Leaders at the Forefront of Change](#). The report focuses on improving health data, creating communities of opportunity, building equitable food systems, and advancing priority policies.
- The Health and Medicine Division of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine released the new report [Evaluating the Process to Develop the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2020-2025](#). The report analyzes a study comparing the process to develop the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2020-2025 (DGA 2020-2025) to recommendations included in the previously published National Academies report, [Redesigning the Process for Establishing the Dietary Guidelines for Americans](#). This report describes the committee's findings and conclusions related to this assessment.
- [Estimated Deaths Attributable to Excessive Alcohol Use Among US Adults Aged 20 to 64 Years, 2015 to 2019 | Substance Use and Addiction Medicine | JAMA Network Open | JAMA Network](#)

Association of State and Territorial Health Officials

- [Three National Public Health Associations Will Support Historic Opportunity to Build Public Health Infrastructure](#) ASTHO, National Network of Public Health Institutes, and Public Health Accreditation Board have been awarded grants from CDC to support health department efforts to modernize data systems, recruit and retain a skilled public health workforce, and address longstanding public health infrastructure needs.
- [Jurisdictions Moving Many ASTHO Essential Tobacco Control Policies Forward](#) As part of the ongoing effort to prevent deaths caused by tobacco use, jurisdictions have continued to implement important policies to reduce tobacco and nicotine use. Some of these policies include increasing tobacco prices, expanding areas deemed “smoke-free,” limiting the sale of flavored tobacco products, and supporting tobacco cessation programs. Additionally, jurisdictions considered proposals to preempt local government action on tobacco policies with many protecting the right of local government to enact stricter tobacco policies. Learn more in [this week's Health Policy Update](#).
- [New Data-Based Insights on the Public Health Workforce](#) | ASTHO and the de Beaumont Foundation collaborated on a special supplement for the *Journal of Public Health Management and Practice* on the 2021 Public Health Workforce Interests and Needs Survey (PH WINS), a survey of nearly 45,000 employees across seniority levels conducted by both organizations between September 2021 and January 2022. The supplement offers unique and critical insight, actionable findings, and recommendations on the public health workforce in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. [Find the full supplement here](#).
- [ASTHO Offers Self-Paced HIV Training](#) | Today is World AIDS Day, an opportunity to recognize the impact of the HIV/AIDS epidemic and the ongoing work worldwide to promote HIV prevention, treatment, and care for those living with HIV. ASTHO’s training provides a comprehensive overview of HIV and CDC’s Ending the HIV Epidemic in the United States initiative. Whether you’re new to HIV prevention work or looking for a refresher on the issue, this resource is the perfect place to get started. [Access the training here](#).
- [Four Things Public Health Leaders Can Do to Improve Crisis Communications](#) | ASTHO
- [Preparing for and Responding to Infectious Disease Threats Following Hurricanes](#) | ASTHO
- [Responding to Environmental Health Threats Following Hurricanes](#) | ASTHO
- [Responding to Disruptions in Access to Opioid Prescriptions: A Guide for State Health Departments and Their Partners](#) | ASTHO
- [One Health Webinars](#) | ASTHO

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Public Health Institute

[Report: Incorporating Racial Equity into SNAP-Ed Programs & Evaluation](#) -- SNAP-Ed (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education) is the largest federal nutrition education program administered by the USDA. But equity and racial equity are ill-defined within the program, and there is no definition of equity in the SNAP-Ed Guidance or Evaluation Framework. PHI’s Center for Wellness and Nutrition shares their comprehensive formative evaluation, undertaken with SNAP-Ed states and implementing agencies in the Southeast Region. It identifies systemic barriers to equity as they relate to healthy eating, food resource management, need and readiness, nutrition and physical activity. Key recommendations include: adopt a common definition and application of equity for SNAP-Ed; build a diverse and equity-focused SNAP-Ed workforce; create and adapt nutrition education curriculum and resources to be more culturally and linguistically responsive; disaggregate data by race/ethnicity; deemphasize individual behavior change, and more.

Public Health Institute (continued)

Partnering with AI/AN Communities to Stop COVID-19

PHI's Communities RISE Together partnered with the National Indian Health Board (NIHB) to launch the "Act of Love" campaign, sharing COVID-19 safety messaging and cultural artwork to build trust within American Indian & Alaskan Native (AI/AN) communities, and lift up the importance of compassion and solidarity. "We feel like it has had a really great impact on keeping vaccination rates high and boosting them in many tribal areas. We saw rapid decreases in the spread of COVID-19," said NIHB's Tyler Dougherty. [Read the impact story →](#)

DigitalAds.Org: Exposing How Food & Beverage Marketers Target Youth

Marketing has a tremendous impact on what young people eat and drink, potentially shaping their eating habits for life. That's why advertisers target children—using tactics like mass surveillance and data collection, hyper-personalization and infiltrating social networks. A new website from PHI's Berkeley Media Studies Group and the Center for Digital Democracy exposes these tactics, and shares how countries across the globe are taking action to protect kids, health and equity. [Explore DigitalAds.org →](#)

Trust is Key for COVID-19 Vaccine Uptake in Black Communities

Susan Watson, Program Director of PHI's Together Toward Health, presented during the American Public Health Association's 2022 Annual Meeting & Expo in Boston, where she discussed COVID-19 in Black communities, the importance of an equitable response, and addressing historical barriers to vaccine access. "The core of our approach is in the end: trust... trusting people to make their own decisions once we've given them the information they need," said Watson. Her presentation was covered in *Drug Topics*. [Read the full story →](#)

'Keep Black Love Alive' Addresses Medical Mistrust during COVID-19

With funding from PHI's Communities RISE, Chromatic Black developed 'Keep Black Love Alive.' The campaign collects and shares stories that address the undermining beliefs fueling medical distrust in the Black community, barriers to vaccines and misinformation around COVID-19. "We are aware of the many ways in which the public health system has failed black folks and poor folks in this country," explains Abene Bloodworth, Chromatic Black co-founder. "We wanted to validate the fears and concerns of Black folks so that it doesn't re-victimize us and that there isn't a dissonance from what occurs."

[Learn more →](#)

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De Beaumont Foundation

- [New Data-based Insights on the Public Health Workforce Reflect Pandemic's Impact and a Focus on Health Equity](#)
- [Public Health Forward: Implementation Guidance from State and Local Health Departments](#)
[APHA 2022: Relive the Highlights](#) - APHA 2022 may be over, but this year's meeting is one we won't soon forget. Relive our favorite highlights from the biggest conference in public health. We can't wait to do this all over again in 2023!
- [BUILD Communities After 2020: What We Carry With Us - BUILD Health Challenge](#)
- [Public health experts are losing their jobs at a critical time | CNN](#)
- [APHA 2022: Relive the Highlights - de Beaumont Foundation](#)

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Prevent Connect

[Reflections on the History of the Anti-Violence Movement – PreventConnect.org](#)



Medical Matters 2022-2023

Sponsored by the Medical Society of the State of New York

Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) An Evolving Story

Live Webinar

Wednesday December 14, 2022 @ 7:30am

Faculty: Edward Walsh, MD & William Valenti, MD

Educational Objectives:

- Describe the 2022-2023 RSV season
- Outline history and epidemiology of RSV infection
- Identify strategies for prevention and treatment, including vaccine prospects

Click [here](#) to register

For more information, contact:

Melissa Hoffman at mhoffman@mssny.org or call (518) 465-8085

Funding provided by the New York State Department of Health

The Medical Society of the State of New York is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The Medical Society of the State of New York designates this live activity for a maximum of 1.0 **AMA PRA Category 1 credits™**. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Did You Know?

The Community Preventive Services Task Force (CPSTF) recommends school-based anti-bullying interventions to reduce bullying experiences and improve student mental health.



When interventions are used in schools, students report fewer

- Episodes of bullying perpetration
- Episodes of bullying victimization
- Mental health symptoms, such as anxiety and depression

CPSTF provides evidence-based recommendations on services, programs, and other interventions to improve population health.

Learn more about interventions:
bit.ly/CPSTF-DYK-2022



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Center for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Support

Articles of Interest:

- [Monkeypox renamed mpox by World Health Organization, citing racist stigma || NPR](#)
- [Biden administration prepares to end monkeypox emergency declaration - POLITICO](#)

PODCASTS:

- [Public Health on the Ballot with Dr. Brian Castrucci | Crooked Media](#)
- **NEW!** [Conversations with CEI Podcasts – Latest Episode: Universal Hepatitis C Screening among Pregnant Persons: The Time is Now](#)
- **Prevent Connect:** [Disability Justice and Primary Prevention Part 1 | Moving at the Speed of Trust](#)
- **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](#).
- **NEW!** [APHA Podcast: Chenjerai Kumanyika' Series #1: "Post Roe Us, It's Up To Us To Act Now!" \(ENGLISH\)](#) (Watch as a [video](#))
- **NEW!** [Public Health Institute Podcast: Climate, Health & Community Solutions](#) On the latest *Healthy Living, Healthy Planet* episode, PHI's Linda Rudolph joins other experts to discuss climate change and health, and how public health leaders are working alongside communities to mitigate and adapt to its impacts. [Listen to the podcast](#)
- **NEW Episodes!** [THIS WEEK ON PUBLIC HEALTH REVIEW MORNING EDITION](#)
- [ASTHO's PUBLIC HEALTH REVIEW PODCAST](#)
 - **NEW Episode!** [Ebola Preparedness - Lessons Learned from 2014 | ASTHO](#)

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.

December 2022

NEW! Making Dialysis Safer for Patients Coalition

Sponsored by Centers for Disease Control & Prevention

Thursday, December 1, 2022, 2-3pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! MPOX Briefing

Sponsored by the Department of Health and Human Services Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs, the White House National mpox Response team, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR)

Thursday, December 1, 2022, 2-3pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Environment, Climate Change, and Health: Federal Updates and Resources for Action

Sponsored by the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) with ecoAmerica

Thursday, December 1, 2022, 3-4pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Raising Consumer and Community Voices When Hospitals are Consolidating

Sponsored by Community Catalyst

Monday, December 5, 2022, 1 - 2pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Vaccine Confidence Panel Presentation: Equity in Childhood COVID-19 Vaccination

Sponsored by the New York State Department of Health, Office of Minority Health, and Health Disparities Prevention

Monday, December 5, 2022, 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

[Register Here](#)

NEW! How to Maintain Your CHES/MCHES Credential

Sponsored by Region V Public Health Training Center

Monday, December 5, 2022, 2:00-3:00 PM

1.0 CHES Category I CECH 2.0, Free CE.

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Gender Affirming Community of Practice

Sponsored by Denver Prevention Training Center

Tuesday, December 6, 2022, 8-9:30am

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Equity by Design - Principles in Action series: LGBTQ+/SGL –Affirming Housing for Older People

Sponsored by AARP International Team

Tuesday, December 6, 2022, 11am-12pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! 2022 Fall Workshop Series Session 1: Professional Development Workshop

Sponsored by New York State Public Health Association

Tuesday, December 6, 2022, 12-1pm

[Register Here](#)

1 CHES/ 1 CPH Credit Available, \$10 per session or \$25 for all 3 sessions

NEW! Log-in2Learn: Adaptive Leadership: Strategies for Public Health

Sponsored by Region 2 Public Health Training Center

Tuesday, December 6, 2022, 12-1pm

[Register Here](#)

1 CHES/ 1 CPH Credit Available

NEW! Housing & Health for All: A Research & Communications Toolkit for COVID-19 & Beyond

Sponsored by Human Impact Partners

Tuesday, December 6, 2022, 1-2pm

[Register Here](#)

Population-Based Payments in Medicaid: Strengthening Provider Incentives to Transform Care

Sponsored by Center for Health Care Strategies (CHCS)

Tuesday, December 6, 2022, 2-3pm

[Register Here](#)

The Role of Procalcitonin in Antimicrobial Stewardship: Lessons Learned from the Pandemic

Sponsored by bioMérieux, Region V Public Health Training Center

Tuesday, December 6, 2022, 2PM — 3PM

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Solutions for Affordable Housing

Sponsored by the National Housing Conference

Tuesday, December 6, 2022, 8am-6pm

[Register Here](#)

National Overdose Prevention Leadership Summit

Sponsored by Public Health Institute

Tuesday, December 6th - Wednesday, December 7th

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Latinx Health Equity Summit - Phoenix, AZ and Virtual

Sponsored by Unidos US

December 6th - 8th

[Register Here](#)

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

Sponsored by CDC/ATSDR

Wednesday, December 7, 2022, 12:00 pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! From Aspiration to Reality: 2022 Workforce Attitudes Toward Mental Health

Sponsored by Headspace Health

Wednesday, December 7, 2022, 12-1pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Employee-Centric Programs: U.S. Renal Care's "All-in" Focus on First Line Manager Onboarding Experiences

Sponsored by Sponsor Now

Wednesday, December 7, 2022, 12-1pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! 2022 Fall Workshop Series Session 2: Inclusive Communication Workshop

Sponsored by New York State Public Health Association

Wednesday, December 7, 2022, 12-1pm

[Register Here](#)

1 CHES/ 1 CPH Credit Available, \$10 per session or \$25 for all 3 sessions

NEW! Addressing the Health and Social Needs of Justice-Involved Young Adults

Sponsored by Systems for Action

Wednesday, December 7, 2022, 12-1pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Caregiving, Avoiding Burnout, and Finding Joy During the Holidays

Sponsored by Alzheimer's Foundation of America

Wednesday, December 7, 2022, 1-2pm

[Register Here](#)

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

Sponsored by The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine

December 7-8, 2022

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Holistic Leadership: Championing Wellness and Modeling Self-Care for Your Team

Sponsored by Region IV Public Health Training Center

Thursday, December 8, 2022, 8:45am-12pm

[Register Here](#)

Note: This workshop has limited capacity. If you are unable to enroll, the course might be full.

NEW! Functional Psychology for Peak Performance & Cognitive Decline

Sponsored by Alzheimer's Foundation of America

Thursday, December 8, 2022, 1-2pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Navigating Mature and Emerging IAQ Technologies in Your Schools for COVID & Beyond

Sponsored by EPA Indoor Environments Division

Thursday, December 8, 2022, 1-2:30pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Cities: The Future of Health Session 1: Interagency Collaboration

Sponsored by Big Cities Health Coalition (BCHC)

Thursday, December 8, 2022, 1-2pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! CDC COCA Call: Updates on Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C): Epidemiology, Case Definition, and Prevention

Sponsored by Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) and the CDC

Thursday, December 8, 2022, 2-3pm

[Register Here](#)

Hot Topic: MPOX Webinar

Co-sponsored by P.H. Prepared and Wayne State U's Center for Emerging and Infectious Diseases

Thursday, December 8, 2022, 2:30 - 4:00 PM

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Health Equity Council Meeting

Sponsored by New York State Department of Health

Friday, December 9, 2022, 10am-1:30pm

Two locations: 90 Church St, 4th Fl Conf Rm 4A/B, NYC and 335 E. Main St., Rochester, NY

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Examining the Social Determinants of Health: Measures, Evidence and Policy Solutions

Sponsored by Alliance for Health Policy

Friday, December 9, 2022, 12-1:30pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! 2022 Fall Workshop Series Session 3: Mentorship & The Path to Success Workshop

Sponsored by New York State Public Health Association

Friday, December 9, 2022, 12-1pm

[Register Here](#)

1 CHES/ 1 CPH Credit Available, \$10 per session or \$25 for all 3 sessions

NEW! Reaching Gen Z: Engaging Young Audiences in Public Health

Sponsored by Association of State and Territorial Health Officials

Monday, December 12, 2022, 1-2pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Data and Health Equity Session 4 of 4: Using Open-Source Data and Mapping to Understand Rural Community and Special Population Needs

Sponsored by PHl's Center for Wellness and Nutrition and Public Health Alliance of S. California

Monday, December 12, 2022, 4-5:15pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! The Role of Business in Improving Health and Health Equity: A Workshop – D.C. & Virtual

Sponsored by the National Academies (NASEM)

Tuesday, December 13, 2022, 9am-4:30pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Population Health Situational Awareness: Getting the Data You Need to Build Equity in Child Asthma Outcomes

Sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Tuesday, December 13, 2022, 1-2:30pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Strengths-based Prevention That Works

Sponsored by PreventConnect and ValorUS

Tuesday, December 13, 2022, 2-3:30pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! How to Modernize Child Welfare Systems

Sponsored by Government Technology
Tuesday, December 13, 2022, 2-3 p.m.

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Exploring the Connection Between Environmental Justice and Health

Sponsored by County Health Rankings & Roadmaps
Tuesday, December 13, 2022, 3-4:30pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Medicaid and Public Health Partnerships in Virginia

Sponsored by Association of State and Territorial Health Officials
Tuesday, December 13, 2022, 3-4:30pm

[Register Here](#)

Models of Hepatitis C Telemedicine for People who Use Drugs: A Case-based Discussion

Sponsored by CEI/HepCure
Tuesday, December 13, 2022, 4:30 - 5:30 PM

[Register Here](#) | Questions? Contact Charlotte.Miller@mountsinai.org

Breastfeeding Grand Rounds 2022: Addressing Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Breastfeeding Through Community and Hospital-Based Approaches

Sponsored by Center for Public Health Continuing Education
Wednesday, December 14, 2022, 8:30am

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Transit + Treatment: Aligning Systems to Address Substance Abuse in Connecticut

Sponsored by Systems for Action
Wednesday, December 14, 2022, 12-1pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! CEI Sexual Health ECHO: Syphilis in Pregnancy and Congenital Syphilis

Sponsored by University of Rochester, Infectious Diseases Division, Center for Community Practice, NYS Clinical Education Initiative, Sexual Health Center of Excellence
Wednesday, December 14, 2022, 12-1pm

[Register Here](#) | CME Available

NEW! Addressing Health Disparities Through Home Care - Session 2 of 3: Addressing Crisis and Social Determinants of Health

Sponsored by HCANYS, the New York State Office of Mental Health and the Finger Lakes Geriatric Center of the University of Rochester
Wednesday, December 14, 2022, 12-1:30pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Nurse Antigone: Broadway and Health Center Nurses All-Star Cast

Sponsored by National Association of Community Health Centers and Theater of War Productions
Wednesday, December 14, 2022, from 5-7 PM ET

“Nurse Antigone” is the 2nd presentation in NACHC’s *Creativity and Healing* series on the health benefits of incorporating the arts in health center programs for staff and patients. “Nurse Antigone” features a reading performed by professional actors and health center nurses followed by a facilitated discussion that explores the play’s themes as they relate to the experience of health center nurses during the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Sponsor Influences on the Quality and Independence of Health Research

Sponsored by NASEM Health and Medicine

December 14-16, 2022

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Pathways for Sustainable Reimbursement for Comprehensive Asthma Services

Sponsored by Green & Healthy Homes Initiative (GHHI)

Thursday, December 15, 2022, 12-1pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Integrating Bridge Clinics into Emergency Departments to Facilitate Access to Opioid Use Disorder Care

Sponsored by The Playbook, The Commonwealth Fund, The John A. Hartford Foundation, the Milbank Memorial Fund, Peterson Center on Healthcare, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and The SCAN Foundation.

Thursday, December 15, 2022, 1:00 – 2:15 pm

[Register Here](#)

Healthcare-Associated Infection Mini-Summit (4.20 RN CE Contact Hours)

Sponsored by Region V Public Health Training Center

Thursday, December 15, 2022, 2-3pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Long COVID: New Research and the Economic Toll

Sponsored by NIHCM Foundation

Thursday, December 15, 2022, 2-3pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! The Right Way to Do Transportation Cost/Benefit Analysis

Sponsored by America Walks

Thursday, December 15, 2022, 2-3pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Age-friendly Public Health Systems Training

Sponsored by Trust for America's Health

Thursday, December 15, 2022, 3-4pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Program Planning Basics: Laying the Foundation for Success

Sponsored by Region IV Public Health Training Center

Friday, December 16, 2022, 8:45am-12pm

[Register Here](#)

Note: This workshop has limited capacity. If you are unable to enroll, the course might be full.

January 2023

NEW! CEI Sexual Health Lunch & Learn: Adolescence and Epilepsy

Sponsored by University of Rochester, Infectious Diseases Division, Center for Community Practice, NYS Clinical Education Initiative, Sexual Health Center of Excellence

Monday, January 9, 2023, 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

[Register Here](#)

CME Available

NEW! Can Subsidized Transportation Options Slow Diabetes Progression?

Sponsored by Systems for Action

Wednesday, January 11, 2023, 12-1pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! CEI Sexual Health ECHO: COVID Vaccines: Updates and Challenges

Sponsored by University of Rochester, Infectious Diseases Division, Center for Community Practice, NYS Clinical Education Initiative, Sexual Health Center of Excellence

Wednesday January 11, 2023, 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

[Register Here](#)

CME Available

NEW! Cities: The Future of Health Session 2: Collaborating with Community-Based Organizations

Sponsored by Big Cities Health Coalition (BCHC)

Thursday, January 12, 2023, 2-3pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Analysis of Count Data in Medical and Social Sciences: An Application to Smoking Among Students

Sponsored by Michael & Susan Dell Center for Healthy Living

Tuesday, January 17, 2023, 12-1pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Addressing Health Disparities Through Home Care Critical Three-Part Series: Enhancing Care of Individuals with Co-Occurring Physical and Mental/Behavioral Health Needs: Session 3: Understanding Sources of Stigma & Improving Communication

Sponsored by HCA, the New York State Office of Mental Health and the Finger Lakes Geriatric Center of the University of Rochester, with the financial support of the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation

Wednesday, January 18, 2023, 12-1:30pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Hospital Contributions to the Delivery of Public Health Activities in US Metropolitan Areas: National and Longitudinal Trends

Sponsored by Systems for Action

Wednesday, January 25, 2023, 12-1pm

[Register Here](#)

February 2023

NEW! Cities: The Future of Health Session 3: Addressing Social Determinants of Health

Sponsored by Big Cities Health Coalition (BCHC)

Thursday, February 7, 2023, 2-3pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Project ECHO Immersion Training

Sponsored by The National Network of Public Health Institutes (NNPHI)

February 14-16, 2023

[Register Here](#)

Email projectecho@nnphi.org with any questions about Project ECHO or NNPHI's Immersion Training

NYLearnsPH.com LMS: New and Recent OnDemand Content

ICYMI: University at Albany School of public Health Center for Public Health Continuing Education – Public Health Live Series on [Healthy Aging](#)
[UASPH-PHL20201022](#) Public Health Live!: Person-Centered Healthcare in Planning and Practice
[UASPH-PHL20200220](#) Public Health Live!: Caregiver and Patient Health in Alzheimer's Disease Policy and Systems Change
[UASPH-PHL20191017](#) Public Health Live!: Sex, Guns and Driving: Considerations in Dementia Care

Additional Training of Interest

NEW! **The State of Obesity 2022: Better Policies for a Healthier America National Webinar**
Sponsored by Trust for America's Health
Recorded November 30, 2022
[View Here](#) | [TFAH's report](#) | [50 state-by-state fact sheets](#)

NEW! **Addressing Health Disparities Through Home Care Critical Three-Part Series: Education, Training & Navigation Sessions Enhancing Care of Individuals with Co-Occurring Physical and Mental/Behavioral Health Needs**
Session 1: Introduction to Mental Health and Accessing Services
Sponsored by HCANYS, the New York State Office of Mental Health and the Finger Lakes Geriatric Center of the University of Rochester
Recorded November 30, 2022 - **Coming Soon**

NEW! **Implications of the Midterm Elections for Health Care Policy**
Sponsored by Alliance for Health Policy
Recorded November 30, 2022
[View Here](#)

NEW! **NYSDOH Healthcare Provider Webinar: Ebola- Education for Providers and Hospitals**
Sponsored by New York State Department of Health
Recorded November 29, 2022
[View Here](#) | Access Webinar Handouts Here: [EBOLA Education for Providers and Hospitals](#)

NEW! **CDC EPIC Webinar: Flu, RSV, COVID-19 and other Respiratory Threats this Fall and Winter**
Sponsored by Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (cdc.gov)
Recorded November 29, 2022
[View Here](#)

NEW! **The High Human Stakes of Ongoing Support for the Community Health Workforce**
Sponsored by the CommuniHealth Coalition, Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security
Recorded November 17, 2022
[View Here](#)

NEW! **One Health Environmental Perspective - Part 1**
Sponsored by ASTHO, in collaboration with EPA's Office of Research and Development, the Environmental Council of the States, and the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
Recorded November 17, 2022
[View Here](#)

NEW! Research-in-Progress Webinar: Closing the Gaps in Health and Social Services for Low-Income Pregnant Women

Sponsored by Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Systems for Action

Recorded November 16, 2022

[View Here](#)

Exploring Multi-Sector Collaboration: A Playbook for New Rural Healthcare Models of Investment

Sponsored by AHA

Recorded November 9, 2022

[View Here](#)

NEW! Where do we go from here? Strategies to build the public health workforce

Sponsored by de Beaumont Foundation and American Public Health Association

Recorded November 9, 2022

[View Here](#)

NEW! Health During and After Incarceration

Sponsored by NIHCM Foundation

Recorded November 7, 2022

[View Here](#)

NEW! One Health Environmental Perspective - Part 2

Sponsored by ASTHO, in collaboration with EPA's Office of Research and Development, the Environmental Council of the States, and the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies

Recorded November 3, 2022

[View Here](#)

NEW! Does your patient complain of fatigue, breathlessness, leg swelling and neuropathy? Is it long-COVID, Lyme disease, chronic fatigue?

Sponsored by Clinical Directors Network, Inc. (CDN)

Recorded November 2022

[View Here](#) | 1.5 CME/CNE credits | [Please complete the evaluation for continuing education credits.](#)

NEW! An Introduction into Behavioral Health and Primary Care Integration

Sponsored by Alliance for Health Policy

Recorded October 28, 2022

[View Here](#)

NEW! Communicating Effectively Across Diverse Perspectives: Connecting for a Common Goal

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

Recorded October 27, 2022

Recording Coming Soon

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

Sponsored by New York State Office for New Americans

Recorded October 25, 2022

[View Here](#)

NEW! Recommendations for Bivalent COVID-19 Booster Doses

Sponsored by Center for Disease Control & Prevention

Recorded October 19, 2022

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NEW & Upcoming! [Updates on Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children \(MIS-C\): Epidemiology, Case Definition, and Prevention](#)

Date: Thursday, December 8, 2022

NEW! [New 2022 CDC Clinical Practice Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Pain](#)

Date: Thursday, November 17, 2022

NEW! [2022-2023 Seasonal Influenza Testing and Treatment During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

Date: Tuesday, November 15, 2022

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

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Date: Thursday, October 6, 2022

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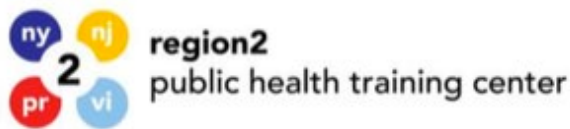
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