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**Welcome** to the **January 2023** issue of the Aware Prepare (AP) Update. The AP is your bi-monthly guide to upcoming trainings related to preparedness, readiness and response. These trainings may be provided in one or more of the following formats, including: live webcasts, webinars and in-person training; archived webcasts, webinars and on demand e-learning much of which can be accessed through the NYSDOH's [NYLearnsPH.com](http://NYLearnsPH.com) Learning Management System (LMS). Questions or submissions, email: [edlearn@health.ny.gov](mailto:edlearn@health.ny.gov)

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- **Polio and immunization Webpage:** [health.ny.gov/polio](http://health.ny.gov/polio)
- **COVID-19 Resources Webpage:** <http://coronavirus.health.ny.gov>

**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.

# GOVERNOR HOCHUL UPDATES: COVID-19

January 11<sup>th</sup>: GOVERNOR UPDATES NYers 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 outlined basic steps they can take to protect against the spread of viral respiratory infections that become more common in the winter season.

Governor Hochul is [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), the flu and COVID-19 and reduce the patient burden on local hospitals. The Governor reiterated these basic steps when she [updated](#) New Yorkers on the state's winter health preparedness efforts last month.

Last week, the state Department of Health announced that the [XBB.1.5. variant](#) is now the most dominant strain in New York, accounting for more than 50 percent of COVID-19 infections statewide. Emerging at a time when both COVID-19 and flu cases remain high, early data indicates that XBB.1.5. is more transmissible than other circulating variants, though there is not yet clear evidence of significant changes to virulence or severity of disease.

The state Department of Health's [weekly flu surveillance report](#) shows influenza remaining widespread throughout the state for a thirteenth consecutive week, with a total of 278,886 positive cases across all 62 counties reported to date. The report found that confirmed cases statewide dropped 41 percent, while overall hospitalizations were down 7 percent from the previous week ending on Dec. 31 at 2,375 hospitalizations across the state. Additionally, there were 43 outbreaks in acute care and long-term care facilities, the report determined. There was one additional pediatric death, leaving the total at six statewide.

With flu season continuing and infections remaining widespread, Governor Hochul encourages all New Yorkers to get their annual flu vaccine. 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 Health Department 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. For information about flu vaccine clinics, [contact the local health department](#) or visit [vaccines.gov/find-vaccines/](https://vaccines.gov/find-vaccines/).

Governor Hochul also continues to urge New Yorkers to get their bivalent COVID-19 vaccine boosters. Recently, the New York State Department of Health announced [new guidance](#) for bivalent COVID-19 booster doses, which are now available for eligible children down to 6 months of age.

The updated boosters are the first to be targeted to the original virus strain and recently circulating variants and are recommended for young New Yorkers and all those eligible. To schedule an appointment for a booster, New Yorkers should contact their local pharmacy, county health department, or healthcare provider; visit [vaccines.gov](https://vaccines.gov); text their ZIP code to 438829, or call 1-800-232-0233 to find nearby locations.

New Yorkers looking to schedule vaccine appointments for 5-11-year-old children are encouraged to contact their child's pediatrician, family physician, county health departments, Federally Qualified Health Centers, rural health centers, or pharmacies that may be administering the vaccine for this age group. Parents and guardians can visit [vaccines.gov](https://vaccines.gov), text their ZIP code to 438829, or call [1-800-232-0233](https://1-800-232-0233) to find nearby locations. Make sure that the provider offers the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine, as the other COVID-19 vaccines are not yet authorized for this age group.

Visit our [website](#) for parents and guardians for new information, frequently asked questions and answers, and resources specifically designed for parents and guardians of this age group. ###

# GOVERNOR HOCHUL ANNOUNCES: Disaster Preparedness Legislation

December 22<sup>nd</sup>: **GOVERNOR HOCHUL SIGNS LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE TO BOLSTER DISASTER PREPAREDNESS EFFORTS IN NEW YORK STATE**

***Legislation (A.25/S.3275) Exempts Certain Utility and Other Workers from Travel Bans Declared during Emergencies***

***Legislation (A.1905/S.1086) Requires a Plan for the Delivery of Medicine and Medical Supplies to Pharmacies, Hospitals, and Nursing Homes during Declared Disasters***

***Legislation (A.3217A/S.931A) Assures that Individuals Who Use Certain Medical Devices Have Access to Electricity during Emergencies***

***Legislation (A.3318C/S.926C) Requires Electric Companies Restoring Services to Police Departments, Fire Departments, and Ambulance Services To Notify Local County Offices of Emergency Management within 24 Hours if the Company Cannot Restore Electric Power***

Governor Hochul today signed a legislative package to improve disaster preparedness efforts across New York State.

**Legislation (A.25/S.3275)** exempts certain utility and other workers from travel bans during declared emergencies. The role of utility and other workers is a critical component to emergency preparedness and response. Some communities have experienced long-term power and communications outages during recent storms in no small part because utility personnel were barred from physically accessing the electric and communications infrastructure that needed repair. This new law will add statewide clarity, uniformity, and general permission for utility and other workers to travel to and from disaster areas in order to restore power and communications and provide maintenance services.

**Legislation (A.1905/S.1086)** requires the State to make a plan for the delivery of medicine and medical supplies to pharmacies, hospitals, and nursing homes during declared disasters. It is critical that New Yorkers have access to medical care during a declared state of emergency. This legislation will require that the state preparedness plan includes actions to help pharmacies, hospitals, and nursing homes provide important health care services within a disaster area.

**Legislation (A.3217A/S.931A)** assures that individuals who use certain medical devices have access to electricity during emergencies. This legislation defines what types of medical devices or equipment would qualify individuals for essential electricity in emergencies. As seen in recent disasters, many individuals who need access to electricity for medical reasons have been left without access during emergencies. This legislation seeks to protect all individuals whose loss of power to their medical equipment or other equipment would be devastating or life-threatening. From a newborn who needs an apnea monitor to someone with debilitating asthma triggered by heat and humidity, this legislation will save countless lives by connecting people to critical services.

**Legislation (A.3318C/S.926C)** requires electric companies restoring services to police departments, fire departments, and ambulance services to notify local county offices of emergency management within 24 hours during emergencies if the company cannot restore electric power. Saving services such as police, fire, and ambulance services play a critical role in saving citizens lives, particularly during disaster. This new law would help ensure that all police, fire, and ambulance can maintain adequate electricity to operate all life safety systems, as well as their basic operations.

# GOVERNOR HOCHUL ANNOUNCES: ConnectALL Broadband

## December 21<sup>st</sup>: COMPLETION OF FIRST PHASE OF \$10M CONNECTALL PILOT INITIATIVE BRINGING AFFORDABLE BROADBAND INTERNET ACCESS TO RURAL COMMUNITIES

- ***New York Power Authority Transmission System Enables Access to High-Speed Internet for More Than 2,000 Residents and Businesses in the Village of Sherburne and Town of Nichols***
  - ***View Video of ConnectALL and Sherburne's Progress [Here](#)***

Governor Kathy Hochul announced completion of New York's first ever municipal broadband network as a major milestone for the state's ConnectALL program. The network is the first phase of the ConnectALL 21st Century Municipal Infrastructure pilot program, which began in [May](#) using fiber optic infrastructure on the New York Power Authority's existing transmission system and is ahead of schedule due to NYPA and the Village of Sherburne and Town of Nichols optimizing implementation plans.

[The \\$10 million](#), four-municipality pilot project has completed construction enabling reliable, high-speed internet access to more than 2,000 previously unserved or underserved households and business customers. In addition to the completed network in the Village of Sherburne, Chenango County, construction is rapidly progressing in the Town of Nichols, Tioga County. The pilot program, which kicked off in [May](#), is part of the \$1 billion ConnectALL initiative, [announced](#) in Governor Hochul's 2022 State of the State address—the largest public investment in broadband in the state's history that aims to transform New York's digital infrastructure and expand broadband access, affordability and equity statewide using public and private investments. In addition to the Village of Sherburne and the Town of Nichols, the pilot program is building fiber optic infrastructure in the Town of Diana in Lewis County and the Town of Pitcairn in St. Lawrence County.

NYPA is managing the broadband deployment in the four locations leveraging its existing fiber optic infrastructure for the "middle mile," as authorized by the state legislature in April. Sherburne Electric, Development Authority of the North Country, and Southern Tier Network are partnering on the last mile broadband infrastructure. Private internet service providers are using the public infrastructure to deliver internet service to residents. The new customers in Sherburne are paying approximately \$40 per month for service, well below the average price for broadband in Chenango County, based on the Department of Public Service's Regional 2022 Survey of Internet Service Pricing.

Today's announcement continues the progress of the ConnectALL Office, including:

### **New York's First Funding Awards under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act**

New York State's ConnectALL office has been awarded \$7.2 million through the U.S. Department of Commerce's Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment and Digital Equity Act programs. Over the coming months, ConnectALL will use these funds to engage New Yorkers across the state to produce comprehensive statewide broadband deployment and digital equity plans. These plans will provide the roadmap for the state's utilization of state and federal funds to close NYS's remaining digital divide.

### **Launching the Broadband Assessment Program and Interactive Broadband Map**

ConnectALL is mobilizing state resources, local and regional government partners, and the public to challenge inaccuracies in the Federal Communication Commission's National Broadband Map, which will inform the state's final allocation of funding from IIJA. ConnectALL recently submitted a challenge of more than 31,000 NY addresses that were not included in the federal map, drawing on data from the state's first ever, in-depth, interactive broadband map produced by the Department of Public Service.

### **Promotion of the Affordable Connectivity Program Consumer Broadband Subsidy**

Governor Hochul recently announced that over 1 million New York households have subscribed to the program, thanks in large part to an ongoing, multi-agency and grassroots effort to build awareness of the opportunity for a [\\$30-a-month broadband subsidy](#) for low-income households.

For more information and updates on ConnectALL, please visit [www.broadband.ny.gov](http://www.broadband.ny.gov). ###

# STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ANNOUNCES: Influenza and Vaccination

## NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH REMINDS NEW YORKERS THAT FLU IS STILL WIDESPREAD AND TO GET VACCINATED

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***The Department's Latest Report Shows One New Pediatric Death, for a Total of Six Pediatric Deaths Associated With Influenza This Season***

***Acute Care and Long Term Care Facilities Report 48 New Outbreaks of Flu***

***Find Nearby Flu Shot Locations: [vaccines.gov](https://vaccines.gov)***

**ALBANY, N.Y. (January 9, 2023)**—The New York State Department of Health continues to emphasize the importance of everyone aged six months and older getting a flu shot, with the Department's latest [report](#) showing that flu is still widespread. The Department also announced an additional pediatric death in New York, bringing the total to six so far this season.

"It's not too late to get a flu shot, even into January and February, as getting a flu shot remains the best protection against the flu," **Acting State Health Commissioner Dr. James McDonald said.** "The flu is easily transmitted from person-to-person and can cause serious complications that may require hospitalization."

The Department's latest [flu surveillance report](#), with data through Dec. 31, shows a total of 278,886 positive influenza cases across all 62 counties in New York reported to date. Long-term care and acute-care facilities reported 48 new outbreaks of flu, bringing the total this flu season to 397 cases.

While lab-confirmed flu cases are down 41 percent across New York, falling from 38,891 to 22,905 new cases, weekly case numbers are still at significant levels. Hospitalizations were also down seven percent from the previous week, ending the week of Dec. 31 at 2,375 hospitalizations across the State.

The report is available on the Department of Health's [Flu Tracker](#), which provides timely information about local, regional, and statewide flu activity. Nationally, the weekly [U.S. surveillance report](#) from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates there have been 14,000 deaths across the country attributed to the flu so far this season, including 74 influenza-associated pediatric deaths. CDC's report found an estimated 230,000 hospitalizations due to influenza, putting the cumulative rate at 3.5 times higher than the highest rate for this same time over the last decade.

In addition to a flu shot, individuals are also encouraged to wear a well-fitting mask, especially for those who experience symptoms or live with, care for, or are considered at a heightened risk of severe illness, including children five years of age or younger, pregnant people, older adults and/or those with underlying health conditions such as a weakened immune system, diabetes, heart and/or lung disease and/or asthma.

To treat influenza infections, there are antiviral medications that can be prescribed by health care providers, such as Tamiflu, which can reduce the length and severity of the flu. Amid reports of spot shortages in some areas, the federal government recently gave the State permission to tap into the Strategic National Stockpile to secure Tamiflu and ensure supplies are available as needed.

Avoiding illness by getting the flu shot remains the most effective way to prevent infection and reduce the risk of severe illness for children and adults. According to research gathered by the [CDC](#), vaccination has significant health advantages, particularly for people at risk of getting very sick, including:

## STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ANNOUNCES: Flu and Vax (continued)

- It prevents people from getting sick with the flu, cutting the risk of having to go to the doctor by 40 to 60 percent.
- In children, the vaccine reduces the risk of severe, life-threatening influenza by 75 percent; decreases flu-related hospitalizations by 41 percent; and cuts the risk of emergency department visits in half.
- Flu vaccination during pregnancy reduces the risk of being hospitalized by an average of 40 percent and helps protect the baby from flu for several months after birth, when babies are too young to get vaccinated.
- For older adults, the vaccine reduces the risk of flu-associated hospitalization by about 40 percent.
- Among those with chronic health conditions, the vaccine is associated with lower rates of some cardiac events, as well as reducing the risk of hospitalization from flu-related worsening of lung diseases and diabetes.

The Department is utilizing a number of tools to increase public knowledge about the spread of flu and the importance of vaccinations as a critical prevention step, including sharing information on social media platforms [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

The flu vaccine is widely available, found at pharmacies, health clinics and physician's offices across the state. The Department also strongly encourages everyone who is eligible, age six months and older, to get a [COVID-19 vaccine](#). It is safe to get both the flu and COVID-19 vaccines at the same time. To find a flu or COVID-19 vaccine location near you, visit [vaccines.gov](#).

In addition to getting the vaccine and to consider wearing a well-fitting mask when indoors or in crowds, simple preventative actions can help stop the spread of flu and other respiratory viruses:

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when sick.
- Cover cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

For more information about influenza in New York, visit the Department of Health's [flu website](#).

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## STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ANNOUNCES: COVID-19 XBB.1.5 Variant

### NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH UPDATES NEW YORKERS ON THE XBB.1.5 VARIANT, NOW COMPRISING OVER 50 PERCENT OF COVID CASES IN THE STATE

#### Early Estimates Indicate New Strain Able to Spread More Rapidly Than Other Variants Currently Circulating

#### New Yorkers 6 Months and Older Should Receive Their Bivalent Booster and Flu Shot

#### Follow Simple Precautions: Wash Hands, Keep Surfaces Clean, Let Fresh Air In, Consider Wearing Masks, and Stay Home When Sick

#### To Prevent Severe Illness, COVID-Positive New Yorkers Without a Provider Should Call 1-888-TREAT-NY or visit [NYS COVID-19 Express Care Therapeutics Access Website](#) For a Free Clinical Evaluation and Medication

## STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ANNOUNCES: XBB.1.5 Variant (continued)

Find nearby locations for free COVID-19 and flu shots: [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov)

**Albany, N.Y. (January 6, 2023)** – The New York State Department of Health today updated New Yorkers on the XBB.1.5 variant, which now makes up [over 50 percent](#) of COVID-19 cases in New York. Based on samples sequenced and uploaded into the Global Initiative on Sharing Avian Influenza Data (GISAID), the world’s largest database for COVID-19 variant data, the XBB.1.5 variant is the predominant strain in the State.

“Since it emerged, the COVID-19 virus continues to change,” **Acting State Health Commissioner Dr. James McDonald said.** “The new bivalent booster has been updated to address these changes, which is why it is so important that all New Yorkers 6 months and older get the important protection it offers. The booster provides significant protection against getting very sick or being hospitalized, and according to the latest data from CDC, those who received the bivalent booster were more than 18 times less likely to die from COVID-19 compared to unvaccinated people.”

Emerging at a time when both COVID-19 and flu cases are high, early data indicate that XBB.1.5 is able to spread more rapidly than other currently circulating variants. While at this stage there is not yet clear evidence of significant changes to virulence or severity of disease, the Department reminds all New Yorkers to take precautions to protect themselves and loved ones against a fast-moving strain:

- Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines and get the bivalent booster (everyone 6 months & older).
- It’s not too late: get the flu shot (everyone 6 months of age and older).
- Regularly wash hands with soap and hot water for at least 20 seconds.
- Clean and disinfect commonly used objects and surfaces.
- Cough and sneeze into a tissue or elbow and teach children to do the same.
- Consider wearing a well-fitting, high-quality mask in public indoor spaces, when feeling unwell, in crowded places, or around individuals at increased risk of getting very sick.
- Ventilate indoors or open windows, particularly when gathering with others.
- Stay home when sick, [learn symptoms for common respiratory viruses](#), and get tested.
- If COVID-positive, contact a provider or the free 1-888-TREAT-NY hotline or [website](#) for a free evaluation and medication.

With respiratory viruses spreading, individuals who live, care, or are around someone who is at risk of becoming very ill (including children under 1 year of age, adults over 65 years of age, or those with a compromised immune system) should be especially vigilant with mask-wearing, with scientific [evidence](#) supporting this simple, precautionary measure.

To prevent severe illness and hospitalization, COVID-positive New Yorkers should seek safe medication or treatment, which are most effective when taken within the first few days symptoms appear. New Yorkers who do not have a regular doctor can call the State’s hotline at 1-888-TREAT-NY (1-888-364-3065) or visit the [NYS COVID-19 Express Care Therapeutics Access Website](#) for a free telehealth appointment with a medical provider, who will review symptoms and prescribe either Paxlovid or Molnupiravir.

To schedule a free COVID-19 vaccine, bivalent booster, or flu shot appointment, visit [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov), text a ZIP code to 438829, or call 1-800-232-0233. At [vaccines.gov](https://www.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 6 months and older. New Yorkers can also reach out to a health care provider, local pharmacy, or county health department about vaccine appointment availability. To learn more about COVID-19 variants, New Yorkers can visit the Department’s dedicated variant webpage [here](#). ###

# STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ANNOUNCES: COVID-19 Vaccination

## New York State Department of Health Announces New Guidance for Bivalent COVID-19 Vaccine Boosters Available and Recommended for Children Aged 6 Months and Older

Eligibility Includes Children 6 Months and Older Who Completed Their Moderna Primary Series Two Months Ago; Children Who Will or Are Currently Completing the Three-Dose Pfizer Series Will Receive the Bivalent Shot as Third Dose

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*For Nearby Locations, Text a ZIP Code to 438829, Call 1-800-232-0233, or Visit [Vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov)*

**ALBANY, N.Y. (December 23, 2022)** – The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) today announced new guidance for bivalent COVID-19 booster doses, which are now available for eligible children down to 6 months of age. The updated boosters are the first to be targeted to the original virus strain and recently circulating variants, and are recommended for young New Yorkers and all those eligible.

In accordance with [FDA's authorization](#) and [CDC's recommendations](#) for use, eligible children ages 6 months through 5 years of age who previously completed a Moderna primary series are eligible to receive a Moderna bivalent booster two months after their final primary series dose.

As the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine series is a three-shot regimen for this age group, children ages 6 months through 4 years who have not yet started or are currently completing their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series will receive the Pfizer-BioNTech bivalent shot as their third primary dose.

More than 2.6 million bivalent booster doses have been administered to individuals 5 years and older in New York State. The bivalent boosters add Omicron BA.4 and BA.5 spike protein components to the vaccine, targeting recent variants that are more transmissible and immune evading. The shots are expected to help reduce New Yorkers' chances of getting severe illness from COVID-19, including hospitalization or even death.

Providers that pre-ordered and received bivalent doses are authorized to begin administering shots to New Yorkers down to 6 months old in accordance with the guidance.

New Yorkers also continue to be [impacted by influenza](#), which remains widespread with cases still rising statewide, as well as [respiratory syncytial virus](#) (RSV). To avoid serious illness, everyone 6 months and older is encouraged to get the flu shot, which is a good match to the current strain this year.

Parents should talk to their child's health care provider to ensure their child is up to date on their COVID-19 and other vaccines. While there is no vaccine for RSV, testing and treatment for it is covered by insurance.

To schedule a flu or COVID-19 shot, New Yorkers should contact a health care provider, local pharmacy, or county health department. New Yorkers can also visit [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov), text their ZIP code to 438829, or call 1-800-232-0233 to find nearby locations. At [vaccines.gov](https://www.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](#).



## STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ANNOUNCES: COVID-19 Vaccination (Cont'd)

Additionally, furnace and heating systems should be inspected annually to ensure they are running properly and safely, and vents to the outside should be checked regularly to make sure they are not blocked with snow or ice. And never run your car, truck, or motorcycle inside a garage that is attached to a house -- or in a detached garage with the garage door shut. Installing CO detectors in your home and making sure detectors are properly operating can protect your family from dangerous gas buildup and save lives.

If an alternate source for heat is needed, such as a fireplace, wood stove or portable kerosene heater, it should be vented to the outside. Stoves or outdoor grills or ovens should never be used to provide heat indoors.

Driving conditions can also be a challenge during winter weather, with snow and ice affecting visibility and road surfaces, making for a potentially treacherous journey. Taking steps before you head out can help avoid dangerous situations. Check the weather forecast and media reports for storm warnings or road hazards along the way and at your destination. Drivers can also check for travel alerts and road conditions by viewing the traffic cameras at sites such as [511NY.org](http://511NY.org).

For additional information on staying safe and health during the winter, visit the Department's [Cold Weather Advice](#) webpage.

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## STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ANNOUNCES: WINTER SAFETY

**New York State Department of Health Urges New Yorkers to Follow Winter Safety Tips to Prevent Illness and Injury as Winter Officially Begins**

***Frostbite, Overexertion and Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Are Serious but Preventable Winter Weather Emergencies***

***Be Prepared for Winter Weather with Health Department's [Cold Weather Tips](#)***

**ALBANY, N.Y. (December 21, 2022)** –The New York State Department of Health is urging New Yorkers to take precautions, as the first day of winter arrives, to prevent serious injury and dangerous health complications that can result from colder weather and winter activities.

“Winter can be a delightful time to enjoy outdoor activities, but being prepared for the weather is key to ensuring those activities don’t turn into tragedies,” **State Health Commissioner Dr. Mary T. Bassett said.** “Dressing appropriately to avoid frostbite, avoiding overexertion by knowing your physical limits, being smart when using generators and space heaters, and making sure you are aware of road conditions before you travel are all common-sense practices to keep you and your loved ones safe and healthy through the winter months.”

Exposure to extreme cold can cause life-threatening conditions, such as hypothermia and frostbite. Hypothermia is a dangerous cooling of body temperature over time which can be fatal if not detected immediately and treated properly. Those most at risk are infants, the elderly and those who work or play outdoors but it can also occur indoors if the thermostat is set too low. Warning signs of hypothermia in adults include shivering, fatigue, drowsiness, exhaustion, blue skin and/or numbness, confusion/disorientation, memory loss, slurred speech and a glassy stare. Infants may appear to have very low energy and cold, bright red skin.

## STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ANNOUNCES: Winter Safety (Continued)

Frostbite is especially dangerous because it often occurs with little warning. Those with diabetes, people who smoke and those intoxicated by alcohol or drug use can be especially susceptible to frostbite, which causes numbness and red, waxy-looking skin. Symptoms can come on so quickly that individuals suffering from frostbite may be unaware and remain in cold conditions, which increases the chance of permanent damage to body tissue.

Precautions to avoid these dangerous occurrences include layering clothing to avoid the loss of body heat, wearing hats, gloves and boots, and replacing wet or damp clothing with dry clothes and blankets to warm up as soon as possible. Additional tips for preventing frostbite and hypothermia are included in this Department [video](#).

Cold weather also places an extra burden on the heart and lungs. Individuals with cardiac problems, asthma/chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) or high blood pressure should follow their doctor's advice about shoveling or any strenuous outdoor exercise. Healthy adults should also dress appropriately for weather conditions and work slowly when undertaking heavy outdoor chores to avoid potential problems.

The likelihood of [carbon monoxide \(CO\) poisoning](#), which can produce headaches, dizziness, nausea, weakness or confusion, is exacerbated during the winter months, when fuel-burning devices such as generators are more likely to be in use. Generators should always be operated out of doors, far away from windows, doors and vents that could allow exhaust to seep inside. Generators should never be operated in basements, carports, crawlspaces or attached garages to avoid a potentially fatal CO build-up. Learn more about the proper use of generators [here](#).

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## STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ANNOUNCES: Fraudulent COVID-19 Vax Cards

### New York State Department of Health: Thinking of Getting a Fraudulent COVID-19 Vaccination Card? You May Get Arrested

*Department's Vaccination Complaint Investigations Team Honored by the Federal Law Enforcement Foundation for Ground-breaking Investigative Work that Resulted in Forged Vaccination Card Arrests and Prosecutions*

**ALBANY, N.Y. (December 20, 2022)** – As the holiday season has kicked off a rise in COVID-19 cases and other respiratory illnesses, the New York State Department of Health is reminding New Yorkers that obtaining a fraudulent COVID-19 vaccination card not only doesn't help protect them and others from becoming seriously ill or hospitalized with COVID-19, it is a serious crime that carries significant penalties.

The Department's Vaccination Complaint Investigations Team was recently honored by the Federal Law Enforcement Foundation for its work alongside the New York State Police, New York County District Attorney's Office, and United States Postal Service Office of Inspector General in the investigation of numerous individuals for their role in a conspiracy that supplied forged COVID-19 vaccination cards to buyers through a popular social media platform.

To date, fifteen defendants have been arrested and charged with felony offenses as a result of the investigation, including thirteen individuals who purchased the forged cards for their own use or purchased the cards and paid for the fraudulent vaccination information to be entered into New York's immunization registry.

# STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ANNOUNCES: Fraudulent COVID-19 Vax Cards (Continued)

"While I thank the Federal Law Enforcement Foundation for recognizing the efforts of our Department's Vaccination Complaint Investigations Team and its partners in federal, state, and local law enforcement, this award should also serve as a warning to those who choose to engage in vaccine-related fraud that we will investigate and refer for prosecution anyone who creates, distributes, buys, or uses fraudulent proof of Covid-19 vaccinations," **State Commissioner of Health Dr. Mary T. Bassett said.** "Simply put, it is illegal for people to fabricate, buy, sell, or use fake vaccination records—criminal conduct that endangers not only their own health but also that of their friends, family, and coworkers. When the offender works in the healthcare system, which is too often the case, the conduct puts at risk the safety of patients who may be particularly vulnerable and whose wellbeing the system exists to protect."

Including the initial August 2021 case recently recognized by the Federal Law Enforcement Foundation, the Department's Vaccination Complaint Investigations Team has conducted investigations of vaccination fraud that have so far resulted in felony arrests in Albany, Bronx, Erie, Genesee, Monroe, New York, Oneida, Orange, Queens, Rensselaer, Suffolk, Ulster and Westchester counties.

New Yorkers can report vaccine-related fraud by calling 833-VAX-SCAM (833-829-7226) or emailing [STOPVAXFRAUD@health.ny.gov](mailto:STOPVAXFRAUD@health.ny.gov).

All New Yorkers 6 months and older should [get vaccinated](#) and get their [booster dose](#) when eligible. New Yorkers should continue to wear a mask where appropriate and follow all other health guidelines.

COVID vaccines are widely available at pharmacies, local health departments, clinics, Federally Qualified Health Centers and other locations across the state. To schedule an appointment for a booster, New Yorkers should contact their local pharmacy, county health department, or healthcare provider; visit [vaccines.gov](http://vaccines.gov); text their ZIP code to 438829, or call 1-800-232-0233 to find nearby locations.

FDA fact sheets for recipients and caregivers on each vaccine are available: [Pfizer-BioNTech/Cominarty](#); [Moderna](#); [Johnson & Johnson](#); [Novavax](#).

The [COVID-19 website](#) has resources for the public, schools, adult care facilities and medical laboratories. More information about vaccine efficacy is available [here](#).

For more information the Department of Health, please visit <https://www.health.ny.gov/>

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## REPORT: The Health+ Long COVID Report

This new report, created by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), highlights patients' experience of Long COVID. The information sets to understand its complexities better and drive creative responses by government leaders, clinicians, patient advocates, and others.

Researchers have cataloged more than 50 conditions linked to Long COVID that impact nearly every organ system. Estimates vary, but research suggests that between 5 percent and 30 percent of those who had COVID-19 may have Long COVID symptoms.

Combining more than 1,000 hours of interviews, workshops, and human-centered design research with the public, this report puts patients at the center of government innovation.

Listening to and learning from the experiences of Long COVID patients is essential to accelerating understanding and breakthroughs," said Admiral [Rachel Levine, M.D.](#), Assistant Secretary for Health. "The *Health+ Long COVID Report* is evidence of our commitment to engaging communities to provide patient-led solutions." [Access the full report here](#).

## PHCC's Misinformation Alerts and Damar Hamlin

The spread of misinformation and disinformation on COVID-19 vaccine safety and efficacy continues. On January 2, 2023, football player Damar Hamlin collapsed on the field and suffered a cardiac arrest during an NFL game. Since Hamlin's collapse, there has been widespread misinformation baselessly attributing his injury to his COVID-19 vaccination. Find fact-checked information about Hamlin and vaccine misinformation in our latest [misinformation alert](#), where we share clear, accurate information to answer questions such as: "Was Hamlin's cardiac arrest caused by a COVID-19 vaccine," and "Do mRNA COVID-19 vaccines increase the risk of heart-related problems?"

Developed through a combination of automated media monitoring and manual review by public health data analysts at the Public Good Projects, our [Misinformation Alerts](#) are categorized as low, medium, or high risk. With COVID-19 misinformation and disinformation showing no signs of stopping, visit our website for insights and guidance on how to respond with public health messaging that's focused on the facts.

[Football player's cardiac arrest tied without evidence to COVID-19 vaccination - Public Health Communication Collaborative \(publichealthcollaborative.org\)](#)

## Talking Points on COVID-19 Vaccine Safety and Effectiveness

With an uptick of COVID-19 cases this winter, the emergence of a new [Omicron subvariant XBB.1.5](#), and the persistent spread of COVID-19 misinformation on social media, **the best way to counter false and misleading information is by continuing to share science-based facts**. The data shows that vaccines have saved tens of millions of lives, are safe, and continue to be effective at preventing severe illness

In addition to our Misinformation Alert tracking tool, we've updated our [Talking Points on Vaccine Safety and Effectiveness](#) to help you address vaccination misinformation in your community and underscore the importance of staying up-to-date on COVID-19 vaccination.

## Updated Children and COVID-19 Vaccination Toolkit

Last month, CDC expanded the use of the updated bivalent COVID-19 vaccine for kids as young as 6 months old. To communicate the latest vaccine recommendations in your community, use our updated [Children and COVID-19 Vaccination toolkit](#), including updated [Answers to Tough Questions](#) as well as social graphics and sample social posts in English and Spanish.

ICYMI:

- [Messaging: The "Tripledemic"](#)
- [Resource: What Mask Should I Wear?](#)
- [Webinar: The Power of Framing](#)
- [Toolkit: At-Home COVID-19 Testing](#)
- [Misinformation Alerts](#)

To get the latest updates, misinformation alerts and resources from the Public Health Communications Collaborative and our partners, visit our [website](#) and follow us on Twitter at [@PH\\_Comms](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

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

- **December 22<sup>nd</sup>:** [0484 – 12/22/2022 Increase in Pediatric Invasive Group A Streptococcal Infections](#)
- **December 20<sup>th</sup>:** [0483 – 12/20/2022 Important Updates on COVID-19 Therapeutics for Treatment and Prevention](#)
- **December 14<sup>th</sup>:** [0482 – 12/14/2022 Interim Guidance for Clinicians to Prioritize Antiviral Treatment of Influenza in the Setting of Reduced Availability of Oseltamivir](#)

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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. ###

### [State Public Health Emergency Powers in Response to COVID-19](#)

Hodge, et al. | Am J Public Health | Dec 15, 2022

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## United State Fire Administration

### [Behavioral health action steps and resources](#)

Recommended action steps and resources for fire departments of all types and sizes to support the behavioral health needs of fire and EMS responders.

### [Evidence-based infection prevention and control recommendations for the EMS/911 workforce](#)

A new report summarizes current evidence on exposures to infectious pathogens and includes recommendations for areas where further research is needed.

### [Establishing agreements for Next Generation 911](#)

As Emergency Communications Centers and Public Safety Answering Points are transitioning their 911 systems to Next Generation 911 (NG911), collaboration between agencies is critical. Find out about considerations for establishing memorandums of understanding between agencies to interconnect NG911 systems.

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## Administration for Strategic Preparedness & Response

### [Biden Administration announces COVID-19 winter preparedness plan](#)

*Administration to focus efforts on making vaccinations, testing, and treatments even more widely available and accessible as COVID-19 cases increase*

- [Fact Sheet: Biden Administration Announces COVID-19 Winter Preparedness Plan | The White House](#)
- [COVID.gov/tests - Free at-home COVID-19 tests](#)

### [FDA authorizes updated \(bivalent\) COVID-19 vaccines for children down to six months of age](#)

### [Four ways pandemic preparedness improves efforts to prevent seasonal influenza](#)

### [ASPR TRACIE provides updated resources for surge in pediatric respiratory illnesses](#)

### [Find treatment options for COVID-19 now that bebtelovimab is no longer authorized for use](#)

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# CDC Radiation and Health

January is National Radon Action Month. Make plans in 2023 to test your home for radon, and if your numbers are high, get it fixed.

Radon is an odorless and invisible radioactive gas naturally released from rocks, soil, and water. Radon can get trapped inside homes and buildings and build up in the air. Over time, breathing in high levels of radon can cause lung cancer.

Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States after smoking. According to estimates from the Environmental Protection Agency

- Radon causes over 21,000 lung cancer deaths each year.
- 1 in 15 homes in the United States have high radon levels.-

As part of National Radon Action Month, CDC is hosting its third Radon Awareness Week from January 23–27. This year's theme is “The 5 Ws of Radon: What’s Your Radon Story?” Each day of the week will have its own theme, graphic, set of messages, and related story. The five daily themes are

1. **Who** is affected by radon?
2. **What** are the health effects of radon?
3. **Where** can I be exposed to radon?
4. **When** should I install a radon reduction system?
5. **Why** should I raise awareness about radon?

Stay tuned for information about January’s [Environmental Health Nexus](#) webinar on radon, which will include speakers from the American Lung Association and Wisconsin’s state radiation control office.

Learn more about this hidden danger at CDC’s [radon webpage](#).

CDC updated its [Stay Tuned](#) page on the [Radiation Emergencies](#) website to include information about

- Ways to Stay Tuned
- How to Evacuate
- Community Reception Centers (CRCs)
- Emergency Shelters
- Helping Others
- Mental Health

The site includes two new pages on going to [public shelters](#) and [community reception centers](#) in a radiation emergency, and provides a new infographic on [What to Expect at a CRC](#).

CDC also added new information to its [Potassium Iodide \(KI\) webpage](#), providing more information about when KI is useful and when it is not. See these updates at “[Potassium Iodide \(KI\) is not an ‘Anti-Radiation’ Drug](#).”

Learn more about [radiation emergencies](#).

Learn more about [dirty bombs and nuclear detonations](#).

[Sign up for CDC’s Radiation and Health newsletter](#) to get the latest updates, activities, and news about radiation and health and radiation emergency preparedness.

# NYSDOH Commerce Training Institute (CTI) Courses

## CTI-100

### Introduction to the Health Commerce System

Thursday, December 1, 2022, 2-3pm  
Tuesday, January 3, 2023, 11-12pm  
Monday, February 6, 2023, 10-11am  
Wednesday, March 1, 2023, 1-2pm

**Provider:** NYSDOH Commerce Training Institute  
Average Completion Time: 1 hr  
**Continuing Education credits:** No  
**Enroll in LMS Course:** [CTI-100](#)

The redesigned Health Commerce System (HCS) became available in March 2010. The HIN and HPN were recreated as the Health Commerce System portal, or HCS. There is no longer a separation between the HPN and HIN.

#### Objectives:

- Identify the major elements of the HCS architecture
- Identify the features of the HCS
- Demonstrate strategies to customize the portal for your own use.

## CTI-120

### Integrated Data Reporting in HERDS v.3

Wednesday, December 14, 2022, 9-10am  
Thursday, January 12, 2023, 10-11am  
Friday, February 17, 2023, 9-10am  
Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 11-12pm

**Provider:** NYSDOH Commerce Training Institute  
Webinar: Yes  
Average Completion Time: 1 hr  
**Continuing Education credits:** No  
**Enroll in LMS Course:** [CTI-120](#)

This course provides a solid foundation for adult care facilities, home health agencies, hospices, hospitals, LHCSAs, nursing homes and extension clinics to report data using the HERDS v.3 application. The course will begin with a look at how to obtain access to HERDS and how facilities will be notified when there are activities to be completed. Learners will then be provided demonstration of the new reporting platform. The session concludes with a brief overview of the pre-selected reports available from the application. This course is presented in a one-hour session via WebEx Training Center.

#### Objectives:

- Locate and modify the person record.
- Explain the importance of the person record in relation to HERDS.
- Demonstrate the ability to review assigned roles.
- Locate and access HERDS.
- Describe the overall structure of HERDS activities.

## CTI-200

### Communications Directory Certification

Tuesday, December 6, 2022, 9:30-11am  
Wednesday, January 11, 2023, 10-11:30am  
Tuesday, February 7, 2023, 9-10:30am  
Thursday, March 9, 2023, 2-3:30pm

**Provider:** NYSDOH Commerce Training Institute  
Webinar: Yes  
Average Completion Time: 1.5 hrs  
**Continuing Education credits:** No  
**Enroll in LMS Course:** [CTI-200](#)

This course provides a comprehensive review of the Health Commerce System Communications Directory, the underlying records that make up the directory, and the tools all HCS users can use to access the directory. This two-hour course will begin by examining the structure of the directory and differentiating between the actual contact information records stored for each person in the directory, and the facilities and roles those records can be associated with. Once the structure of the directory has been examined learners will review and have an opportunity to practice with the applications used to access the information stored in the directory. At the conclusion of this course learners will be able to:

- List the components of the Communications Directory
- Summarize how the components are related and work together
- Summarize the HCS emergency call down procedure, describing the role the Communications Directory plays

# NYSDOH Commerce Training Institute (CTI) Courses continued

CTI-300

## Integrated Health Alerting and Notification System (IHANS) Training & Certification

Friday, December 16, 2022, 9-12pm  
Tuesday, Jan 24, 2023, 1-4pm  
Wednesday, February 22, 2023, 9-12pm  
Monday, March 27, 2023, 1-4pm

**Provider:** NYSDOH Commerce Training Institute  
Webinar: Yes  
Average Completion Time: 3 hrs  
**Enroll in LMS Course:** [CTI-300](#)

This course covers all information necessary to begin the certification process for using the Integrated Health Alerting & Notification System. Participants will receive hands on practice with the tools and be offered an opportunity to complete certification.

Users who wish to complete certification are strongly encourage to send an advance message to any audience they may broadcast to as part of the certification process. Typically, course participants broadcast a sample notification to their HIN Coordinators (LHDs) or Directory Coordinators (NYSDOH).

CTI-502

## New York State Evacuation of Facilities in Disasters Systems (eFINDS) version 3.0

Monday, December 19, 2022, 2-3pm  
Tuesday, January 24, 2023, 1-4pm  
Wednesday, February 22, 2023, 9-12pm  
Monday, March 27, 2023, 1-4pm

**Provider:** NYSDOH Commerce Training Institute  
Webinar: Yes  
Average Completion Time: 1 hr  
**Enroll in LMS Course:** [CTI-502](#)

The New York State Evacuation of Facilities in Disasters Systems (eFINDS) is the patient/resident tracking application housed on the Health Commerce System (HCS). This course provides a solid foundation for registering and updating patient/resident location information during an incident or event, such as a storm, flood, non-natural incident or practice exercise/drill. Course participants will be provided a demonstration of the eFINDS application including: eFINDS Data Reporter and eFINDS Data Administrator role permissions; how to register a patient/ resident with a scanner and without; use a spreadsheet to register multiple patient/residents; update patient/resident tracking information as an evacuating facility, and as a receiving facility. The session concludes with hands-on exercises.

## New and Upcoming Live Events

Note: \*Some items are marked with **NEW!** generally indicating that the promotion is new to this edition of the Aware Prepare Update.\*

### January 2023

#### **Community Resilience (AWR-228)**

Sponsored by NDPTC

January 12-13, 2023, 8:00am - 12:00pm

[Register Here](#)

#### **Integrated Data Reporting in HERDS v.3**

Sponsored by NYSDOH CTI

January 12, 2023, 10:00am - 11:00am

[Register Here](#)



## **ICS for Major and/or Complex Incidents (I-400)**

Sponsored by DHSES

January 17-18, 2023, 8:00am - 5:00pm

Chautauqua Co. OEM, Mayville, NY

[Register Here](#)

## **NEW! Capacitación virtual – 17 y 18 de enero de 2023 (Jan. 17 and 18, 2023)**

*Ésta se llevará a cabo en 2 sesiones.*

**Quién:** Sectores público y privado en el condado de Canoga Park, el estado de California, y las diez regiones de FEMA.

**Cuándo:** 17 y 18 de enero de 2023

**Horario:** 7:00 PM ET – 9:00 PM ET (Incluye pausas durante la capacitación.)

**Cómo:**

- Completar un examen previo antes de la capacitación.
- Asistir a ambas sesiones virtuales por Zoom.

**Costo:** Gratis

**Más información:** [PER-387 Folleto \(PDF\)](#)

## **Hazmat for First Receiver Operations Level Training/ HAZWOPER (NIAGARA COUNTY)**

Sponsored by FLRTC - Finger Lakes Regional Training Center

January 18, 2023, 8:30am – 4:30pm

Mount St. Mary's Hospital – Education Room (2<sup>nd</sup> Fl)

5300 Military Rd, Lewiston, NY

**Enroll in LMS Course:** [OHEP-WRHTC-HazFROps-BP4](#)

## **NEW! Increasing Resilience through Land Use Planning and Building Codes**

Sponsored by FEMA Region 3

January 18, 2023, 11:00am - 12:00-pm

[Register Here](#)

## **NEW! Addressing Health Disparities Through Home Care 3 Part Series: Understanding Sources of Stigma and Improving Communication**

Sponsored by HCANYS

January 18, 2023, 12:00pm - 1:30pm

[Register Here](#)

## **NEW! Human Trafficking Awareness Webinar**

Sponsored by FEMA Individual & Community Preparedness Division

January 18, 2023, 1-2pm

[Register Here](#)

## **NEW! Community Resilience**

Sponsored by NDPTC

January 18-19, 2023, 1:00pm - 5:00pm

[Register Here](#)

## **Incident Command System Emergency Operations Center Interface (G-191)**

Sponsored by DHSES

January 18-19, 2023, 12:30pm - 4:30pm

[Register Here](#)

**NEW! DIA Webinar - Preparedness for People with Loss of Sight, Hearing or Combined Loss**

Sponsored by FEMA Individual & Community Preparedness Division

January 19, 2023, 12:30pm-1:30pm

[Register Here](#)

**NEW! Lessons From COVID-19: United Kingdom and United States**

Sponsored by ACOEM

January 19, 2023, 1:00pm - 2:00pm

[Register Here](#)

**Disaster Recovery Post Tropical Storm Fred**

Sponsored by Regional Health Training Center

January 23, 2023, 1:00pm - 2:30pm

Enroll in LMS Course: [OHEP-HTC-BP4-S1-012023-WR](#)

**NEW! Using Behavioral Theory to Understand the Red/Blue Divide in COVID-19 Vaccination Intentions**

Sponsored by Region IV Public Health Training Center

January 23, 2023, 2-3pm

[Register Here](#)

**NEW! Hot Topics — PH WINS for the Future: Understanding the Strengths and Needs of Rural Public Health**

Sponsored by Northwest Center for Public Health Practice, U of Washington School of Public Health

January 23, 2023, 3-4pm

[Register Here](#)

**NEW! Flooding Hazards: Science & Preparedness (AWR-362)**

Sponsored by NDPTC

January 24-25, 2023, 1:00pm - 5:00pm

[Register Here](#)

**NEW! ICS-700.B National Incident Management System (NIMS) An Introduction**

Sponsored by HEPC HTCs

January 24, 2023, 10:00am - 12:00pm

[Register Here](#)

**NEW! Integrated Health Alerting and Notification System (IHANS) Training & Certification**

Sponsored by NYSDOH CTI

January 24, 2023, 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Enroll in LMS Course: [CTI-300](#)

**NEW! K0376 State Public Assistance Operations**

Sponsored by FEMA/EMI

January 24 - 27, 2023, 11:00am - 5:00pm

[Register Here](#)

**NEW! Resolve To Be Ready With: Organizations Preparing for Emergency Needs (OPEN)**

Sponsored by Region 2

January 25, 2023, 2:00pm - 3:00pm

[Register Here](#)

**NEW! Youth Preparedness Council Application Information Session Webinar**

Sponsored by FEMA Individual & Community Preparedness Division

January 30, 2023, 8 – 9 p.m.

[Register Here](#)

**NEW! Newcomer Health Webinar Series: Ukrainian Health Considerations**

Sponsored by ECHO CO

January 31, 2023, 9:00am - 10:00am

[Register Here](#)

**NEW! Campus Emergencies Prevention, Response, and Recovery- Customized (MGT-324-C)**

Sponsored by LSU

January 31, 2023 - February 1, 2023, 9:00am - 1:00pm

[Register Here](#)

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**Costo:** Gratis **Más información:** [PER-385 Folleto \(PDF\)](#)

## **February 2023**

**NEW! ICS-800.D National Response Framework, An Introduction**

Sponsored by HEPC HTC's

February 2, 2023, 10:00am - 12:00pm

[Register Here](#)

**NEW! Trauma Nursing Core Course**

Sponsored by ENA

February 4-5, 2023, 7:30am - 4:30pm

Rochester General Hospital, Rochester, NY

[Register Here](#)

**NEW! Introduction to the Health Commerce System**

Sponsored by NYSDOH CTI

February 6, 2023, 10:00am - 11:00am

**Enroll in LMS Course:** [CTI-100](#)

**NEW! Flooding Hazards: Science & Preparedness (AWR-362)**

Sponsored by NDPTC

February 6-7, 2023, 12:00pm - 4:00pm

[Register Here](#)

**NEW! K0202: Debris Management Planning for State, Tribal, Territorial and Local Officials**

Sponsored by FEMA/EMI

February 7-9, 2023, 8:30am - 5:00pm

[Register Here](#)

**NEW! Communications Directory Certification**

Sponsored by NYSDOH CTI

February 7, 2023, 9:00am - 10:30am

**Enroll in LMS Course:** [CTI-200](#)

**NEW! K0051: Exercise Program Management**

Sponsored by FEMA/EMI

February 7, 2023, 11:00am - 3:00pm

[Register Here](#)

**NEW! ISC-100.C - Introduction to the Incident Command System**

Sponsored by HEPC HTC

February 9, 2023, 10:00am - 12:00pm

**Enroll in LMS Course:** [ISC-100.C](#)

**Hazmat for First Receiver Operations Level Training/ HAZWOPER (ERIE COUNTY)**

Sponsored by FLRTC - Finger Lakes Regional Training Center

February 15, 2023, 8:30am – 4:30pm

Kenmore Mercy Hospital – Community Room, 2950 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo, NY

**Enroll in LMS Course:** [OHEP-WRHTC-HazFROps-BP4](#)

**NEW! ISC-100.C - Introduction to the Incident Command System**

Sponsored by HEPC HTC

February 9, 2023, 10:00am - 12:00pm

**Enroll in LMS Course:** [ISC-100.C](#)

**Hazmat for First Receiver Operations Level Training/ HAZWOPER (ERIE COUNTY)**

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February 15, 2023, 8:30am – 4:30pm

Kenmore Mercy Hospital – Community Room

2950 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo, NY

**Enroll in LMS Course:** [OHEP-WRHTC-HazFROps-BP4](#)

**HERDS Reporting (CTI-120)**

Sponsored by NYSDOH CTI

February 17, 2023, 9:00am - 10:00am

**Enroll in LMS Course:** [CTI-120](#)

**NEW! Social Media Tools and Techniques (PER-344)**

Sponsored by NDPTC

February 21, 2023- February 22, 2023, 1:00pm - 5:00pm

[Register Here](#)

**NEW! Integrated Health Alerting and Notification System (IHANS) Training & Certification**

Sponsored by NYSDOH CTI

February 22, 2023, 9:00am - 12:00pm

Enroll in LMS Course: [CTI-300](#)

**NEW! NYS Evacuation of Facilities in Disasters Systems (eFinds) Version 3.0**

Sponsored by NYSDOH CTI

February 21, 2023, 10-11am

Enroll in LMS Course: [CTI-502](#)

**NEW! ICS-200.C Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response**

Sponsored by HEPC HTC

February 22, 2023, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Enroll in LMS Course: [ICS-200.C](#)

**NEW! K0449 Incident Command System Train-The-Trainer**

Sponsored by FEMA

February 27 - March 3, 2023, 8:30am - 5:30pm

[Register Here](#)

**NEW! E0490 Voluntary Agency Coordination in Disasters**

Sponsored by FEMA - EMI NETC, Emmitsburg, MD

February 27 - March 3, 2023

[Register Here](#)

**NEW! Newcomer Health Webinar Series: Vaccinations**

Sponsored by ECHO CO

February 28, 2023, 9:00am - 10:00am

[Register Here](#)

**NEW! Gun Violence Prevention Forum 2023**

Sponsored by Northwell Health

February 28, 2023, 9am-12:30pm

[Register Here](#)

**NEW! Youth Preparedness Council Application Information Session Webinar**

Sponsored by FEMA Individual & Community Preparedness Division

February 28, 2023, 8 – 9 p.m.

[Register Here](#)

**NEW! Climate Adaptation Planning for Emergency Management (AWR-347)**

Sponsored by NDPTC

February 28, 2023 - March 1, 2023, 1:00pm - 5:00pm

[Register Here](#)

**NEW! Climate Adaptation Planning for Emergency Management (AWR-347)**

Sponsored by NDPTC

February 28, 2023 - March 1, 2023, 1:00pm - 5:00pm

[Register Here](#)

**NEW! Flooding Hazards: Science & Preparedness (AWR-362)**

Sponsored by NDPTC

February 28, 2023 - March 1, 2023, 2:00pm - 6:00pm

[Register Here](#)

**March 2023**

**NEW! Non-Disaster Grants: Grant Recipient Training**

Sponsored by FEMA Individual & Community Preparedness Division

March 1, 2023, 1-3pm

[Register Here](#)

**NEW! The Basic Disaster Life Support™ (BDLS®)**

Sponsored by FLRTC

March 7-8, 2023, 8:30am – 12:30pm

[Register Here](#)

BDLS Enrollment Code: NYHTC

**PLEASE NOTE:** This course is **ONLY** open to folks in the Western & Central NY regions in the following counties: WR: Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Chemung, Erie, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Niagara, Ontario, Orleans, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Wayne, Wyoming, Yates/CNY: Broome, Cayuga, Chenango, Cortland, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, Oswego, St. Lawrence, Tioga, Tompkins

**NEW! HICS - Hospital Incident Command System**

Sponsored by WR/FLRTC

March 09, 2023, 10:00am – 12:00pm

**Enroll in LMS Course:** [OHEP-HTC-HICS-WEB-BP4](#)

**NEW! Emergency Planning and Preparedness for Persons with Disabilities & Access and Functional Needs - PART II**

Sponsored by WR/FLRTC and Niagara University's Emergency Management Disability Awareness Program to provide training for Healthcare Emergency Preparedness Coalition

March 15, 2023, 10:00am - 12:00pm

**Enroll in LMS Course:** [OHEP-HTC-BP4-S3-032023-WR](#) \*PART I on LMS: [RTC-BP3-S6-122021-WR](#)

**NEW! Advanced Burn Life Support Course**

Sponsored by American Burn Association, University of Rochester

March 27, 2023

Website: <https://na.eventscloud.com/website/50283/home/>

Registration: <https://na.eventscloud.com/ereg/index.php?eventid=727586&>

## May 2023

### **NEW!** Trauma Nursing Core Course

Sponsored by the Emergency Nurses Association

May 6-7, 2023

Rochester General Hospital, 1425 Portland Avenue, Rochester, NY 14621

[Register Here](#)

## New & OnDemand Content - NYLearnsPH.com

### **NEW!** Guidance to Complete ServNY Notification Drill

Sponsored by NYSDOH OHEP

2022-2023 Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program Deliverable BPR-4

Enroll in LMS Course: [OHEP-BP4-BPR4](#)

### The Power of Framing: Bridging Political Divides to Strengthen Public Health

Sponsored by Public Health Communications Collaborative

Recorded October 18, 2022

Enroll in LMS Course: [PHCC-20221018](#)

### Comms Crash Course: Using Social Media for Public Health Communications

Sponsored by Public Health Communications Collaborative

Recorded July 26, 2022

Enroll in LMS Course: [PHCC-20220726](#)

### Communicating Through COVID-19 & Beyond: Impact & Insights from the Field of Public Health

Sponsored by Public Health Communications Collaborative

Recorded April 13, 2022

Enroll in LMS Course: [PHCC-20220413](#)

## Additional Training of Interest

### **NEW!** CDC EPIC Webinar: Flu, RSV, COVID-19 and other Respiratory Threats

Sponsored by The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Recorded November 29, 2022

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### **NEW!** CDC Disaster Epidemiology Courses with Free CE

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### The Mystery and Epidemiology of Long COVID

Sponsored by The University of Alabama at Birmingham

Recorded September 29, 2022

[View Here](#)

### Partnering with the Autism Community on Inclusive Emergency Preparedness

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

Recorded September 20, 2022

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### **Economic disaster recovery web-based trainings:**

- [PER-376-W: Preparedness Actions to Promote Economic Resilience and Recovery](#)
- [AWR-390-W: Improving Individual and Households' Financial Literacy and Management to Support Post-Disaster Economic Recovery](#)
- [AWR-391-W: Improving Business' Financial Literacy and Management to Support Post-Disaster Economic Recovery](#)

### **Housing disaster recovery web-based trainings:**

- [AWR-370-W Addressing Gaps in Housing Disaster Recovery: Conducting Impact Assessments](#)
- [AWR 371-W Addressing Gaps in Housing Disaster Recovery: Pre-Disaster Planning](#)
- [AWR 372-W Addressing Gaps in Housing Disaster Recovery: Post-Disaster Planning](#)
- [AWR-386-W Establishing Collaborative Case Management Services](#)
- [AWR-387-W Executing Strategies to Rapidly Rehabilitate Damaged Housing](#)
- [PER-389-W Incorporating Best Practices for Short-Term and Long-Term Housing Construction](#)
- [MGT-470: Establishing Collaborative Case Management Services](#)
- [MGT-471: Executing Strategies to Rapidly Rehabilitate Damaged Housing](#)
- [MGT-472: Planning for Transitional and Long-Term Housing After a Major Disaster](#)

### **Live Virtual Learning (January - February)**

- **January 17 and 18, 2023 - All FEMA Regions (En Español)**
  - [PER387BLCA ESP: Mejorando la Alfabetización y Gestión Financieras de Individuos y Familias para Apoyar la Recuperación Económica Post-Desastres](#)
- **January 18 and February 15, 2023 - All FEMA Regions**
  - [PER-387: Improving Individual and Households' Financial Literacy and Management to Support Post-Disaster Economic Recovery](#)
- **January 26, 2023 - Iowa, FEMA Region 7**
  - [PER-385: Improving Business' Financial Literacy and Management to Support Post-Disaster Economic Recovery](#)
- **January 31 and February 1, 2023 - All FEMA Regions (En Español)**
  - [PER-385: Mejorando la Alfabetización y Gestión Financieras de Empresas para Apoyar la Recuperación Económica Post-Desastres](#)
- **February 21 and 22, 2023 - South Carolina, FEMA Region 4**
  - [PER-387: Improving Individual and Households' Financial Literacy and Management to Support Post-Disaster Economic Recovery](#)

### **Instructor-led In-Person Learning (January - February)**

- **January 31, 2023 - Delaware, FEMA Region 3**
  - [PER-385: Improving Business' Financial Literacy and Management to Support Post-Disaster Economic Recovery](#)
- **February 7, 2023 - Miramar, FL, FEMA Region 4**
  - [MGT 471: Executing Strategies to Rapidly Rehabilitate Damaged Housing](#)
- **February 8, 2023 - Allegheny County, FEMA Region 3**
  - [PER-387: Improving Individual and Households' Financial Literacy and Management to Support Post-Disaster Economic Recovery](#)
- **February 8, 2023 - Martin County, FL, FEMA Region 4**
  - [MGT 470: Establishing Collaborative Case Management Services](#)
- **February 9, 2023 - Martin County, FL, FEMA Region 4**
  - [MGT 471: Executing Strategies to Rapidly Rehabilitate Damaged Housing](#)





## 1736-Training Opportunity-VTTX FY23 Schedule

### **Description:**

FEMA Emergency Management Institute (EMI) conducts a series of VTTX using a virtual platform to reach community-based training audiences around the country and provide a virtual forum for disaster training. The VTTX process involves key personnel from the emergency management Community of Practice (CoP) reviewing a pre-packaged set of exercise materials and convening for a 4-hour tabletop exercise discussion of a simulated disaster scenario with a total of 10–15 other CoP groups participating.

### **VTTX Scenarios & Dates:**

Course Date	Scenario
Oct 4-6, 2022	Family Reunification after an Earthquake
Oct 18-20, 2022	Winter Weather
Nov 1-3, 2022	Active Threat (Shooter)-Mall
Nov 15-17, 2022	Chlorine
Dec 13-15, 2022	Cyber
Jan 10-12, 2023	Dam Failure
Jan 24-26, 2023	IPAWS Seasonal Flooding
Feb 7-9, 2023	Cyber
Feb 21-23, 2023	Flood
Mar 7-9, 2023	Public Health - Burn MCI
Mar 21-23, 2023	IPAWS HazMat Event
Apr 4-6, 2023	Train Derailment - Pass Train
Apr 18-20, 2023	Tornado
May 2-4, 2023	Cyber
May 16-18, 2023	Hurricane COOP
Jun 13-15, 2023	IPAWS Hurricane
Jul 18-20, 2023	Wildfire Urban Interface (WUI)
Aug 8-10, 2023	Cyber
Aug 29-31, 2023	Active Threat (Shooter) - School
Sept 12-14, 2023	IPAWS MCI Terrorist Event

### **FEMA offering assistance through the National Exercise Program**

State, local, tribal and territorial jurisdictions can request no-cost assistance from the NEP for exercise design, development, conduct and evaluation to validate capabilities across all mission areas. [Learn about exercise assistance on FEMA.gov.](#)

Round	Submission Deadline	Decisions Sent By
Spring 2023 Round	April 3, 2023	May 5, 2023

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- [A Look Inside the 2022 National CERT Conference \(fema.gov\)](#)
- [New CERT Course Aims to Strengthen Communities \(fema.gov\)](#)
- [Youth Preparedness Council Members Share Their Accomplishments \(fema.gov\)](#)
- [Prepare for Flood After Fire with Flood Insurance \(fema.gov\)](#)
- [Stay Alert for Weather-Related Scams \(fema.gov\)](#)

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## Incident Command System Webinar Series ICS 700 – ICS 800 - ICS 100 – ICS 200 - HICS

### INTRODUCTION:

All hospitals and healthcare systems receiving Federal preparedness and response grants, contracts or cooperative agreements (HPP Grant) must maintain compliance in training staff in the National Incident Management System (NIMS). NIMS courses include ICS-100, ICS-200 and ICS-700 or their equivalents. This webinar series is designed to provide an overview of each course and to prepare staff for the FEMA exam/certification.

### SESSION OVERVIEW:

#### • ICS 700 (equivalent to FEMA IS-700.b)

##### **National Incident Management System: An Introduction**

ICS-700 webinar session provides individuals with emergency management responsibilities including prevention, preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation with an introduction and overview of the National Incident Management System (NIMS). NIMS provides a consistent nationwide template to enable all government, private-sector, and nongovernmental organizations to work together during domestic incidents.

#### • ICS 800 (equivalent to FEMA IS-0800.d):

##### **National Response Framework, An Introduction**

ICS-800 webinar session provides guidance for whole community. The National Response Framework focuses especially on those who are involved in delivering and applying the response core capabilities.

#### • ICS 100 (equivalent to FEMA IS-100.c)

##### **Introduction to the Incident Command System**

ICS-100 webinar session provides personnel involved with emergency planning, response and recovery efforts an introduction to the Incident Command System (ICS) and provides the foundation for higher level ICS training. This session will cover the history, features and principles, and organizational structure of ICS. It will also explain the relationship between ICS and the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

#### • ICS 200 (equivalent to FEMA IS-200.c)

##### **Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response**

ICS-200 webinar session reviews the Incident Command System (ICS), provides the context for ICS within initial response, and supports higher level ICS training. This course provides training on, and resources for, personnel who are likely to assume a supervisory position within ICS.

#### • HICS Hospital Incident Command System

The HICS webinar session will provide an overview of the Hospital Incident Command System (HICS) and the operation of the Hospital Command Center (HCC) during emergency and nonemergency situations.

### TARGET AUDIENCE:

**FEMA IS Sessions:** Staff person(s) who are either preparing to take the FEMA IS exam or need a refresher in ICS basics.

**HICS:** Staff person(s) who need an introduction or refresher on Hospital Incident Command System principles.

### WEBINAR SESSION DATES & REGISTRATION:

Visit <https://www.nylearnsph.com> Search Course Catalog for course to enroll in webinar training or use links below:

#### ICS 700 Webinar:

January 24, 2023 (10:00am – 12:00pm)

REGISTER HERE: [OHEP-HTC-ICS700-WEB-BP4](#)

#### ICS 100 Webinar:

February 9, 2023 (10:00am – 12:00pm)

REGISTER HERE: [OHEP-HTC-ICS100-WEB-BP4](#)

#### ICS 100 Webinar:

February 9, 2023 (10:00am – 12:00pm)

REGISTER HERE: [OHEP-HTC-ICS100-WEB-BP4](#)

#### ICS 200 Webinar:

February 22, 2023 (10:00am - 12:00pm)

HERE: [OHEP-HTC-ICS200-WEB-BP4](#)

#### HICS Webinar:

March 9, 2023 (10:00am – 12:00pm)

REGISTER HERE: [OHEP-HTC-HICS-WEB-BP4](#)

### FEMA CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

In order to receive official certification in the IS courses students must take the FEMA Final Exam via links provided. Please note that the IS Program now requires a FEMA SID to be used instead of your SSN. If you do not have a SID or forgot your FEMA SID, visit this site: <https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid>

[IS-700.b Final Exam](#)

[IS-800.d Final Exam](#)

[IS-100.c Final Exam](#)

[IS-200.c Final Exam](#)

\*There is no FEMA exam/certification for HICS

**Questions Regarding NYSDOH Learning Management System (LMS):** Direct questions to [edlearn@health.ny.gov](mailto:edlearn@health.ny.gov)

**Questions Regarding Training:** Direct to appropriate HTC:

• WR HEPC Training Center – Anne D’Angelo Phone: (585) 758-7640 [anne\\_dangelo@urmc.rochester.edu](mailto:anne_dangelo@urmc.rochester.edu)

• CNY HEPC Training Center – Maureen Guinta Phone: (315) 464-7597 [guintam@upstate.edu](mailto:guintam@upstate.edu)

• CDR HEPC Training Center – Michele McDonald Phone: (518) 262-1679 [McdonM10@amc.edu](mailto:McdonM10@amc.edu)

• MARO HEPC Training Center – Eddie Reyes Phone:(516) 350-2895 [ereyes@northwell.ed](mailto:ereyes@northwell.ed)

## Guidance to Complete ServNY Notification Drill (LHD BP-4 BPR-4)

### Deliverable

The 2022-2023 Public Health emergency Preparedness Program Deliverable BPR-4 requires Local Health Departments (LHD) to use the ServNY Volunteer Management System (VMS) to notify volunteers for a response to a real-world event or as part of a local exercise. This optional course provides further guidance on the completion of this deliverable requirement.

### Elements of Completion

1. A minimum of one (1) staff person must complete the drill.
2. Submit ServNY results
3. Provide the date(s) of the drill on the LHD Quarterly Deliverables Report

### Additional Training and Guidance

An optional course has been created in the NYSDOH LMS that provides training and guidance on how to successfully send a notification to volunteers using ServNY.

To enroll in the training, please go to [www.NYlearnsPH.com](http://www.NYlearnsPH.com) and search the course catalog for: [OHEP-BP4-BPR4](#)

Questions Direct questions to [servny@health.ny.gov](mailto:servny@health.ny.gov) or 518- 474-2893.

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### 1. Are Counties required to use ServNY?

A: Counties that do not use ServNY to send notification are still encouraged to use ServNY in this deliverable. Some exceptions may be granted on a case-by-case basis for Counties that cannot complete this drill using ServNY. Requests for an exception must be submitted in writing to the appropriate Public Health Regional Representative and the NYSDOH Volunteer Coordinator and approved prior to completing the drill.

#### 2. Does a notification have to be sent specifically for this drill?

A: Any notification sent during the current Budget Period can be used to satisfy the elements of completion of this deliverable.

#### 3. Does a certain number of volunteers need to be notified?

A: No, BPR-4 does not specify a certain number of volunteers that need to be sent a notification.

#### 4. Do the volunteers need to acknowledge receipt of the notification?

A: No, BPR-4 does not require a certain number of acknowledgements. However, it is a good idea to track acknowledgments and reach out to volunteers that have not acknowledged receipt of a notification as a means to remain engaged with our volunteers and to confirm that contact information used by ServNY is still valid.

## 2019 Evacuation Plan Template Update

### Recorded Sessions for Nursing Homes and Adult Care Facilities

#### Background

The Office of Health Emergency Preparedness (OHEP) is pleased to announce the release of the updated 2019 evacuation plan template. The 2019 template will serve as a revision to the previously released version.

#### Goal

To review the updates and revisions included in the updated 2019 Nursing Home and Adult Care Facility Evacuation Plan templates.

#### Target Audience

Nursing Home and Adult Care Facility staff responsible for emergency preparedness and evacuation planning

#### Note

Facilities are not required to adopt or use up- dated templates. It is strongly encouraged for facilities to review the updated documents and include in plan updates as needed or appropriate.

#### NYSDOH Faculty

Katharine Logan  
Health Care Preparedness Coordinator I  
Office of Health Emergency Preparedness

Link to recorded sessions:

[Recorded Session for Nursing Homes](#)

[Recorded Session for Adult Care Facilities](#)

**Please note– you will need to press play at the lower left corner of the screen**

Questions Regarding Training  
Direct questions to 518-474-2893.

## Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan Training Online Training Module

### Background

The purpose of the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) Training is to provide personnel at adult care facilities across the State of New York with the information and tools to develop a CEMP to prepare for, respond to, and re- cover from natural and man-made disasters.

### Training Objectives

- Facilitate staff familiarity with CEMP purpose, use, development, and implementation.
- Empower facilities to be self-sufficient for 72 hours after an incident.
- Enable facilities' timely determination and implementation of protective actions.
- Foster collaboration and coordination with facility emergency response partners
- Build the foundation for a risk-based CEMP and emergency preparedness program.
- Empower facilities to use the Incident Command System to respond to emergencies.
- Empower Facilities to identify critical information to protect and disseminate during an incident.

### Target Audience

Nursing Home or Adult care facility personnel that will be involved in facility level emergency planning (strongly recommended for Administrators and Safety / Security / Plant Managers).

**Prior completion of FEMA IS-100.C strongly encouraged.**

Training produced by Hagerty Consulting, Inc.

### Training Module

Training delivered though an interactive online module that can be found using the registration information below or by clicking here:

[OHEP-CEMPONLINE](#)

### Questions Regarding NYSDOH Learning Management System (LMS)

Direct questions to [edlearn@health.ny.gov](mailto:edlearn@health.ny.gov) or 518-474-2893.

### Questions Regarding Training

Direct questions to [prepedap@health.ny.gov](mailto:prepedap@health.ny.gov) or 518-474-2893.

### Registration

To enroll in the training, please go to [www.NYlearnsPH.com](http://www.NYlearnsPH.com) and either register or login to the LMS. Search Course Catalog for: [OHEP-CEMPONLINE](#) OR click this shortcut to the course enrollment page on the LMS.

**NOTE - PLEASE READ** - Please verify your contact information in your LMS profile when registering. All required course materials will be sent using the e-mail address listed in the LMS.

# CLIMATE AND HEALTH COURSES

## Region 2 PHTC – Log-in2Learn: Developing and Implementing Climate and Health Adaptations: An Update from the NYSDOH BRACE Project

Tuesday, March 1, 2022  
Enroll in LMS: [Reg2PHTC-L2L202203](#)

Log-in2Learn with Neil Muscatiello, MS  
Director of Bureau of Environmental and Occupational Epidemiology, New York State Department of Health

## Heat-Related Illness - Risk Factors, Types & Prevention

Enroll in LMS: [SCP-LaHRH103](#)

In this course you will learn about heat stress and heat-related illness. You will learn how to identify vulnerable populations, associated risk factors, and the different forms of heat-related illness including signs and symptoms, predisposing factors, and recommended first aid for each form of illness.

## Climate Change Case Studies Series from Trust for America's Health

[Read the Entire Series Here](#)

[Introduction to the Series](#) (Published August 2021)  
Part 1 of the Series: [Advancing Procedural Equity in Climate Adaptation](#) (Published 2021)  
Part 2 of the Series: [Advancing Distributional Equity in Climate Adaptation](#) (Published 2021)

## Climate Change and Health Equity: Tribal Challenges and Actions

Enroll in LMS: [TPEH-20201215](#)

The Tribal Public and Environmental Health Think Tank, in partnership with APHA and with support from CDC's National Center for Environmental Health/Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, invites you to join a conversation on climate and health in tribal communities.

## National Weather Service: Hazard Simplification Partner Webinar

Enroll in LMS: [NWS-20200723](#)

National Weather Service: Hazard Simplification Partner Webinar  
Sponsored by National Weather Service  
Originally Aired Thursday, July 23, 2020

## Public Health Live! Climate Smart Communities: Connections With Public Health

Enroll in LMS: [UASPH\\_PHL20190516](#)

Speakers: Dazzle Ekblad, Climate Policy Analyst, Office of Climate Change, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation  
Neil Muscatiello, M. S., Research Scientist and Principal Investigator Climate Ready Cities and States Initiative/Building Resilience Against Climate Effects, New York State Department of Health



**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** Title: [Ebola: Clinical Presentation, Evaluation, and Infection Prevention](#)

Date: Tuesday, December 20, 2022

**NEW** Title: [COVID-19 Update: Clinical Guidance and Patient Education for Bivalent COVID-19 Vaccines](#)

Date: Tuesday, December 13, 2022

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

Date: Thursday, December 8, 2022

Title: [New 2022 CDC Clinical Practice Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Pain](#)

Date: Thursday, November 17, 2022

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

Date: Tuesday, November 15, 2022

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

Date: Thursday, October 13, 2022

Title: [Update on 2022 Ebola Outbreak in Uganda](#)

Date: Wednesday, October 12, 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

# Centers for Disease Control and Preparedness (CDC) - CERC, RAD, Packaging & Receiving, & SNS Courses

## CDC-CERC-01

### Crisis and Emergency Risk Communication (CERC)

**Provider:** Centers for Disease Control & Prevention  
**Course Updated:** 6/26/2018  
Average Completion Time: 2hrs  
**Continuing Education:** 0.2 CEUs  
**Enroll in LMS Course #:** [CDC-CERC-01](#)

At the conclusion of the training, the participant will be able to do the following:

- Explain Crisis and Emergency Risk Communication (CERC) principles.
- Describe the psychology of a crisis and the type of messages each audience needs.
- Explain how to tailor messages.
- Define core concepts of crisis communication planning.
- Explain the roles of the media and spokesperson.
- Describe the benefits of social media and mobile media devices.

## SNS-101

### SNS Overview

**LMS Course Completion Requirement:**  
“Message” TRAIN Certificate to Course Administrator  
**Continuing Education:** 1 CHES; 1 CME; 0.1 Continuing Nursing Education; 1 MCHES  
**TRAIN CE Course #:** WB 2273 **Course ID 1041004**  
**Enroll in LMS Course #:** [SNS-101](#)

The course is designed to provide basic background information and definitions of federal agencies, stakeholders and other partners that will help understand all SNS operations during a public health event. The SNS Overview Course will fill the professional practice gap by providing the states and local agencies with information to manage SNS assets that may be deployed to sites during a public health emergency. The participants will learn the levels of support provided by the SNS, and the response concepts, the planning functions needed for consideration and operational requirements for receiving, distributing and dispensing of SNS material.

## SNS-103

### Closed Point of Dispensing Considerations: an SNS Perspective

**LMS Course Completion Requirement:**  
“Message” TRAIN Certificate to Course Administrator  
**Continuing Education:** 1.5 CME; .14 ACPE-Contact Hours; 1.4 ANCC: Contact Hours Continuing Nursing Education; 1.5 MCHES  
**TRAIN Course ID 1055915**  
**Enroll in LMS Course #:** [SNS-103](#)

The Closed POD Planning course provides state and local agencies with information to manage Closed POD sites during a public health emergency. It covers planning functions for designing a system to quickly dispense prophylactic medications to the employees and their families. The course introduces common terminology and concepts of mass dispensing at the community level.  
Some locations may use other terminology.



# Centers for Disease Control and Preparedness (CDC) - CERC, RAD, Packaging & Receiving, & SNS Courses

## CDC-RAD

### Radiation Basics Made Simple

**Average Completion Time:** 1.5 hrs  
**Continuing Education:** 0.1 CEUs, 1.4 CNEs, 1.5 CMEs  
**Enroll in LMS Course #:** [CDC-RAD](#)

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Radiation Studies Branch announces the launch of *Radiation Basics Made Simple*, the first in a series of radiation preparedness training modules. *Radiation Basics Made Simple* introduces participants to the fundamentals of radiation and radioactivity.

## CDC-PSYCH

### Psychological First Aid in Radiation Disasters

**Average Completion Time:** 1.25 hrs  
**Continuing Education:** 0.1 CEUs, 1.2 CNEs, 1.25 CMEs  
**Enroll in LMS Course #:** [CDC-PSYCH](#)

**Psychological First Aid in Radiation Disasters** is a self-study training that uses interviews conducted with experts involved in the Goiania and Three Mile Island incidents, and video scenarios that allow participants to observe how psychological first aid techniques can be employed in a variety of response settings.

## CDC-MYTHS

### Communicating in Radiation Emergencies: Myths of Radiation

**Provider:** Centers for Disease Control  
**Average Completion Time:** 1 hr  
**LMS Course Completion Requirement:** "Message" Certificate to Course Administrator  
**Continuing Education:** 0.1 CEUs  
**Enroll in LMS Course #:** [CDC-MYTHS](#)

Communicating in Radiation Emergencies: Myths of Radiation introduces participants to some common myths of radiation and identifies communications strategies to combat these and other myths. The training uses Person-On-The-Street interviews to identify the myths and features a discussion between risk communication and radiation subject matter experts to set the record straight.

- OBJECTIVES:** At the conclusion of the session, the participant will be able to:
- Describe seven common misconceptions associated with radiation.
  - Debunk seven misconceptions using science-based explanations.
  - Discuss one strategy to communicate accurate information during a radiation emergency for each misconception presented.

# Centers for Disease Control and Preparedness CDC)- CERC, RAD, Packaging & Receiving, & SNS Courses

## CDC-PS2014

### Packaging and Shipping Division 6.2 Materials Online Course

**LMS Course Completion Requirement:**  
 “Message” TRAIN Certificate to Course Administrator  
**Continuing Education:** 2 CEUs  
**Course ID 1017204**  
**Enroll in LMS Course #:** [CDC-PS2014](#)

Packaging and shipping Division 6.2 materials, such as patient specimens containing infectious materials and cultures, are regulated by U.S. and international transport agencies. Fines and penalties can be imposed against those who fail to comply with the applicable rules including proper classification and documentation of training, proper packaging, marking and labeling and proper shipping documentation. Updated for 2014, this intermediate-level online course, designed for individual study, is suitable for those seeking re-certification. Participants are provided with information useful for complying with regulations through use of instructional content and the opportunity to apply knowledge using realistic scenarios. This course should take approximately 2 hours to complete.

**Who Should Attend:**  
 This course is intended for those learners seeking recertification in packing and shipping of infectious substances (Division 6.2 materials). This course does not apply to individuals seeking initial certification.

- Objectives:** At the conclusion of this program, the participants will be able to:
- Classify specimens as an exempt human or animal specimen or either category A or category B infectious substance.
  - Identify basic packaging concepts and processes for exempt human and animal specimens, category A and category B infectious substances and dry ice.
  - List the documents required to accompany packages containing category A and category B infectious substances.
  - Describe the documentation process for category A and category B infectious substances including specific differences dependent upon mode of transportation.

## RSS-101

### Receiving, Staging, and Storing (RSS) Training Video

**LMS Course Completion Requirement:**  
 “Message” TRAIN Certificate to Course Administrator  
**Course ID 1017208**  
**Enroll in LMS Course #:** [RSS-101](#)

This 14-minute videoarchive provides an overview of receiving, staging, and storing (RSS) Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) assets in the event of a public health crisis. It is designed to provide information to organizations and personnel involved in Strategic National Stockpile RSS functions.