

# e-Distance Learning



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**Welcome** to the **April 2023** New York State Department of Health's (NYSDOH) 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](https://www.NYlearnsPH.com). **Questions?** Email: [edlearn@health.ny.gov](mailto:edlearn@health.ny.gov).

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## ICYMI: GOVERNOR HOCHUL – Public Health Related Press Releases

[Governor Hochul Announces Availability of \\$2.2 Million for Programs to Connect New Yorkers with Addiction Services | Spanish Translation](#)

Mar 30, 2023 | 02:57 PM EDT

Governor Hochul announced \$2.2 million through the state's Opioid Settlement Fund to help connect vulnerable New Yorkers to addiction services.

[Hochul Announces Start of Construction on \\$67 Million Public Housing Development in Troy](#)

Mar 30, 2023 | 11:24 AM EDT

Governor Hochul announced that construction has begun on the new John P. Taylor Apartments in the City of Troy, replacing a vacant public housing complex with a new \$67 million downtown waterfront development.

## **ICYMI: GOVERNOR HOCHUL – Public Health Related Press Releases (Continued)**

### **[Governor Hochul Announces \\$2.5 Million in New Funding for Additional Services to Individuals Impacted by the May 14 White Supremacist Attack at The Tops Market in Buffalo](#)**

**Mar 29, 2023** | 03:49 PM EDT

Governor Hochul announced \$2.5 million in new State funding for services to individuals impacted by the May 14, 2022 white supremacist attack at the Tops market on Buffalo's East Side.

### **[Governor Hochul Announces Completion of \\$17 Million Affordable Mixed-Use Housing Development for Seniors in Buffalo](#) | [Spanish Translation](#)**

**Mar 29, 2023** | 01:00 PM EDT

Governor Hochul announced the completion of La Plaza de Virginia, a \$17 million mixed-use housing development that provides 46 affordable and supportive homes for seniors in Buffalo.

### **[Governor Hochul Announces Opening of Adult-Use Cannabis Dispensary in Queens](#)** • [Spanish Translation](#)

**Mar 27, 2023** | 04:00 PM EDT

Governor Hochul announced that the state's first woman-owned Conditional Adult-Use Retail Dispensary license owned by an entrepreneur previously criminalized by cannabis prohibition will open for sales to the public on March 30.

### **[Governor Hochul Updates New Yorkers on State's Progress Combating COVID-19](#)**

**Mar 24, 2023** | 05:03 PM EDT

Governor Hochul updated New Yorkers on the state's progress combating COVID-19 and outlined basic steps they can take to protect against the spread of viral respiratory infections.

### **[Governor Hochul Nominates Dr. James V. McDonald to Serve as Commissioner of Health](#)** • [Spanish Translation](#)

**Mar 24, 2023** | 12:32 PM EDT

Governor Hochul announced the nomination of Dr. James V. McDonald M.D., M.P.H. to serve as Commissioner of the New York State Department of Health.

### **[Governor Hochul Announces Opening of First Adult-Use Cannabis Retail Dispensary in the Capital Region](#) | [Spanish Translation](#)**

**Mar 23, 2023** | 12:54 PM EDT

Governor Hochul announced the opening of the first Conditional Adult-Use Retail Dispensary location in Schenectady - the first to open in the Capital Region.

### **[Governor Hochul Announces Initiative to Improve Food Benefit Access for Women, Infants and Children](#) | [Spanish Translation](#)**

**Mar 23, 2023** | 12:19 PM EDT

Governor Hochul announced a new client feedback initiative that will improve understanding of the challenges New Yorkers face enrolling in the Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children, also known as WIC.

### **[Governor Hochul Highlights Efforts to Protect New Yorkers from Candida Auris Fungus](#)**

**Mar 22, 2023** | 02:39 PM EDT

Governor Hochul highlighted long-standing state efforts to prevent potentially life-threatening fungal infections from *Candida auris*, which are spreading at an increasing pace nationwide.

## ICYMI: GOVERNOR HOCHUL – Public Health Related Press Releases (Continued)

### [Governor Hochul Proposes New Legislation to Improve New York's Nation-Leading Adult-Use Cannabis Industry by Cracking Down on Illegal Cannabis Stores](#)

**Mar 22, 2023** | 02:12 PM EDT

Governor Hochul proposed new legislation to increase civil and tax penalties for the unlicensed and illicit sale of cannabis in New York.

### [Governor Hochul Details Statewide Crime Data, Highlights Need for Public Safety Investments and Reforms in FY 2024 Budget](#) | [Video, Audio, Photos & Transcript](#) | [Spanish Translation](#)

**Mar 22, 2023** | 01:55 PM EDT

Governor Hochul announced new [statewide crime data](#) and highlighted the need for public safety investments and reforms included in her Fiscal Year 2024 budget.

### [Governor Hochul, Mayor Adams, and Partnership for New York City Launch Citywide Civic Action Campaign](#) | [Video, Audio, Photos & Rush Transcript](#) | [Spanish Translation](#)

**Mar 20, 2023** | 11:55 AM EDT

Governor Hochul, Mayor Adams, and the Partnership for New York City launched "WeNYC," a civic campaign to showcase the city's strengths and mobilize New Yorkers in every community to inspire New York City's post-pandemic resurgence.

### [Governor Hochul Announces \\$2.5 Million to Expand Center for Glass Innovation to Support Waste Reduction Research](#)

**Mar 17, 2023** | 03:37 PM EDT

Governor Hochul announced State investments to bolster the nation-leading collaboration with the New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University to expand recycling markets and help municipal recycling programs find new ways to recycle and reuse glass.

### [Governor Hochul Launches Statewide Listening Tour on Youth Mental Health](#)

• [Video, Audio, Photos & Rush Transcript](#)

**Mar 16, 2023** | 04:42 PM EDT

Governor Hochul announced a statewide series of listening sessions and a spring summit aimed at exploring the issues impacting the mental health of youth throughout New York State.

### [Governor Hochul and the National Weather Service Announce Flood Safety Awareness Week in New York State](#)

**Mar 16, 2023** | 03:38 PM EDT

Governor Hochul declared the week of March 13, 2023, as Flood Safety Awareness Week in New York State. The annual campaign, conducted in partnership with the National Weather Service, educates New Yorkers about flood dangers and how to prepare for any emergency involving flooding.

### [More Than 100 Organizations Endorse the New York Housing Compact - Governor Hochul's Plan to Address New York's Housing Crisis](#)

**Mar 16, 2023** | 01:23 PM EDT

More than 100 business and nonprofit leaders from across the state voiced their support for the New York Housing Compact - Governor Hochul's comprehensive strategy announced in the Fiscal Year 2024 Executive Budget to address New York's housing crisis & build 800,000 new homes in the next decade.

## ICYMI: GOVERNOR HOCHUL – Public Health Related Press Releases (Continued)

### [Governor Hochul Announces Nearly \\$2.9 Million in Grants to Help Local Govts Reduce Costs](#)

Mar 16, 2023 | 12:24 PM EDT

Governor Hochul announced that \$2,884,500 in grant funding is being awarded to counties and municipalities across the state to fund seven projects that reduce government costs through consolidations, shared services or internal efficiencies.

### [Hochul Announces Federal Approval for Major Disaster Declaration Following Historic Winter Storm | \[Spanish Translation\]\(#\)](#)

Mar 16, 2023 | 11:52 AM EDT

Governor Hochul announced President Biden approved her request for a Major Disaster Declaration to provide federal assistance to communities impacted by the late December winter storm that brought two straight days of blizzard conditions in Western New York and significant coastal flooding on L. Island.

### [Governor Hochul Announces More Than \\$2.7 Million to Support Addiction Services in New York City Homeless Shelters | \[Spanish Translation\]\(#\)](#)

Mar 15, 2023 | 01:12 PM EDT

Governor Hochul announced more than \$2.7 million in federal funding that will allow five service providers to offer addiction treatment services at 22 homeless shelters in NYC.

### [Governor Hochul Announces Opening of Adult-Use Cannabis Dispensary in Ithaca](#)

Mar 15, 2023 | 11:45 AM EDT

Governor Hochul announced that the first Conditional Adult-Use Retail Dispensary license in Upstate New York State owned by an entrepreneur previously criminalized by cannabis prohibition will open for sales to the public at 4:20 p.m. on Thursday, March 16, at 119-121 East State Street in Ithaca.

### [Governor Hochul Launches New Online Tool to Help New Yorkers Access Child Care](#)

• [Spanish Translation](#)

Mar 15, 2023 | 11:09 AM EDT

Governor Hochul announced efforts to help working families access child care throughout New York State, including launching a new online screening tool.

### [Governor Hochul Unveils New Report on New York's Gender Wage Gap in Recognition of Equal Pay Day | \[Spanish Translation\]\(#\)](#)

Mar 14, 2023 | 12:09 PM EDT

Hochul today announced the release of a new [report](#) from the New York State Department of Labor on the State's gender wage gap.

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## ICYMI: STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH - PRESS RELEASES

March 30, 2023

- [ICYMI: State Medicaid Director Amir Bassiri's Op-Ed in Buffalo News: Changes to New York's Medicaid Pharmacy Benefit are Essential](#)

March 29, 2023

- [New York State Department of Health Encourages Healthy Eating Choices During the 50th Annual National Nutrition Month](#)

# ICYMI: STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH - PRESS RELEASES

## March 27, 2023

- [New York State Department of Health Urges New Yorkers to Take Precautions Against Tick-borne Illness In Recognition of Tick Bite Prevention Week March 24-30](#)

## March 24, 2023

- [Governor Hochul Nominates Dr. James V. McDonald to Serve as Commissioner of Health](#)

## March 23, 2023

- [New York State Department of Health Encourages New Yorkers to Prepare for Public Health Insurance Renewals](#)
- [New York State Department of Health, In Recognition of World TB Day On March 24, Reminds New Yorkers Early Detection and Coordinated Care Remain Critical to Combating Tuberculosis](#)
- [New York State Department of Health Recognizes LGBTQ Health Awareness Week Committing to Continued Progress and Dialogue](#)
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## March 22, 2023

- [Governor Hochul Highlights Efforts to Protect New Yorkers from Candida Auris Fungus](#)

## March 20, 2023

- [New York State Department of Health Recognizes March as Endometriosis Awareness Month](#)

## March 17, 2023

- [New York State Department of Health Updates Guidance for Nursing Home Visitation to Align With Federal Guidelines](#)

## March 16, 2023

- [New York State Department of Health Recognizes National Patient Safety Awareness Week March 12-18](#)

## March 15, 2023

- [New York State Announces Effort to Raise Awareness of Traumatic Brain Injuries Among Domestic and Sexual Violence Survivors](#)
  - [Letter to Health Care Providers Highlights the Critical Role of Screenings and Appropriate Referrals in Conjunction with Traumatic Brain Injury Awareness Month](#)
  - [Español](#) [中文](#) [Русский](#) [יידיש](#) [বাঙালি](#) [한국어](#) [Kreyòl](#)  
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## March 13, 2023

- [New York State Department of Health In Recognition of March As National Kidney Month, Urges New Yorkers to Take Steps to Prevent Chronic Kidney Disease](#)
  - [Español](#) [中文](#) [Русский](#) [יידיש](#) [বাঙালি](#) [한국어](#) [Kreyòl](#)  
[Aisyen](#) [Italiano](#) [العربية](#) [Polski](#) [Français](#) [اردو](#)
- [New York State Department of Health Opens New Office in Town of Liberty, Sullivan County](#)
  - [Español](#) [中文](#) [Русский](#) [יידיש](#) [বাঙালি](#) [한국어](#) [Kreyòl](#)  
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# SPRING 2023 SANITARY SURVEY COURSES TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT

Eight sanitary survey (SS) courses have been scheduled for this spring, MARO Courses were completed on March 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, leaving three (3) groundwater (GW) courses and three (3) surface water (SW) courses, as outlined below. Due to the overwhelming demand and the contract classroom restrictions of 25 people, these courses are open to those that are new to taking the course and within the region that the course is given.

Region	Course	Location	Dates	Times
Capital Region	SW	Cornell Cooperative Extension, 50 W High St, Ballston Spa, NY 12020	March 30 <sup>th</sup> & March 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2023	8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Central Region	GW	Cayuga Community College, Business and Industry Center Conference Room, 197 Franklin St, Auburn, NY 13021	April 25 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
Central Region	SW	Cayuga Community College, Business and Industry Center Conference Room, 197 Franklin St, Auburn, NY 13021	April 27 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
Western Region	GW	Wyoming County Ag & Business Center, 36 Center Street (Suite B), Warsaw, NY 14569	May 9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
Western Region	SW	Wyoming County Ag & Business Center, 36 Center Street (Suite B), Warsaw, NY 14569	May 11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

## ICYMI: NYSDOH - Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) Reports

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

- **The BRFSS brief [Arthritis, New York State Adults, 2021](#)** describes the prevalence of arthritis among NYS adults by key demographics, selected risk factors, and chronic conditions.
- **The Information for Action (IFA) report ‘[Addressing Gaps in New Yorkers’ Cancer Prevention Knowledge](#)’** notes nearly half of all cancer cases could be prevented as smoking, excess body weight, and drinking alcohol are the leading causes of cancer.
- These reports have been approved for public release. Please feel free to share this information with your partners or colleagues involved in initiatives to reduce the burden of cancer.

Additional IFAs and other reports on chronic disease prevention are available on the NYSDOH website:

- [https://health.ny.gov/statistics/prevention/injury\\_prevention/information\\_for\\_action](https://health.ny.gov/statistics/prevention/injury_prevention/information_for_action)
- <https://www.health.ny.gov/statistics/brfss/reports/>



# Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

## CDC Health Alert Network (HAN) – [2023 HAN Messages | Health Alert Network \(HAN\)](#)

- **ICYMI: March 3<sup>rd</sup>:** [Health Alert Network \(HAN\) - 00488 | Measles Exposure at a Large Gathering in Kentucky, February 2023 and Global Measles Outbreaks \(cdc.gov\)](#)
- **ICYMI: March 2<sup>nd</sup>:** [HAN - 00487 | Increased Chikungunya Virus Activity in Paraguay and Associated Risk to Travelers \(cdc.gov\)](#)

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**Weekly Update: HHS Weekly Report (Flu/COVID-19/RSV)** — Nationally, multiple respiratory viruses are circulating, including flu, COVID-19, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV). Additionally, there have been increases in human coronaviruses, rhinoviruses, and human metapneumoviruses. Seasonal flu activity is at low levels nationally. COVID-19 activity remains high across the country. RSV activity is decreasing or stable across all regions.

- **Flu data** – [FluView](#) and [Weekly Flu Vaccination Dashboard](#)
- **COVID-19 data** – [COVID Data Tracker Weekly Review](#)
- **RSV data** – [National Respiratory and Enteric Virus Surveillance System](#)

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**World Tuberculosis (TB) Day** – To celebrate World TB Day, CDC is continuing our efforts to raise awareness of latent TB infection testing and treatment among healthcare providers.

New [Think. Test. Treat TB](#) resources and activities are available to help healthcare providers:

- Know the risk factors for latent TB infection, and [recommend testing for patients at increased risk](#).
- Use TB blood tests (Interferon Gamma Release Assays [IGRAs]) because they can be done in one visit, and are the most accurate for [patients who have been vaccinated for TB](#) (the Bacille Calmette-Guérin, or BCG vaccine) in the past.
- [Treat latent TB infection](#) with shorter, rifamycin-based treatment regimens to prevent TB disease. Proper treatment also helps combat antimicrobial resistance.

The [Think. Test. Treat TB website](#) has a [new page for healthcare providers](#), and [new digital resources](#) to help share the [Think. Test. Treat TB](#) message. You can also access free [resources](#) in multiple languages, including [TB messages](#), [digital and print resources](#), [social media content](#), [patient and provider education materials](#), and a [partner toolkit](#).

For more information about this campaign, visit [www.cdc.gov/ThinkTestTreatTB](http://www.cdc.gov/ThinkTestTreatTB) and follow our activities on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

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**NACCHO-CORHA survey** – The National Association of City and County Health Officials (NACCHO) invites you to participate in a survey to understand how individuals working to address healthcare-associated infections (HAI) and antimicrobial resistance (AR) learn about and use resources to support efforts in healthcare outbreak response. The results of the survey will inform how the Council for Outbreak Response: HAIs and AR (CORHA) promotes and develops resources for healthcare outbreak response. Your individual responses are confidential and will only be shared with NACCHO's Research and Evaluation staff. Any reports will only present aggregated data. Findings will be used to inform CORHA outreach, promotion, and resource development.

The survey can be accessed from [Qualtrics Survey | Qualtrics Experience Management](#) and is not expected to take more than ten minutes of your time. NACCHO asks that surveys are completed no later than Friday, March 31, 2023. Any input and feedback you provide is appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please email [info@corha.org](mailto:info@corha.org).

# Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC, continued)

## **CDC Antimicrobial Resistance: Updated Map Shows CDC's Investments to Fight**

**Antimicrobial Resistance** — CDC has released the updated [Antimicrobial Resistance \(AR\) Investment Map](#), highlighting CDC's AR funding to global and domestic partners—from academic centers to local public health departments. These partners work alongside CDC to implement innovative solutions to slow the spread of AR, improve infection prevention and control (IPC), and protect people. Each year, more than 3 million people get an antimicrobial-resistant infection or *Clostridioides difficile* infection (often associated with taking antibiotics). In fiscal year 2022, CDC invested more than \$120 million of annual funding to support health departments and partners in the United States and abroad to combat and prevent antimicrobial-resistant infections. CDC also invested more than \$900 million from temporary supplemental funding to fight a range of infections that threaten the nation's health, including those caused by AR organisms, COVID-19, and other known and emerging infectious diseases. However, when supplemental funds end, CDC will not be able to continue supporting work at the level shown in the current AR Investment Map. This will risk progress in combating AR and strengthening IPC and outbreak response across One Health.

Highlights of this year's AR Investment Map release include:

- An interactive map showcasing CDC's AR funding to support activities in **every U.S. state health department and across hundreds of public health partners**
- An updated fact sheet featuring CDC's [global investments](#) with partners in more than 50 **countries** to improve detection, prevention, and response to AR threats internationally
- An updated fact sheet showing how CDC's [COVID-19 supplemental funding](#) has supported efforts that also address AR, including investments in IPC; training and capacity building, such as [Project Firstline](#); surveillance; and public health personnel

CDC leads the U.S. public health response to combat AR, a threat that continues to emerge and spread across the world. CDC's [AR Solutions Initiative](#) invests in national infrastructure to detect, respond to, contain, and prevent resistant infections across healthcare settings, communities, the food supply, and the environment (water, soil).

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## **CDC Pilots a New Local Health Department Strategy for Responding, Control, and Prevention of Healthcare Associated Infections (HAI) and Antimicrobial Resistance (AR)**

— The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has partnered with the [National Association of County and City Health Officials \(NACCHO\)](#) to provide support to nearly 100 local health departments (LHD) through CDC's National Partnerships to Improve and Protect the Nation's Health cooperative agreement (OT18-1802). This support has enabled LHDs to build and strengthen their capacity for HAI/AR and COVID-19 prevention and response. LHDs are on the front lines of public health, [conducting infection control assessments](#) in nursing homes and healthcare facilities, expanding [antibiotic stewardship efforts](#), building capacity for [detection and control of multi-drug resistant organisms](#), and growing expertise for [HAI/AR data reporting and access](#).

CDC recognizes the important and unique role of LHDs in the ongoing effort to build and sustain comprehensive HAI/AR and COVID-19 prevention and response networks in all communities. As such, CDC developed a [Local Health Department Strategy for Response, Control, and Prevention of Healthcare Associated Infections \(HAI\) and Antimicrobial Resistance \(AR\)](#). The LHD HAI and AR Strategy describes three central goals: growing networks and collaboration, building operational capacity, and expanding programmatic activities. Connect with the team, email: [PSCT\\_DHQP@cdc.gov](mailto:PSCT_DHQP@cdc.gov).







## Public Health Communications Collaborative (PHCC)

### PHCC's Survey—Here's What We Heard

Last month, we sent out a survey to hear from you on how you're applying our [Plain Language for Public Health guide](#). We appreciate the stories and insights you shared about how you're incorporating plain language best practices across your organizations, in your coursework with public health students, and with other public health partners.

We also asked what other skills-based communications resources you'd like to see from PHCC. Here's what we heard:

-  **Social media graphics:** shareable templates, visuals, and copy.
-  **Data visualization:** guidance on how to create impactful visuals to display complex public health data.
-  **Combating misinformation:** guidance on how to effectively respond to misinformation (especially on vaccine hesitancy).
-  **Hands-on learning:** more webinars, including the opportunity to explore a “workshop style” webinar approach.

Other notable topics include: **mental health resources**, more resources on **accessible and inclusive language** in public health communications, and best practices for **engaging with diverse audiences**. Thank you to everyone who shared your reflections and ideas! Stay tuned for more resources, learning opportunities, and skill-building tools from PHCC. If you have any other ideas for resources that you'd like to share, [drop us a line](#).

#### On the PHCC Radar:

- Webinar Recording: [When and How to Respond to Misinformation in Public Health – 3/29/2023](#)
- Toolkit: [National Public Health Week](#): April 3-9 (APHA)
- Blog: [Yet Another Mass Shooting](#) (Your Local Epidemiologist)
- Podcast: [Maternal Health Crisis Blueprint](#) (ASTHO)
- Toolkit: [Understanding the ACIP and How Vaccine Recommendations are Made in the US](#) (Public Health Foundation + CDC)
- Podcast: [Dire Workforce Prediction, Public Health Tech Talk with Dr. Brian Castrucci](#) (ASTHO)
- Article: [5 Things We've Learned from COVID in Three Years](#) (Scientific American)

#### ICYMI:

- [Communications Tool: Plain Language for Public Health](#)
- [Toolkit: When to Take an At-Home COVID-19 Test](#)
- [Messaging: Vaccine Safety and Effectiveness](#)
- [Toolkit: Children and COVID-19 Vaccination](#)
- [Misinformation Alerts](#)

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

# Johns Hopkins COVID-19 Resources

## **New analysis appears to link SARS-CoV-2 origin to raccoon dogs in Wuhan market, raises questions about completeness of data shared by China; US law requires declassification of intelligence information**

More than 3 years into the COVID-19 pandemic, the origin of the SARS-CoV-2 virus remains a hotly contested topic. In the absence of a “smoking gun,” it is unclear exactly how the virus first infected humans, and it may never be definitively determined whether the virus evolved naturally among animals or escaped a laboratory setting. Investigations into the emergence of SARS-CoV-2 have been hindered by insufficient access to facilities, personnel, specimens, and data in China, and [intense political divisions](#)—in the US and elsewhere—have made public debate over the available evidence difficult.

Recent revelations regarding early genetic data from specimens [collected at the Huanan Seafood Wholesale Market](#) in Wuhan, China, in early 2020 provide additional support for theories that the pandemic emerged as a result of natural zoonotic transmission. Dr. Florence Débarre, a researcher from France, recently identified a [previously undisclosed trove](#) of genetic data [published on the GISAID platform](#). Among the viral genetic data, she identified DNA from multiple mammal species, including raccoon dogs, which are known to be susceptible to coronaviruses. The presence of raccoon dog DNA among the viral sequences indicates that these animals were present at the market and [may have been infected](#) with the SARS-CoV-2 virus. Notably, the [Chinese government previously asserted](#) that these types of animals were not present at the market. Reportedly, after Dr. Débarre reached out to Dr. George Gao, former Director of the China CDC, to collaborate on further research, the [data were removed from GISAID](#) “at the request of the submitter.” Following a briefing by Dr. Débarre’s team last week, WHO Director-General Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus [chastised China](#) for withholding the data and called on the Chinese government to share all of the available data immediately. The researchers published their findings ([preprint](#)) on March 20. While the new data [still do not provide definitive proof](#), they demonstrate that the Chinese government has more data available than what it has shared.

Following [unanimous approvals](#) in [both houses of the US Congress](#), President [Joe Biden signed a bill](#) requiring US intelligence agencies to declassify all information related to investigations on the origin of SARS-CoV-2 and the Wuhan Institute of Virology in China. To date, various public reports from the US intelligence community indicate that agencies have reached different conclusions regarding the likely origin of the pandemic. Following the release of its report that concluded—albeit with “low confidence”—that a laboratory incident was the most likely origin, the US Department of Energy [briefed the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee](#) on March 16 about classified information underpinning that analysis.

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## **End of US public health emergency to impact various healthcare programs, rules; US House Republicans eye canceling unspent COVID-19 aid to help rein in federal spending**

The WHO said this week that its experts are confident that the public health emergency of international concern (PHEIC) declaration for COVID-19 will be able to be [declared over](#) by the end of this year. Similarly, the Biden administration previously announced an [end to the US public health emergency for COVID-19 in May](#), and this week said it will [disband its White House COVID-19 Response Team](#) at the same time. The end of the public health emergency will bring with it changes to [healthcare access and benefits](#) for many residents nationwide. Millions will lose healthcare coverage with the [end of continuous Medicaid enrollment](#), a change likely to [disproportionately impact Black and Hispanic adults](#), according to a recent [Commonwealth Fund report](#). Additionally, training rules for nursing home staff will become

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stricter; rollbacks of broader access to certain controlled substances threaten treatment for people recovering from addiction; hospitals and other care facilities will have to comply with stricter capacity and staffing rules; and federal COVID-19 surveillance reporting requirements for states will end.

Additionally, [Republicans in the US House are targeting unspent COVID-19 relief money](#) in a plan to cut federal spending. Though a small amount—less than US\$80 billion unspent as of January out of the total US\$5.2 trillion relief aid allocated—canceling the funds would have huge repercussions for union pension funds, healthcare for veterans, COVID-19 research efforts, and aid for small businesses and transportation systems.

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### US Senate HELP Committee hears testimony from Moderna CEO about expected commercial market price increase for vaccine

In early 2023, reports emerged publicly that Moderna planned to [increase the price of its SARS-CoV-2 vaccine, quadrupling it](#) from between US\$15–\$26.36 to US\$110–\$130 per dose, when it [shifts its sales to the commercial market](#) later this year. The end of the COVID-19 public health emergency in May will shift the burden of purchasing vaccines to the private sector. Moderna earned about US\$40 billion from sales of its COVID-19 vaccines alone over the past 2 years. On March 22, [Moderna CEO Stéphane Bancel](#) testified regarding those plans before the [US Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions](#) (HELP Committee). Mr. Bancel argued that, while Moderna received considerable funding from the federal government—on the order of US\$12 billion for research, development, and procurement—the company will need to implement new production and logistics as the pandemic enters an endemic phase. The combination of new manufacturing processes, storage, wastage, and significantly lower demand necessitates higher costs per dose, he said. Some Senators on the committee argued in favor of Moderna, noting that the success of Moderna's vaccine illustrates the benefits of capitalism. While the purchase cost of the vaccine is expected to increase, Moderna has committed to ensuring the vaccines remain [fully covered by health insurance](#). Patient assistance programs also will help uninsured or underinsured individuals access the vaccines, but some Senators noted that the paperwork for these programs can be difficult to navigate. Pfizer and BioNTech also plan to increase the cost of their SARS-CoV-2 vaccine to US\$110–\$130 per dose, but the companies did not use US government funding in developing the shot.

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### US FDA expected to soon decide on authorization of additional bivalent booster dose; Canada, UK move forward with shots for some individuals

The US FDA is discussing the [possibility of authorizing a second round of vaccine boosters](#) targeting the Omicron variant for certain people at high risk of severe COVID-19 illness. The agency is expected to decide within a few weeks, according to people familiar with the deliberations. The [bivalent booster is currently recommended](#) for anyone aged 6 months and older after completion of any FDA-approved or FDA-authorized primary series or previously received monovalent booster dose(s), with an exception for the youngest children who received the bivalent vaccine as the last dose in their 3-dose primary series.

While only [16.4% of the total US population has received the updated booster](#), a small percentage of people are [anxiously wondering](#) when they can get another shot. People aged 65 and older are contributing a larger proportion of COVID-19-related deaths over time, particularly those who have underlying health conditions. Additionally, though people who are immunocompromised make up about 3% of the US population, they account for 25% of people hospitalized with COVID-19. For both of these

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populations, [vaccine effectiveness against hospitalization and symptomatic infection begins to drop](#) significantly 2–4 months following their last booster. Canada and the United Kingdom are offering the bivalent booster to older adults, residents of care homes and other senior living settings, and certain people who are immunocompromised. We should know soon whether the US will authorize boosters for similar groups.

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### World marks 3rd anniversary of COVID-19 pandemic; news outlets, experts reflect on lessons learned, actions needed to prepare for next health emergency

March 11 marked [3 years since the WHO declared COVID-19 a pandemic](#). While most nations have relaxed their mitigation measures, the virus [continues to kill thousands of people](#) each week worldwide and likely will be with us for the foreseeable future. This week, several news outlets—including [Bloomberg](#), [Scientific American](#), [US News & World Report](#), [Wall Street Journal](#), and [Washington Post](#)—reflected on pandemic responses and lesson learned, while other reporting—from [The Atlantic](#), [NPR](#), and [Wall Street Journal](#)—highlighted remaining questions about SARS-CoV-2 and what the future might hold.

Experts also are [reflecting on lessons learned and a path forward](#), by [answering reader questions](#) in a newly launched *New York Times* limited-run newsletter, titled [“The Next Pandemic,”](#) and in related opinion pieces. In a [New York Times commentary](#), Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security Director Dr. Tom Inglesby outlines [6 critical actions for pandemic preparedness](#), including quickly developing and vaccinating large numbers of people; facilitating the development and distribution of effective diagnostics; building and managing stronger stockpiles of high-quality protective gear; improving indoor air quality in buildings to diminish the risk of disease transmission; strengthening research oversight and lab safety; and streamlining and reinforcing public health agencies with better authority and funding. Most notably, policymakers must focus their efforts on preparing for the next pandemic by authorizing additional funding, he notes. In a [separate New York Times opinion piece](#), Dr. Atul Gawande, assistant administrator for global health at USAID, says governments worldwide must refocus their health systems toward primary care in order to make a “real recovery from the pandemic—and be prepared for the next one.”

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### WHO calls COVID-19 origin investigations scientific, moral imperative; US Congress passes bill calling for declassification of intelligence information

Understanding the origin of COVID-19 by exploring all hypotheses constitutes [both a scientific and moral imperative](#), to help prevent future outbreaks and “for the sake of the millions of people who died and those who live with long COVID,” WHO Director-General Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus [said March 11 on Twitter](#), reiterating that the UN health agency remains committed to finding out how SARS-CoV-2 arose.

The day before, the [US House voted unanimously to declassify all US intelligence information](#) on the origins of the coronavirus, as part of US congressional efforts to investigate the pandemic’s origin. The [US Senate passed the bill](#) by unanimous consent on March 1. If signed into law by US President Joe Biden, the measure would require the [declassification within 90 days of “any and all information](#) relating to potential links between the Wuhan Institute of Virology and the origin of the Coronavirus Disease,” including information regarding research and other activities at the lab, such as whether any researchers fell ill. [Biden has not indicated whether he will sign](#) the legislation. If he does not, it will mark



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his first veto as president. In addition to Congress, [8 US government agencies are investigating](#) the origin of COVID-19, but their findings remain divided and uncertain. Evidence from the scientific community largely supports the theory that SARS-CoV-2 arose from zoonotic transmission from an infected animal to a human.

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### **COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated health workforce shortages, WHO says, calls for health worker migration agreements**

At least [55 countries are facing serious healthcare worker \(HCW\) shortages](#), an existing situation exacerbated by workers leaving their home nations to seek [better paid opportunities](#) in wealthier nations amid the COVID-19 pandemic, the WHO said this week. The [WHO health workforce support and safeguards list 2023 includes 8 additional countries](#) since it was last published in 2020. [African nations are the worst-hit](#), with 37 countries on the continent facing shortages of HCWs, threatening their chances of achieving the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) of universal health care by 2030. The WHO list notes that the 55 countries have: 1) a density of doctors, nurses, and midwives below the global median (ie, 49 per 10 000 population), and 2) a universal health coverage service coverage index below a certain threshold. Though the list does not prohibit international HCW recruitment, it does recommend governments establish health worker migration agreements and implement the [WHO Global code of practice on the international recruitment of health personnel](#) (WHO Global Code) to ensure the international movement of health workers is ethically managed, supports those workers' rights and welfare, and maintains health service delivery objectives.

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### **4 vaccine doses provide protection against severe COVID-19, restore waning immunity; US FDA authorizes bivalent booster for youngest children but mum on spring boosters for individuals at high-risk**

Four vaccine doses, including a primary 2-dose series and 2 booster shots, were the most effective way to protect against critical Omicron BA.5 infection, according to a large population-based study from South Korea published in [JAMA Network Open](#). A 4-dose booster regimen was associated with higher protection against critical BA.5 infection, irrespective of a history of SARS-CoV-2 infection, according to the study, which [highlights the importance of booster shots](#). Notably, subsequent boosters appear to restore waning immunity. In another study, published in [Nature Communications](#), a fourth dose of monovalent mRNA vaccine restored strong protection against severe outcomes for at least 3 months after vaccination.

With these and other supportive findings, many countries, including the US, are looking to the future of vaccine schedules. The [UK](#) and [Canadian](#) governments plan to offer additional booster shots to people at high risk of severe COVID-19 this spring. In the US, the [FDA has remained silent on the issue of spring boosters](#) for those most at risk, creating frustration among a small number of people who do not want to wait until the fall to receive their next dose. Notably, only [16.3% of the total US population](#) has received an updated bivalent booster. This week, the FDA [amended](#) the emergency use authorization (EUA) of the Pfizer-BioNTech bivalent COVID-19 vaccine to allow for a single booster dose of the vaccine in [children aged 6 months through 4 years](#), to be administered at least 2 months after completion of the primary 3-dose series of the companies' monovalent vaccine. So far, no US resident has had to pay for a COVID-19 vaccine dose, but that could soon change. Experts are concerned that if people have to pay an [expected US\\$110-\\$130 per shot](#), they will forego the jabs that, based on ongoing research, continue to provide significant protection from serious COVID-19 disease.



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## US maternal mortality climbed significantly during pandemic, with communities of color more dramatically impacted

The rate at which people in the US [died of medical conditions caused or aggravated by pregnancy](#) increased from 23.8 deaths per 100,000 live births in 2020 to 32.9 deaths per 100,000 live births in 2021, with the burden of death disproportionately borne by communities of color, according to a [report published today by the US CDC National Center for Health Statistics](#). In 2021, 1,205 women died of maternal causes in the United States compared with 861 in 2020 and 754 in 2019. These numbers represent an overall [40% increase compared to 2020](#), which itself had a 60% increase compared with 2019. [Racial and ethnic disparities were particularly stark](#), with Black women experiencing 69.9 maternal deaths out of 100,000 births, compared to 26.6 maternal deaths per 100,000 births among White women. The US maternal mortality rate—the highest among high-income nations—increased for the third year in a row and the increases were significant in all race and Hispanic-origin groups and all age groups.

Though the report does not mention the pandemic, experts highlighted the likely role COVID-19 played in worsening the number of maternal deaths. They said there is a clear need to understand what factors, both social and biological, impacted the health of pregnant women during COVID-19. Additionally, scientists attribute some [maternal stressors to the contextual factors](#) of living through a tumultuous worldwide event, such as disrupting income or experiencing grief from deaths. Notably, social determinants of health are already an identified factor in the [likelihood of having a preterm birth](#). Strong and lasting changes are needed to prevent these outcomes in future pandemic and non-pandemic scenarios and must be applied through an equity-focused lens in order to best serve expectant women.

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## Studies, articles show pandemic's negative impacts on health and wellbeing of children, adolescents

Several new articles and studies highlight the severe, adverse impacts of the pandemic on the health and wellbeing of children and adolescents in the United States and around the world, as well as associated factors:

- A survey on [adolescent mental health and substance use in Iceland](#) documented increased depressive symptoms and worsened mental wellbeing for the first 2 years of the pandemic, as well as a decrease in alcohol intoxication that reversed after the easing of social restrictions. Parental social support and average sleep duration of 8 hours or more were significantly associated with better mental health outcomes and lessened substance use among adolescents.
- A survey of [adolescents in cosmopolitan Singapore](#) examining resilience during the pandemic noted that approximately half of the participants had normal resilience scores, while about one-third had low scores, according to the Brief Resilience Scale (59.6%/32.7%) and Hardy-Gill Resilience Scale (49.0%/29.0%). Chinese ethnicity, low socioeconomic status, and lower coping abilities related to school life, staying home, sports, and friends were associated with lower resilience scores.

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- A *Kaiser Health News* article highlighted various studies showing how the effects of the pandemic and other recent events have [heightened the gun violence crisis](#) affecting children and adolescents. This is further echoed in a [JAMA viewpoint](#) published this week describing increases in pediatric all-cause mortality. Between 2019 and 2020, pediatric all-cause mortality increased 10.7% and increased an additional 8.3% between 2020 and 2021, with injuries (particularly from gun violence) and COVID-19 as the [major culprits](#).
- A [JAMA Network Open study](#) noted that family financial disruptions were associated with a 205.2% [95% CI, 52.9%-509.0%] increase in perceived stress, 112.1% [95% CI, 22.2%-268.1%] increase in sadness, 32.9% [95% CI, 3.5%-53.4%] decrease in positive affect, and a 73.9 [95% CI, 13.2-134.7] percentage-point increase in COVID-19–related worry among a sample of 6,030 US children in late 2020. There was no association between in-person schooling disruption and mental health.

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### US FDA briefing document supports Paxlovid use in high-risk COVID-19 patients ahead of expert meeting to discuss full approval

A US FDA [briefing document](#) prepared by the Antimicrobial Drugs Advisory Committee and released this week [addresses the question of whether or not Paxlovid is associated with COVID-19 rebound](#), a phenomenon wherein patients test positive or symptoms recur after initial recovery. The briefing document is meant to inform a panel of experts [meeting today](#) to determine whether to recommend Paxlovid for full approval for mild-to-moderate COVID-19 in adults at high risk of hospitalization or death. Since it received emergency use authorization (EUA) in 2021, [more than 8 million people](#) in the US have taken Paxlovid, which consists of a [5-day course of nirmatrelvir and ritonavir](#) for COVID-19 treatment that has shown to reduce the chances of [hospitalization](#), [death](#), and [experiencing long COVID](#).

The briefing concluded that Phase 2 and 3 clinical trials conducted by the drug's manufacturer, Pfizer, support that Paxlovid's benefits outweigh its risks. The document also acknowledged the COVID-19 rebound phenomena but concluded that rebound is likely a natural course of COVID-19 and likely not significantly associated with Paxlovid treatment. Notably, an [ongoing clinical trial](#) may indicate if re-treatment would aid patients who experience COVID-19 rebound, and another [ongoing trial](#) is investigating optimal treatment duration in immunocompromised patients. Data indicate that [COVID-19 rebound rates range from 10-16% across patients](#), with no significant difference based on infection with either the Omicron or Delta variant. The FDA's review of whether or not Paxlovid should receive full approval is expected to be completed in May this year.

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### Other Articles of Interest:

**HEALTH OFFICIALS' CORRESPOND ON VACCINE SAFETY** The [heads of the US FDA and US CDC last week responded](#) to a [letter regarding COVID-19 mRNA vaccine safety sent by Florida Surgeon General Dr. Joseph Ladapo](#) in February, in which he called for more transparency regarding vaccine-related adverse events and better communication regarding potential risks. In a [4-page response](#), FDA Commissioner Dr. Robert Califf and CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky said they wanted to address "associated misinterpretations and misinformation about the data from the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS)," which they said ["could be harmful to the American public."](#)

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**POOR SLEEP** [Less than 6 hours of sleep](#) in the nights surrounding anti-viral vaccination is associated with a reduction in subsequent immune system response, similar to the waning of COVID-19 vaccine antibodies over 2 months, according to a meta-analysis published in [Current Biology](#). Notably, the impact of poor sleep on immune response to a vaccine appears to be more robust among men than women, although more research is needed to better understand the sex disparity. Nevertheless, the researchers say the analysis shows there is evidence to suggest that [insufficient sleep hinders the immune system's capacity](#) to produce protective antibodies following vaccinations.

**CHILDREN & FAMILIES** The COVID-19 pandemic had an [unprecedented impact on the lives of children and their families](#) in the United States, and greater focus and investment are needed to address the critical social, emotional, behavioral, educational, mental, physical, and economic health and well-being challenges that the pandemic caused or exacerbated, especially among families identifying as Black, Latino, and Native American, and those with low incomes, that have disproportionately borne the stress of these negative effects, according to a [report](#) published March 16 by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine. The report [makes several recommendations](#) for federal- and state-level legislatures and agencies to address the short- and long-term effects on children and families and to prepare for the next pandemic.

**PAXLOVID** A panel of expert advisors to the US FDA voted 16-1 last week to [endorse the antiviral Paxlovid](#) (nirmatrelvir-ritonavir) as a treatment for adults with COVID-19 who are at high risk for progression to severe illness. Notably, the committee [highlighted potentially harmful drug interactions](#). Experts later said there is not enough data to determine exactly who would benefit most from the drug and a [poor understanding of the treatment](#) among the medical community, hindering its prescription. According to a [recently released analysis](#), Paxlovid use could “lead to 1,500 lives saved and 13,000 hospitalizations averted each week in the United States,” based on COVID-19 data from January 2023. Another study, published March 17 in [JAMA Health Forum](#), modeled population-level impacts of a Paxlovid rollout during a surge like the 2022 winter Omicron wave. The panel's endorsement likely will lead to full approval of the drug by FDA, although the agency is not required to follow the advice of its advisory committees. A final decision is expected in May. In related news, a [study by the Yale School of Medicine](#) is testing whether a 15-day course of Paxlovid can improve the health of people long COVID.

**PANDEMIC-RELATED STATE LAWS, LEGISLATION & REGULATIONS** On March 17, *KHN* published 2 articles examining various state-level legislative actions or laws with pandemic-related roots. One article discusses legislation and proposed regulations in more than a dozen states [aimed at controlling healthcare staffing agency wage rates](#) for temporary workers during health emergencies, as well as steps hospitals and health facilities are taking to retain their workers with the acute challenges of the pandemic now in the past. Another article examines how [California's COVID-19 misinformation law](#), which is meant to discipline doctors who provide false information about COVID-19 patients, is mired in legal limbo after 2 federal judges issued conflicting rulings in recent lawsuits.

**CHINA** China this week [authorized a domestically produced mRNA vaccine](#) against COVID-19, after showing reluctance to use similar vaccines produced in the US and European nations. According to CSPC Pharmaceutical Group Ltd., which makes the vaccine, known as SYS6006, a large clinical trial showed the vaccine is safe and effective against several Omicron subvariants. The [WHO urged CSPC to share its full data](#) so the health agency can assess the vaccine for use on the international market.

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China's other homegrown vaccines, which use more traditional platforms, proved less effective against newer Omicron variants. According to a report from the [Associated Press](#), China's [sudden scrapping of its strict "zero COVID" policy](#) in late 2022 went against the advice of experts and led to hundreds of thousands of COVID-19-related deaths, some of which could have been avoided with better vaccination coverage and more prepared healthcare facilities.

**EQUITABLE VACCINE DISTRIBUTION** Equitable worldwide distribution of COVID-19 vaccines would increase global economic benefits by about US\$950 billion per year by improving health gains, helping to ease lockdowns, and supporting supply chain recovery, when compared with a scenario focused on vaccinating the entire populations of vaccine-producing countries first then distributing vaccines to other nations, according to an analysis published this week in [Nature Communications](#). The researchers propose a benefit-sharing mechanism that allows all stakeholders to benefit and provides a model to analyze distribution strategies in different infectious and socioeconomic contexts. They note that the need for equitable vaccine distribution is one of the most important lessons to be learned from COVID-19, though global collaboration continues to present a challenge. Notably, wealthy nations already appear to be repeating their COVID-19-era vaccine [hoarding tendencies with avian influenza vaccines](#).

**UN CLIMATE REPORT** A [report](#) released this week by the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) warned that the world is likely to [fail at meeting its most ambitious climate target](#)—limiting warming to 1.5 degree Celsius (2.7 degrees Fahrenheit) above preindustrial temperatures—by the early 2030s. This change could bring about catastrophic damage to the Earth, causing climate disasters and other impacts—such as heat waves, famines, and infectious disease outbreaks—so extreme that humans will have difficulty adapting. The authors said humanity has reached a ["critical moment in history"](#) and needs to [accelerate actions](#) to achieve its climate goals.

The following websites provide up-to-date epidemiological information down to the US county level:

- [Johns Hopkins University Daily COVID-19 Data in Motion](#) (*daily video showing global and US trends*)
- [New York Times Coronavirus in the US: Latest Map and Case Count](#) (*US data portrayed in tables, maps, and graphs*)
- [US CDC COVID-19 Integrated County View](#) (*click on pulldown menu to view either COVID-19 Community Levels or Community Transmission, as well as other indicators specific to the US*)

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## Administration for Strategic Preparedness & Response (ASPR)

### HHS renews Public Health Emergency for COVID-19 until May 11

#### COVID-19 remains a top department priority

Based on current COVID-19 trends, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is planning for the federal Public Health Emergency (PHE) for COVID-19, declared under Section 319 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act, to expire at the end of the day on May 11, 2023. Our response to the spread of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, remains a public health priority, but thanks to the Administration's whole of government approach to combatting the virus, we are in a better place in our response than we were three years ago, and we can transition away from the emergency phase. [Read the fact sheet](#) [HHS' letter to states](#)

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# American Journal of Public Health (AJPH)

[April 2023 - Volume 113, Issue 4 \(aphapublications.org\)](https://aphapublications.org)

## Building Broad Public Health Coalitions in the Post-Roe World

The April issue of AJPH focuses on public health after the overturning of *Roe v Wade*. It features a special section highlighting reproductive rights at both the state and local levels, with select articles covering the implications of *Dobbs v Jackson Women's Health Organization* and abortion restrictions as well as the potential for common ground on abortion. Other papers in this issue address topics such as measuring historical redlining, evaluating the impact of gun violence, improving food access, linking housing instability and intimate partner and workplace violence, and more.

- [Looking Back: Intimate Partner Violence in Transgender Populations](#) B. Ethan Coston | Am J Public Health | Mar 9, 2023
- [Medicaid Expansion: The Unfinished Promise of the Affordable Care Act](#) Kishore et al. | Am J Public Health | Mar 16, 2023
- [Cannabis Equity Initiatives: Progress, Problems, and Potentials](#) Yang et al. | Am J Public Health | Mar 16, 2023
- [Planning to Reduce the Health Impacts of Extreme Heat: A Content Analysis of Heat Action Plans in Local United States Jurisdictions](#) Randazza et al. | Am J Public Health | Mar 16, 2023

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# American Public Health Association (APHA)

Newest stories on the [Public Health Newswire](#) from *The Nation's Health*:

- [Public health to receive boost in funding, programs under Biden budget](#)

What would the fiscal year 2024 U.S. federal budget mean for public health? See what's in store across federal agencies for work on substance use, housing, paid sick leave, public health infrastructure and more.

- [Inclusive communications can propel social justice, new guide shows](#)

A new APHA-supported communications guide can help organizations working toward social justice develop inclusive messaging that resonates with their audiences and drives action. "Communications Strategies for Social Justice" is available online now.

- [APHA-supported campaign offers resources on COVID-19 education](#)

Clinicians can share easy-to-understand, bilingual information on COVID-19 risks and treatments with their patients, thanks to new resources from APHA and the *We Can Do This* campaign. Check out the fact sheets, FAQs, posters and more and join us for a free March 29 webinar.

**ICYMI:** The [Children's Environmental Health Committee](#) of the American Public Health Association's (APHA) Environment Section developed the [Climate and Health Lesson Plan Toolkit](#) to promote uptake of the [Climate and Health Lesson Plan for Grades 9-12](#). The lesson plan is 100 minutes and developed by a subgroup within the APHA Environment Section. This Lesson Plan draws heavily from materials developed by the [National Institute for Environmental Health Sciences](#), which meet national common core standards.

**ICYMI:** American Public Health Association (APHA) is working with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Service's COVID-19 Public Education Campaign, *We Can Do This*, to educate patients about their risk for severe COVID and the availability of treatments. As part of this effort, APHA has published a collection of new COVID-19 resources sharing U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention information. These handouts, posters and talking points are available in both English and Spanish at [APHA.org/We-Can-Do-This](https://www.apha.org/we-can-do-this).

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# Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO)

- [ASTHO Celebrates Women’s History Through the Decades](#) In honor of Women's History Month, ASTHO looks back on its own history and celebrates the past, present, and future women who have served as presidents of the organization. Learn about these trailblazers and their contributions to ASTHO and to public health.
- [State and Territorial Policies to Strengthen the Public Health and Healthcare Workforce](#) The stressors of chronic underfunding, compounded by the staffing shortages, high turnover, burnout, and job-related stress of the COVID-19 pandemic, have left the public health workforce in a precarious position. Learn how states are working to reverse this trend in the latest *Health Policy Update*.
- ASTHO CEO Michael Fraser and co-author Robert Johnson of Riester Influence have released [A Communications Playbook for Public Officials](#), the first strategic skills primer book published by ASTHO. Created to help public officials, this book provides advice on how to respond to real media relations challenges. Easy-to-read and drawing from examples of true crisis communications events, this book is a valuable resource helping readers understand the complexities of public relations and the changing landscape of media. [Learn more and order now](#).
- [New Study Highlights Shifts in Emergency Powers Since the COVID-19 Pandemic](#) A new article published in the *Journal of Emergency Management*—jointly authored by experts from ASTHO, CDC, and the National Governors Association—analyzes laws passed in 2020 and 2021 to reform state and territorial emergency powers since the emergency of the COVID-19 pandemic. “Public health leaders should familiarize themselves with the shifts in emergency powers within their jurisdiction,” says Maggie Davis, director of state health policy for ASTHO.
- [Hearing the Hill](#) CSPAN is no Netflix, but that’s not to say this endless stream of content fails to entertain. In one short month, the new Congress has held several richly informative—and sometimes lively—hearings regarding the nation’s most pressing public health topics. The debates over COVID-19 funding, government oversight, and substance control—to name a few—illuminate the multiplicity of party agendas, how members of Congress are grappling with different issues, and opportunities for bipartisan collaboration.
- **NEWS RELEASE | ASTHO Experts Featured in March Issue of Health Affairs |** ASTHO experts—including staff, leadership, and former state health officials—shine in the latest issue of *Health Affairs*, which is focused on public health lessons during the COVID-19 pandemic. “The level of ASTHO expertise in this issue shows the important role ASTHO and its members play in public health in the United States,” says ASTHO President Anne Zink (SHO-AK). [Learn more about ASTHO's contribution to the issue](#).
- **Remembering Mark Horton |** ASTHO would like to celebrate the life of Dr. Mark Horton (alumni-CA, NE), who passed away earlier this month. He spent his career in service for others, first in healthcare and later in public health. He is remembered for his generosity of spirit and will be missed by all who knew him, including his colleagues here at ASTHO. [Read more about his legacy](#).
- **New JPHMP Column | Strategies to Operationalize Health Equity in Island Area Health Departments |** The latest column by ASTHO experts for the *Journal of Public Health Management and Practice* is now available. This new article presents a framework for equitably supporting island jurisdictions and their specific needs. [Read on](#) to learn about ASTHO's work with our island partners.

# Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO)

**Restoring Trust In Our Nation's Public Health System** | LaQuandra Nesbitt (alumni-DC) writes for *Health Affairs* in this new article on how health crises, like the COVID-19 pandemic, have eroded the public's trust in public health. To rebuild trust in public health, it will take more than just repairing its relationship with the public—it will also require restructuring of the public health system. [Read the full article for more.](#)

**ASTHO and Partners Address HAI/AR** | The Council for Outbreak Response: Healthcare-Associated Infections and Antimicrobial Resistance (CORHA) is a multidisciplinary group aimed at improving practices and policies for detection, investigation, control, and prevention of healthcare-associated and antimicrobial-resistant infections (HAI/AR) and outbreaks across the healthcare continuum. CORHA is funded by CDC's Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion and co-led by ASTHO and the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists. [Learn more about CORHA's mission.](#)

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With just about 90% of this Congress's session ahead of them, these issues will certainly be probed further as the object of congressional concern. Learn what Congress has covered so far in this week's *Federal Health Policy Update*.

## Other ASTHO Resources:

- [President Biden Releases FY24 Budget Proposal | ASTHO](#)
- [Innovative STD Prevention and Treatment Strategies \(astho.org\)](#)
- Blog: [Examining Tuberculosis from a Syndemic Perspective | ASTHO](#)
- Blog: [USDA Takes Long-Term Look at Nutrition Standards | ASTHO](#)
- Blog: [From the Chief Medical Officer: Leadership Considerations for Long COVID | ASTHO](#)
- Blog: [Integrating Breastfeeding Into Early Childhood Nutrition Security Programs | ASTHO](#)
- Brief: [Charting a New Course for Public Health Workforce Well-Being | ASTHO](#)
- Brief: [Overdose Data to Action: Public Health-Public Safety Partnerships | ASTHO](#)
- Blog: [Using Your Braiding and Layering Funding to Address Food Insecurity | ASTHO](#)
- Blog: [A Grassroots Leader's Vision for the Future Community Health Workforce | ASTHO](#)
- Guide: [Food Policy Guides | ASTHO](#)

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## de Beaumont Foundation

### ICYMI: Three Years Into COVID-19

The national public health emergency will end soon, but that doesn't mean COVID is over. Our CEO, Dr. Brian C. Castrucci, [weighs in on this](#) in a recent piece in *POLITICO*. U.S. states and localities need more than 80,000 more public health workers to provide basic public health services. A recent *New York Times* article [shows how staffing shortages are affecting communities](#) in Mississippi. In the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, Dr. Castrucci and other public health leaders [reflect](#) on the lessons learned from mistakes made during COVID's evolution, including communication failures and inflated hopes for vaccines.

# Kids' Well-being Indicators Clearinghouse (KWIC)

**ICYMI:** [New Data Resource about the Digital Divide in NYS - 2022 NY KIDS COUNT interactive data resource about the Digital Divide in New York State.](#)

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## Community Commons (CC)

- [Which County Characteristics Predict Medical Debt?](#)
- [Sea Level Rise Viewer](#)
- [New Topic: Racial Justice](#)
- [In Memory of Judy Heumann](#)
- [How the Vital Conditions Framework and IP3 ASSESS Support West Virginia Communities](#)
- [Health Data Resources](#)
- **ICYMI:** [Mapping and Data Tools Library](#)
- **ICYMI:** [Supporting Public Health and Frontline Workers | PHERN \(communitycommons.org\)](#)
- **ICYMI:** [How Civic Infrastructure Grows the Local Economy](#)
- **ICYMI:** [Opinion | I take my kids to Black museums to immerse them in history — and love - The Washington Post](#)
- **ICYMI:** [Homeless at Starbucks: Why the Coffee Chain is Bringing in Outreach Workers](#)
- **ICYMI:** [How Poverty in the United States Is Measured and Why It Matters](#)
- **ICYMI:** [Introduction to Data Sharing](#)

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## County Health Rankings and Roadmaps

[The 2023 National Findings Report](#) highlights the connection between civic health and thriving people and places. Civic health reflects the opportunities people have to participate in their communities and is the cornerstone of our democracy, representing promise, opportunity, belonging and shared responsibility.

This year, they've added new measures of civic participation:

- [Voter Turnout](#)
- [Census Participation](#)
- [Find New Data: County Health Rankings & Roadmaps](#)

They have also redesigned our website so data are now easier to find, use and understand. Search for your state or county to find your 2023 County Health Rankings data. In addition, we've added new strategies to What Works for Health that focus on improving civic health, including:

- [Voter registration initiatives](#)
- [Voter turnout initiatives](#)
- [Participatory budgeting](#)
- [Youth civics education](#)
- [Explore Strategies: What Works for Health](#)

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## Trust for America's Health (TFAH)

- CDC's Division of Population Health announces a new study highlighting racial and ethnic differences in self-reported memory loss, also referred to as subjective cognitive decline. This study, [Racial/ethnic differences in subjective cognitive decline: United States, 2015-2020](#) was the featured article in the March 9th *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*. It also serves as the first national study to examine racial/ethnic differences in subjective cognitive decline in adults 45 years and older.

## Trust for America's Health (TFAH, Continued)

- The National Academies' [Standing Committee on Emerging Infectious Diseases and 21st Century Health Threats](#) has announced the appointment of the [Committee on Examining the Working Definition for Long COVID](#). This group of experts and individuals with lived experience will conduct activities to examine the current U.S. Government working definition for Long COVID and related technical terms. For more information on the project and committee, please visit the [project webpage](#).
- The Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI) has created the new resource [Public Policy and the Grocery Store: Improving Access to Healthy Food](#). This toolkit is designed as a roadmap to guide a healthy retail campaign, with case studies, model policies, messaging guidance, and other resources.
- The latest CDC [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report \(MMWR\)](#) explores how the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) has made progress toward eliminating HIV as a global health threat via the scale up of antiretroviral therapy and strengthening health systems.
- Trust for America's Health released the report [Ready or Not 2023: Protecting the Public's Health from Diseases, Disasters, and Bioterrorism](#) emphasizes the urgent need to strengthen both national and state public health emergency preparedness. The report assesses states' readiness to respond to a spectrum of health emergencies and provide ongoing public health services. It gives federal and state health officials and policymakers actionable data and recommends policies to improve the nation's emergency preparedness at a time when health emergencies are on the rise. The report tiers states and the District of Columbia into three performance levels for health emergency preparedness: high, middle, and low. This year's report placed 19 states and DC in the high-performance tier, 16 states in the middle performance tier, and 15 states in the low performance tier.
- The Community Preventive Services Task Force (CPSTF) recommends interventions that engage community health workers to increase screening for [breast](#), [cervical](#), or [colorectal](#) cancer. Systematic review evidence shows interventions are effective when community health workers are engaged independently or as part of a team. These interventions typically are implemented in underserved communities to improve health and can enhance health equity.
- The Community Preventive Services Task Force (CPSTF) published a [new article](#) that recommends [meal or fruit and vegetable snack interventions combined with physical activity interventions in schools](#). Interventions increase students' physical activity and fruit and vegetable consumption and decrease the number of students who are overweight or have obesity.
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- **ICYMI:** Vaccinate Your Family recently released the [2023 State of the ImmUnion](#) report. The report analyzes immunization rates and explores barriers to vaccination and potential solutions.
- **ICYMI:** The Office of Climate Change and Health Equity (OCCHE) has released its [March 2023 Climate and Health Outlook](#). This edition explores the climate-related health hazards of pollen, wildfire, and drought. It is the first time the Outlook has included pollen. So far in 2023, the start of springtime activity has been up to three weeks ahead of schedule in the southeastern states and over four weeks ahead of schedule in the mid-Atlantic and Northeast.

## Trust for America's Health (TFAH, Continued)

**ICYMI:** CDC's Center for Forecast and Outbreak Analytics recently published its [2023 Annual Report](#). The publication covers program implementation updates and highlights the Center's recent accomplishments from the past year.

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## Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB)

A recent Bloomberg article, [To Create Covid-19 Memorials, Communities Lead the Way](#), reaffirmed the importance of creating space for acknowledgement, reflection, and grief, in both our work in public health and in our lives.

### **Article Alert: COVID-19 Revealed Shortcomings of the U.S. Public Health System and the Need to Strengthen Funding and Accountability**

The U.S. governmental public health system has suffered from chronic underfunding for decades. The COVID-19 pandemic highlighted, on a large scale, the unfortunate and disparate impact this underfunding and lack of resources has had on our communities. Explore the recommendations for making public health services more financially sustainable and accountable, and the need for standardization and accountability in public health finance in this [March 2023 Health Affairs article](#).

### **10 Years of PHAB Accreditation!**

In February 2023, PHAB accredited its first cohort of 11 health departments. Since then, the first cohort has maintained its accreditation and learned valuable lessons in performance and quality improvement in public health practice. The lessons and practices implemented because of achieving and maintaining accreditation have led to increased accountability, transparency, as well as improved quality and performance for the departments. [The cohort included NYS' Livingston County Health Department. Read stories of the other HDs](#) to learn more about the cohort and how accreditation transformed public health practice in their departments and made an impact on their communities.

### **Join the Next Cohort of the Pathways Recognition Program**

Applications for the next cohort of the Pathways Recognition program are due June 30, 2023. Pathways is a program for local, Tribal and territorial health departments designed to strengthen health department infrastructure, facilitate accreditation readiness, and support public health system transformation. Learn more about Pathways and get started today! [Get Started with Pathways](#)

### **40 Under 40 in Public Health - Nominations Open**

The de Beaumont Foundation is now accepting nominations for its **40 Under 40 in Public Health Class of 2023**, a program that aims to recognize and support 40 individuals under the age of 40 who are working on public health challenges of today and tomorrow to progress towards healthier communities. Through this recognition and a two-year professional development program, honorees receive exclusive opportunities for personal enrichment and career advancement. Consider nominating yourself or someone else for this opportunity. Applications will be accepted through May 17, and the Class of 2023 will be announced in September. You may nominate yourself or someone else. [Submit a Nomination](#)

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## Public Health Institute (PHI)

### **Advancing Equity with Well-being Clinics**

In Brown County, Wisconsin, African Americans and the Somali refugee community had some of the lowest COVID vaccination rates. Instead of just offering vaccine events, the Brown County RISE Collaborative, with funding from PHI's Communities RISE Together, brought culturally-specific "well-being clinics" to the heart of the community—providing vaccines, information about COVID, meals and produce for individuals and families, and more. [Read the impact story](#) →

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## Public Health Institute (PHI, Continued)

### [New Study: Less than 6% of Racism & Racial Equity News Referenced Latinos](#)

Latinx communities and leaders have been at the forefront of organizing around racial justice for decades. Yet a new study conducted by PHI's Berkeley Media Studies Group, in collaboration with UnidosUS, revealed that less than 6% of news about racism and racial equity referenced Latinos—who constitute nearly 20% of all Americans and over 40% of all people of color in the U.S. "Journalists should rethink the questions they ask and sources they speak to," said Viviana Lopez Green, senior director for UnidosUS' Racial Equity Initiative. "Publishers must reexamine hiring and recruiting practices; advocates can build stronger relationships with local outlets; and philanthropy ought to provide support for Latino organizations and scholars and help them forge connections with the media to tell their stories."

### [The Health Concerns of Big Soda's Shift to Alcopops](#)

In *The News Movement*, PHI's Connie Chan Robison, director of PHI's Center for Collaborative Planning, joins other health experts to share concerns over Big Soda's shift to alcohol-laced drinks. By adding alcohol to healthier drinks like Kombucha and coconut water, the soda industry aims to appeal to health-conscious consumers and women. [Read the full story →](#)

### [Rise Up Leaders Advocate for Safe Schools, E-Learning Policy](#)

In Nigeria, PHI's Rise Up and partners are advocating for e-learning to make education available to all school-age children in the state, as part of the Safe Schools Declaration. E-learning will ensure that school-age children there can continue their education, even during armed conflict and emergencies.

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## Prevent Connect

[New toolkit connects Disability Justice and Sexual Assault Awareness Month](#) In honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, Indiana Disability Justice released a free toolkit for people interested in building their skills in practicing primary prevention with people with disabilities.

[Sexual Assault Awareness Month 2023: "Drawing Connections: Prevention Demands Equity"](#) The National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC) is calling on individuals, communities, organizations & institutions to build racial equity & respect thru the 2023 National Sexual Assault Awareness Campaign.

[Prevention resources for parents, caregivers](#) The movement to end sexual and intimate partner violence has long recognized that we need to engage adults in our prevention efforts, even being recognized as a key strategy in the [Prevent IPV Technical Package](#), but how we go about engaging caregivers has largely been left up to local programs and practitioners.

[Prevention Fundamentals](#) This guide can be used as a supplementary tool to onboarding and training, offering multiple modality options to developing foundational skills and knowledge.

[Health Equity Approaches to Prevention Resources Guide](#) This guide can help build knowledge, skills, and capacity for health equity approaches to sexual and intimate partner violence prevention.

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## PODCASTS:

- **NEW!** [County Health Rankings and Roadmaps - In Solidarity](#) podcast is back and brand-new!
- **CDC Foundation Conversations Podcast:** [Contagious Conversations: Creatively Combating Antimicrobial Resistance](#)
- **NEW!** [Prevent Connect:](#)
  - [Youth Engagement Mini-Series | A Coalition's Honest Journey to Centering Youth Voices](#)
  - [Bridging Data and Practice in the Case for Prevention](#)

- **NEW Episodes!** "[Conversations with CEI](#)" Podcast: [START Trial Update](#)
- **Public Health Institute Podcast:**
  - **NEW!** [People. Power. Perspectives. — A Podcast Series from PHI's CA4Health](#)
- "[Conversations with CEI](#)" Podcast:
  - **NEW!** [The Resurgence of Congenital Syphilis in NYS: A Look at the Past and Present to Change the Future](#)
- **NEW Episodes!** **THIS WEEK ON [PUBLIC HEALTH REVIEW MORNING EDITION](#)**
  - [388: Tribal Vaccine Messaging, Celebrating a Family of 163 Doctors](#)
  - [387: Women Leading ASTHO, Attending TechXpo](#)
  - [386: Dealing with Xylazine, Island Care for Veterans](#)
  - [385: ASTHO Budget Pitch, Workforce Policy Approaches](#)
  - [384: New School Lunch Guidelines, ASTHO Testifies Before Congress](#)
  - [383: Breastfeeding Partners, USVI Priorities](#)
  - [382: Suicide Rates Climbing, Mental Health Funding Opportunities](#)
  - [381: Pandemic Polling, Ending the PH Emergency](#)
  - [380: Immunization Exemption Strategies, Island Area Funding Pitch](#)
  - [379: Changes to Emergency Powers, Hill Gives ASTHO Recess Homework](#)
  - [378: PH Losing People, History Impacts Equity](#)
  - [377: Lingerin Pandemic Impacts, Screening for Syphilis](#)
  - [376: Dire Workforce Prediction, PH Tech Talk](#)
- **[ASTHO's PUBLIC HEALTH REVIEW PODCAST](#)**
  - **NEW!** [Connecting Climate Change and Health Equity in Public Health Agencies](#)

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**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.

## **April 2023**

**NEW!** **36<sup>th</sup> Annual Health Equity Conference Keynote presentation: What's Next? Transforming the Climate of Health Ethics, Equity, and Justice in Public Health**  
 Sponsored by *Region V Public Health Training Center*  
 Saturday, April 1, 2023, 9:30-10:30 AM  
[Register Here](#)

**National Public Health Week: Kickoff Forum: Centering & Celebrating Cultures in Health**  
 Sponsored by APHA  
 Monday, April 3, 2023, 2-3:30 p.m.  
[Register Here](#)

**NEW!** **Pathways to Population Health Equity: Practical Framework and Tools**  
 Sponsored by Well-being and Equity (WE) in the World and CDC  
 Monday, April 3, 2023, 3-4pm  
[Register Here](#)

**NEW!** **The Flint Water Crisis: A Discussion with Axelrod Prize Recipient**  
 Sponsored by UAlbany School of Public Health  
 April 3, 2023, 4-5pm | In-person: GEC Auditorium, UASPH, 1 University Place, Rensselaer, NY, 12144  
[Register Here](#)

## **BMI and Beyond: Considering Context in Measuring Obesity and its Applications: A First Workshop in the Series**

Sponsored by National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM)

Tuesday, April 4, 2023, 10am-3:15pm

[Register Here](#)

## **NEW! Log-in2Learn: Public Health Law in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Exploring Authority, Equity, and Advocacy**

Sponsored by Region 2 Public Health Training Center

Tuesday, April 4, 2023, 12 - 1pm

[Register Here](#)

## **NEW! Lunch and Learn: "Workforce Exodus in State and Local Public Health: The Numbers, the Reality, and the Solutions**

**Sponsored by** Health Affairs & the de Beaumont Foundation

Tuesday, April 4, 2023, 12:00 - 1:15pm

[Register Here](#)

## **National Public Health Week (NPHW.org): Student Day - [Speed Networking](#)**

Sponsored by APHA

Tuesday, April 4, 2023, 1-4pm

[Register Here](#)

## **National Public Health Week (NPHW.org): Student Day - Early-Career [Professionals Panel](#)**

Sponsored by APHA

Tuesday, April 4, 2023, 5:30-6:30pm

[Register Here](#)

## **NEW! Achieving Health Equity by Eliminating Racism: A Presentation of NCHE Programs & Strategies**

**Sponsored by** The National Collaborative for Health Equity (NCHE)

Wednesday, April 5, 2023, 12-1pm

[Register Here](#)

## **National Public Health Week (NPHW.org): [Twitter Chat](#)**

Sponsored by APHA

Wednesday, April 5, 2023, 2-3pm

[Register Here](#)

## **National Public Health Week (NPHW.org): Public Health Workforce Day: CE Webinars**

Sponsored by APHA

Thursday, April 6, 2023

- Critical Conversations: Hot Topics in HIV/STI Prevention & Care - 1-2 p.m.
- Cultural Humility for Public Health Leaders and Professionals - 3-4 p.m.
- Mental Health IS Public Health - 5-6 p.m.

[Register now](#) | **Free CE Credits**

## **Pennsylvania's 3rd annual Latino Health Summit: Restoring and Transforming Health in Our Communities**

April 6th - 8th | Reading, PA

[Register Here](#)

## **Navigating Infodemics and Building Trust during Public Health Emergencies**

Sponsored by National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine

- Monday, April 10, 2023, 10am-4pm
- Tuesday, April 11, 2023, 10am-4pm

[Register Here](#)

## **NEW! Emerging Infections in the Management of STIs Series:**

- **Monday: Trends In Antibiotic Resistant Gonorrhea**
- **Tuesday: Doxycycline And STI Prevention**
- **Wednesday: Recent Trends In Disseminated Gonococcal Infections**
- **Thursday: Syphilis In Pregnancy: Care And Follow Up Of The Neonate**
- **Friday: Sexually Transmitted Enteric Pathogens**

Sponsored by NYSDOH Clinical Education Initiative (CEI)

April 10 - 14, 2023, 8:30 - 9AM | Up to 2.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s) | Up to 2.5 Nursing CE

[Register Here](#)

## **NEW! Safer Fleets Challenge: How Adopting Intelligent Speed Assistance Can Make Your Community a Better Place to Walk**

Sponsored by America Walks

April 11, 2023, 2-3pm

[Register Here](#)

## **NEW! Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Tribal Consultation on the Tobacco Product Manufacturing Practice**

Sponsored by FDA The virtual Tribal consultation

[Register Here](#)

## **NEW! Staying Informed: Understanding Local Impacts of the Public Health Emergency Ending**

Sponsored by Vaccine Equity Cooperative

April 11, 2023, 2-3pm

[Register Here](#)

## **NEW! Beyond the Pandemic: Addressing Attacks on Researchers and Health Professionals**

Sponsored by NASEM, Committee on Human Rights (CHR)

April 11, 2023, 3:00-4:15 pm

[Register Here](#)

## **NEW! Sexual Health ECHO: STIs Among Older Adults**

Sponsored by Clinical Education Initiative (CEI)

Wednesday, April 12, 2023, 12:00 - 1:00 PM

[Register Here](#) | Questions? Contact [Jessica.VanScott@urmc.rochester.edu](mailto:Jessica.VanScott@urmc.rochester.edu)

**NEW! Connecting Overdose Coalitions with Syringe Service Programs**

Sponsored by National Overdose Prevention Network

Wednesday, April 12, 2023, 2:30 PM -3:30 PM

[Register Here](#)

**NEW! The Potential Contribution of Cancer Genomics Information to Community Investigations of Unusual Patterns of Cancer**

Sponsored by NASEM National Cancer Policy Forum

Thursday, April 13, 2023, 9am-3:30pm

[Register Here](#)

**NEW! Addressing Health Disparities in Central Nervous System Disorders: Part 1: Structural and Social Determinants of Risk**

Sponsored by NASEM

Thursday, April 13, 2023, 11am-1pm

[Register Here](#)

**Xylazine: What Clinicians Need to Know about ‘Tranq’ in Heroin and Fentanyl**

Sponsored by Clinical Education Initiative (CEI)

Thursday, April 13, 2023, 12:00-1:00 PM EST

[Register Here](#)

Questions? Contact [Charlotte.Miller@mountsinai.org](mailto:Charlotte.Miller@mountsinai.org)

**NEW! Leading on Climate Resilience and Mitigation in Your Organization**

Sponsored by the Million Hearts Climate Change and Cardiovascular Disease Collaborative

Thursday, April 13, 2023, 1-2pm

[Register Here](#)

**NEW! Care Connection Webinar: Improving Quality of Life with Music-Based Interventions**

Sponsored by Alzheimer’s Foundation of America

Thursday, April 13, 2023, 1-2pm

[Register Here](#)

**NEW! Community-led Racial Healing Models to Deepen Partnerships between Community Development & Healthcare**

Sponsored by Community Innovations for Racial Equity’s National Learning and Action Community a project of BHPN supported by The Kresge Foundation and the W. K. Kellogg Foundation

Thursday, April 13, 2023, 2-3pm

[Register Here](#)

**NEW! The Transitions Clinic Network: Integrating Community Health Workers into Primary Care to Support the Reentry Population**

Sponsored by Center for Health Care Strategies

April 17, 2023, 3:00 – 4:15 pm

[Register Here](#)



**NEW! Dr. Gilbert Hosts: It's Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month**

Sponsored by American Parkinson Disease Association

Monday, April 17, 2023, 3-4pm

[Register Here](#)

**Addressing Health Disparities in Central Nervous System Disorders: Part 2: Disparities in Access to Care**

Sponsored by National Academies of Science, Engineering & Medicine (NASEM)

April 18, 2023, 12 p.m. - 2 p.m.

[Register Here](#)

**NEW! Engaging Across Differences: Constructive Dialogue for Civic Health**

Sponsored by County Health Rankings & Roadmaps

Tuesday, April 18, 2023, 3-4pm

[Register Here](#)

**Resistance Testing in Hepatitis C Treatment - A HepCure and CEI Co-sponsored Webinar**

Sponsored by Clinical Education Initiative (CEI)

Tuesday, April 18, 2023, 4:30-5:30pm

CME/CNE available!

[Register Here](#)

Questions? Contact [Charlotte.Miller@mountsinai.org](mailto:Charlotte.Miller@mountsinai.org)

**Three-day -- In Vitro Derived Human Gametes as a Reproductive Technology: Scientific, Ethical, and Regulatory Implications: A Workshop**

Sponsored by NASEM

- Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 9:15am-5pm
- Thursday, April 20, 2023, 9:30am-5pm
- Friday, April 21, 2023, 9:30am-2:30pm

[Register Here](#)

**NEW! Understanding and Addressing Misinformation About Science: A Public Workshop**

Sponsored by NASEM

Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 10am-5pm

Washington, DC, Attend in Person or Virtually

[Register Here](#)

**NEW! National 2-Hour HIV Webcast: New & Novel ART for HIV and STI Update**

Sponsored by Clinical Education Initiative (CEI) and the New York City STD Prevention Training Center

Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 12 noon-2 pm

[Register Here](#)

**NEW! Social Bonds as a Pooled Financing Mechanism to Address Social Drivers of Health Equity**

Sponsored by Systems for Action Individual Research Project

Wednesday, April 19th, 2023, 12-1 pm

[Register Here](#)

## **End of the X-Waiver: A New Frontier in Addiction Treatment**

Sponsored by Overdose Prevention Network

Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 1:00pm - 2:00pm

[Register Here](#)

## **NEW! Engage with CATCH Webinar: Turn Up the Volume on Family Engagement**

Sponsored by Coordinated Approach To Child Health (CATCH)

Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 2-3pm

[Register Here](#)

## **NEW! Engaging Community Health Workers/Youth Ambassadors to Improve Health Literacy**

Sponsored by NASEM

April 20, 2023, 2- 3:30 p.m.

[Register Here](#)

## **NEW! Sepsis Risks and Clinical Considerations in Pediatric Patients with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities**

Sponsored by Sepsis Alliance

Thursday, April 20, 2023, 2-3pm

(1.20 RN CE Contact Hours)

[Register Here](#)

## **2023 Preparedness Summit: Recover. Renew: Reprioritizing All-Hazards Preparedness**

Sponsored by the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO)

April 24-27, 2023

Atlanta, Georgia | [Register Here](#)

## **NEW! Providing Care to Transgender Adolescents and Young Adults**

Sponsored by Clinical Education Initiative (CEI)

Tuesday, April 25, 2023, 10:00 - 11:00 AM EST

[Register Here](#) | CME Available! | Questions? Contact [phoebe.rosenheim@mountsinai.org](mailto:phoebe.rosenheim@mountsinai.org)

## **Addressing Health Disparities in Central Nervous System Disorders: Part 3: Moving Forward to Drive Transformative Change**

Sponsored by National Academies of Science, Engineering & Medicine (NASEM)

Tuesday, April 25, 2023, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

[Register Here](#)

## **NEW! Youth Overdose Prevention Part Two: Opportunities for Teens and Adolescents**

Sponsored by National Overdose Prevention Network

Tuesday, April 25, 2023, 2:30 AM 3:30 PM

[Register Here](#)

## **Bike-Ped Meets Higher Ed: Partnering with Colleges and Universities on Safe Routes to School Projects**

Sponsored by Colorado Safe Routes to School

April 25, 2023, 1-2pm

[Register Here](#)

**NEW! Racial Trauma Among Asian American & Asian Immigrant Communities: Webinar 2: Implications for Clinical Practice**

Sponsored by Public Health Institute  
Tuesday, April 25, 2023, 1:00 - 2:30pm

[Register Here](#)

**ASTHO's Annual Health Equity Summit**

Sponsored by ASTHO  
April 26, 2023, in Atlanta or virtually

[Register Here](#) | [Learn more and check out recordings from past summits.](#)

**NEW! Sepsis Alliance AMR Conference**

Sponsored by Sepsis Alliance  
April 26-27, 2023

[Register Here](#)

**NYS Public Health Partnership Conference: Building Healthy Communities**

Sponsored by a collaboration between NYS Public Health Association, NYS Association of County Health Officials, and the NYS Association for Rural Health.

April 26 - 28, 2023, Westchester County at the Sonesta White Plains

[Register Here](#)

**NEW! 2023 Michael & Susan Dell Center Lectureship in Child Health What's for Lunch? The Past, Present, and Future of School Nutrition**

Sponsored by Michael & Susan Dell Center  
April 27, 2023, 1-2pm

[Register Here](#)

**NEW! Combating AMR Together: CDC's Global Antimicrobial Resistance Laboratory and Response Network**

Sponsored by CDC  
Thursday, April 27, 2023, 10-11am

[Register Here](#)

**Hepatitis C among Infants, Children and Adolescents**

Sponsored by the American Academy of Pediatrics, New York Chapter 1 and CEI  
Friday, April 28, 2023, 12:00-1:00 PM EST

[Register Here](#)

**May 2023**

**NEW! Faith Leaders Allied and Aligned to Institute Trust in the Healthy Outcomes from Positive Experiences Program**

Sponsored by Systems for Action Individual Research Project  
May 3, 2023, 12-1pm

[Register Here](#)

**NEW! Strengthening Performance Through Partnerships and Innovation: In-person Mini Public Health Improvement Training (PHIT)**

May 8, 2023

[Register Here](#)

**2023 NNPHI Annual Conference**

Sponsored by National Network Public Health Institutes

May 9 - 11, 2023, Washington, DC

[Register Here](#)

**NEW! An Aligned Delivery and Financing Model to Address Food Insecurity and Social Needs of Low-income Pregnant Individuals**

Sponsored by Systems for Action Individual Research Project

May 17, 2023, 12 - 1p.m.

[Register Here](#)

**Save the Date! Beyond Broadening Participation: Research to Progress**

Sponsored by National Academies of Science, Engineering & Medicine (NASEM), Board on Behavioral, Cognitive, and Sensory Sciences

May 17-18, 2023 | Washington, DC and Virtual

**NEW! Maternal Sepsis: Epidemiology, Early Detection, and Equity Considerations**

Sponsored by Sepsis Alliance

**May 18, 2023, 2-3pm**

1.20 RN CE Contact Hours, 1 CE Contact Hour for other healthcare providers

[Register Here](#)

**NEW! Spring 2023 COPN Convening: A California Overdose Data Summit**

Sponsored by National Overdose Prevention Network

Tuesday, May 23, 2023, 1pm-2pm

[Register Here](#)

**Hepatitis B and C: Coinfection and Reactivation**

Sponsored by HepCure and CEI

Tuesday, May 23, 2023, 4:30-5:30 PM

[Register Here](#)

Questions? Contact [Charlotte.Miller@mountsinai.org](mailto:Charlotte.Miller@mountsinai.org)

**NEW! 2023 Public Health TechXpo and Futures Forum**

Sponsored by ASTHO

In-person in Chicago, IL, plus hybrid, May 23–25, 2023

[Register Here](#)

**NEW! Research to Understand Systems of Housing (RUSH): Feasibility & Acceptability of Aligning Systems for Fathers**

Sponsored by Systems for Action Individual Research Project

May 31, 2023, 12 - 1p.m.

[Register Here](#)

## **June 2023**

### **HIV 101 & Ending the HIV Epidemic in the United States**

Sponsored by ASTHO

Jun 01 - 07, 2023

[Register Here](#)

### **NEW! Systems Alignment to Optimize Health Services for Youth Experiencing Homelessness**

Sponsored by Systems for Action Individual Research Project

June 5, 2023, 12 - 1p.m.

[Register Here](#)

### **NEW! Training for New Accreditation Coordinators: Tools and Strategies for your New Role**

Sponsored by PHAB

Monday, June 5, 2023, 1:30 – 3:30 PM

[Register Here](#)

### **The 2023 Annual Conference on Vaccinology Research (ACVR 2023) Online**

Sponsored by National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID)

June 5-7, 2023

[Register Here](#)

### **NEW! Virtual PHIT Public Health Improvement Training (PHIT) Strengthening Performance Through Partnerships and Innovation”**

Sponsored by National Network of Public Health Institutes

June 5-7, 2023

[Register Here](#)

### **NEW! What’s New in Version 2022 – Reaccreditation**

Sponsored by PHAB

Tuesday June 6, 2023, 2:00 – 3:30

[Register Here](#)

### **NEW! Can California's Medicaid Waiver for Whole-Person Care Achieve Systems Integration? Key Facilitators of Cross-Sectoral Coordination for Complex Needs Individuals**

Sponsored by Systems for Action Individual Research Project

June 21, 2023, 12-1 p.m.

[Register Here](#)

## **July 2023**

### **NEW! Achieving Reach in Youth Behavioral Health and Wellness through Catchment-Area Community Governance**

Sponsored by Systems for Action Individual Research Project

July 5, 2023, 12 - 1p.m.

[Register Here](#)



## **NEW!** Tribal Care Coordination Dashboard Project: Coeur Adolescent Support Team (CAST)

### **Referrals**

Sponsored by Systems for Action Individual Research Project

July 19, 2023, 12 - 1p.m

[Register Here](#)

## **New & OnDemand Content - NYLearnsPH.com**

### **NEW!** Building Systems to Sustain Home-Based Asthma Services

Sponsored by National Center for Healthy Housing (nchh.org)

Online Course | Enroll in LMS Course: [NCHH-11MODS](#)

### **NEW!** Log-in 2 Learn - The Science of Trust: Implications for Public Health Research

Sponsored by Region 2 Public Health Training Center

Recorded on March 7, 2023

Enroll in LMS Course: [Reg2PHTC-L2L202303](#)

### **Log-in 2 Learn - Mortality Surveillance Using an Automated Mortality Syndromic Surveillance System (MortalSS) – Lessons Learned from New York City**

Sponsored by Region 2 Public Health Training Center

Recorded on February 7, 2023

Enroll in LMS Course: [Reg2PHTC-L2L202302](#)

### **Log-in2Learn: Leveraging a bilingual communications campaign to promote physical activity: Muévete a tu Manera**

Sponsored by Region 2 Public Health Training Center

Recorded January 10, 2023

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### **AFPHS December Training – Equitable Healthy Aging and the Social Determinants of Health**

Sponsored by Age-Friendly Public Health Systems

Recorded December 15, 2022

Enroll in LMS Course: [AFPHS-20221215](#)

### **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 Public Health**

Sponsored by Public Health Communications Collaborative

Recorded April 13, 2022

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

## **Additional Training of Interest**

### **NEW! When and How to Respond to Public Health Misinformation**

Sponsored by Public Health Collaborative

Recorded March 28, 2023

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### **NEW! The Intersections Initiative: How You Can Help Your Community Access Federal Funding for Walking and Bike**

Sponsored by America Walks / Safe Routes Partnership and The League of American Bicyclists for all-new Intersections Initiative

Recorded March 22, 2023

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### **NEW! Migraine 101 Videos**

Sponsored by The National Headache Foundation (NHF)

Recorded March 2023

10 Webinars

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### **NEW! Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS) Capacity and Cost Assessment**

Sponsored by PHAB, PHNCI, and the University of Minnesota Center for Public Health Systems.

Recorded March 16, 2023

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### **NEW! Breaking Down Barriers to Achieve the Highest Level of Health**

Sponsored by Healthcare Leadership Council

Recorded March 8, 2023

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### **Health Affairs Briefing: Public Health During COVID-19**

Sponsored by Health Affairs

Recorded March 8, 2023

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### **Teamwork Makes Safe Routes Work: Partnering with School Districts on Safe Routes to School Projects**

Sponsored by Colorado Safe Routes to School

Recorded March 8, 2023

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### **Prostate Cancer Patient Conference**

Sponsored by UCTV

Series Recorded June 2019 - March 2023 (56 webinars)

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## How Can We Keep Up with the Organ Shortage?

Sponsored by UCTV

6-part series December 7, 2022 – March 21, 2023.

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## Black History Month Live Roundtable Conversation “Diversity and Strength: Our History, Our Heritage, Our Journey”

Sponsored by NYS Office of Health Equity and Human Rights

Recorded February 28, 2023

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## Kidney - Liver Overlap

Sponsored by UCTV

Recorded February 18, 2023

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## Harm Reduction Strategies for People Who Use Fentanyl

Sponsored by Overdose Prevention Network

Recorded February 15, 2023

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## **NEW!** 2023 African American Conference on Disabilities: Session #1 Crossroads: The Intersectional Approach to Disability Justice framework

Sponsored by AZ Disability Law

Recorded February 8, 2023

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## **NEW!** Session #2 Sankofa: Expanding A Black Family Support Group into the Midwest

Sponsored by AZ Disability Law

Recorded February 8, 2023

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## **NEW!** Session #3 Meeting the Educational Needs of Arizona’s Foster Youth – A Panel Discussion

Sponsored by AZ Disability Law

Recorded February 9, 2023

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## **NEW!** Session #4 Tracing the Trauma Thread from our Ancestors to Present Healing

Sponsored by AZ Disability Law

Recorded February 9, 2023

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## Interventions to Address Particle Pollution and Heart Disease (Part B)

Sponsored by the HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health

Recorded February 9, 2023

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## **Every Family Forward: A Conversation on Advancing our Collective Responsibility to All Families**

Sponsored by Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Recorded February 8, 2023

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## **Smart Growth America's 2023 Equity Summit**

Sponsored by National Complete Streets Coalition

Recorded February 7-9

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## **Improving Public Health Through Data and Communication**

Sponsored by ASTHO

Recorded February 1, 2023

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## **21st Century Global Health Priorities**

Sponsored by UCTV

Recorded February 1, 2023

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## **The Social Safety Net as an Investment in Children**

Sponsored by UCTV

Recorded January 29, 2023

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## **PH WNS for the Future: Understanding the Strengths and Needs of Rural Public Health**

Sponsored by Northwest Center for Public Health Practice

Recorded January 24, 2023

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## **Strengths-Based Prevention that Works**

Sponsored by Prevent Connect

**Session 1:** Recorded December 13, 2022 | [View Here](#)

**Session 2:** Recorded January 24, 2023 | [View Here](#)

## **Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice Meeting**

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

Recorded January 24, 2023

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## **Building Supply, Quality & Equity: Early Head Start-Child Care Partnerships**

Sponsored by The Bipartisan Policy Center

Recorded January 23, 2023

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

Sponsored by Region IV Public Health Training Center

Recorded January 23, 2023 | [View Here](#)

## **Rights and the Battle Against Exclusion**

Sponsored by UCTV

Recorded January 23, 2023

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## **Federal Funding Streams for Mental Health Services**

Sponsored by the Alliance for Health Policy

Recorded January 20, 2023

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## **Supporting Providers of Color in the Pediatric Workforce: Practices to Diversify the Workforce and Improve Retention**

Sponsored by Center for Health Care Strategies

Recorded January 19, 2023

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## **Cultivating Community Leadership and Power Within Ecosystems**

Sponsored by Prevent Connect

**Session 1** - Recorded January 18, 2023 | [View Here](#)

**Session 2** - Recorded January 26, 2023 | [View Here](#)

## **Analysis of Count Data in Medical and Social Sciences: An Application to Smoking Among Students"**

Sponsored by Michael & Susan Dell Center for Healthy Living

Recorded January 17, 2023

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## **Oral Health and its Link to Systemic, Economic, and Public Health Series**

Sponsored by the National Coalition of Dentists for Health Equity

### **Part 1 - The Mouth Really is Part of the Body! An Epidemiologic Perspective on Oral Health and Overall Health**

- Recorded November 17, 2022 | [View Here](#)

### **Part 2 - Dental Care Prevents Chronic Disease and Saves Money!**

- Recorded January 11, 2023 | [View Here](#)

## **Leadership Trailblazer Spotlight: Jay Butler, CDC Deputy Director for Infectious Disease**

Sponsored by ASTHO

Recorded January 11, 2023

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## **Policy Briefs: From Plan to Action**

Sponsored by Northwest Center for Public Health Practice at the University of Washington

Online course | [View Here](#)



## **Using PH WINS Data to Enhance Your Workforce Development Planning**

Sponsored by Region V Public Health Training

Online course | [View Here](#)

## **Advancing Antiracism, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in STEMM Organizations**

Sponsored by National Academies of Science, Engineering & Medicine (NASEM)

Online course | [View Here](#)

## **Practical Law for Public Health Officials**

Sponsored by Northwest Center for Public Health Practice

Online course | [View Here](#)

## **Synergy of Healthy People 2030 and PHAB Standards**

Sponsored by Healthy People 2030 objectives and Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB)

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## **Roots of Health Inequity**

Sponsored by NAACHO

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## **How to be Anti-Racist in the Everyday Practice of Public Health**

Sponsored by Region V Public Health Training Center

Online Course | [View Here](#)

## **Weaving the Threads of Culture: Working Effectively with American Indians and Alaska Natives**

Sponsored by Region VI Public Health Training Center

Online Course | [View Here](#)

## **Mentoring Matters**

Sponsored by Northwest Center for Public Health Practice at The University Of Washington

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## **Addressing Human Trafficking in Healthcare Settings self-paced training**

Sponsored by Region V Public Health Training Center

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## **Clinical Education Initiative (CEI) announces new online accredited courses:**

- [Pandemics and Epidemics: Applying Evidence-Based Psychological Interventions to Promote Resilience](#)
- [Adolescence and Epilepsy - A Focus on Sexual Health](#)
- [The 2022 MPOX Outbreak: Where Are We Now?](#)
- [Pain Management for People Who Use Opioids](#)
- [Black Lives \(with HIV\) Matter: Dismantling Systemic Racism to End HIV](#) [course provided by Physicians' Research Network (PRN)]
- [Non-AIDS-Defining Cancers in People Living with HIV](#) [course provided by PRN]

### **...and new learning modules:**

- [ECHO: Update on Outpatient Management of Urinary Tract Infections](#)
- [Universal Hepatitis C Screening among Pregnant Persons to Reduce Stigma and Advance Elimination](#)
- [Cirrhosis in Patients with HCV: What Clinicians Need to Know](#)



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

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**NEW! Title:** [Epidemiology, Testing, and Management of Extensively Drug-Resistant Shigellosis](#)

**Date:** Tuesday, February 28, 2023

**NEW! Title:** [Evaluating and Supporting Children and Adolescents Presenting with Post-COVID Conditions](#)

**Date:** Thursday, February 23, 2023

[Updates to COVID-19 Testing and Treatment for the Current SARS-CoV-2 Variants](#)

**Date:** Tuesday, January 24, 2023

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

**Date:** Tuesday, December 20, 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:** [Update on Monkeypox in Children, Adolescents, and People Who are Pregnant or Breastfeeding](#)

**Date:** Thursday, October 27, 2022

**Title:** [Meloidosis 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

National Center for Environmental Health

Check out CDC's [Environmental Health Nexus](#) Webinars:

**Title:** [EH Nexus Webinar: Learn About Healthy Gardening and Lead Poisoning Prevention Efforts in Children](#) | **Date:** March 29, 2023

**Title:** [EH Nexus Webinar for Radon Awareness Week – National and State-Level Radon Risk Reduction Initiatives](#) | **Date:** January 25, 2023

**Title:** [All Children Can Be Exposed to Lead: CDC's Efforts to Promote Awareness and Testing](#) | **Date:** October 27, 2022

**Title:** [CDC and HRSA Partner for Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention: Guidance for Clinicians](#) | **Date:** October 26, 2022

**Title:** [Set the Table: Improving Restaurant Food Safety Through Science and Practice](#) | **Date:** September 13, 2022

**Title:** [CDC Workshop on Applied Epidemiology and Environmental Health](#) | **Date:** August 2–3, 2022

**Title:** [Working for Environmental Justice: Data and Resources from CDC's Environmental Public Health Tracking Network](#) | **Date:** July 12, 2022

**Title:** [Protecting Yourself From Mold: Myths and Facts](#) | **Date:** June 22, 2022

**Title:** [CDC/NOAA on Hurricane Safety and Preparedness](#) | **Date:** May 24, 2022

**Title:** [National Integrated Heat Health Information System \(NIHHIS\) National Meeting](#) | **Date:** April 26-28, 2022

**Title:** [CDC/HRSA on Climate Change and Health: The Risks to Community Health and Health Care Utilization](#) | **Date:** March 17, 2022

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1. [Reg2PHTC-Policy Analysis](#) - Policy Analysis in the Policy Process and How Systems Thinking Fits In
2. [Reg2PHTC-Strategy Policy Development](#) - Strategy and Policy Development in the Policy Process and How Systems Thinking Fits In
3. [Reg2PHTC-Succession Planning](#) - Succession Planning and Workforce Development for Public Health Agencies
4. [Reg2PHTC-Marketing2](#) - Reducing Promotion and Consumption of Ultra-Processed Food
5. [Reg2PHTC-Community Engagement](#) - Community Engagement: The People's Approach to Improving Health and Social Outcomes
6. [Reg2PHTC-Equity](#) Promoting Equity in Public Health and the Role of Change Management
7. [Reg2PHTC-Behavior](#) Communicate More Effectively: Psychological Principles to Change Behavior and Improve Outcomes
8. [Reg2PHTC-FoodWorkers](#) Improving Well-Being of Low Wage Food Workers: What Role for State and Local Governments?
9. [Reg2PHTC-Enactment](#) Policy Enactment and Implementation in the Policy Process and How Systems Thinking Fits In
10. [Reg2PHTC-Recruit](#) How to Recruit, Hire, Monitor and Train Community Health Workers: Guide for Local Health Departments

These programs have been approved for Category Continuing Education Credit for CHES/MCHES by the Rutgers School of Public Health and Certified in Public Health (CPH) credit by the Region 2 Public Health Training Center.

## **Region 2 PHTC – Recent Log-in2Learn Webinars:**

### **NEW! Log-in 2 Learn - The Science of Trust: Implications for Public Health Research**

Sponsored by Region 2 Public Health Training Center

Recorded on March 7, 2023

Enroll in LMS Course: [Reg2PHTC-L2L202303](#)

### **Log-in 2 Learn - Mortality Surveillance Using an Automated Mortality Syndromic Surveillance System (MortalSS) – Lessons Learned from New York City**

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