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

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ICYMI: GOVERNOR HOCHUL – Preparedness Related Press Releases

[Governor Hochul and the National Hurricane Center Announce Hurricane Preparedness Week in New York State](#)

May 01, 2023 | 11:44 AM EDT

Governor Hochul and the National Hurricane Center announced Hurricane Preparedness Week will run April 30 through May 6.

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

Apr 28, 2023 | 03:58 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 Announces Agreement on FY 2024 State Budget](#)

• **[Spanish Translation](#)**

• **[Video, Audio, & Transcript](#)**

Apr 27, 2023 | 09:35 PM EDT

Governor Hochul announced agreement to address key priorities in Fiscal Year the 2024 NYS Budget.

[Governor Hochul Updates New Yorkers on State Resources Deployed to Assist Local Governments Following Tornado in Sullivan County](#)

Apr 27, 2023 | 12:31 PM EDT

Governor Hochul directed additional State agency assets to Sullivan County to help communities recover after a tornado touched there.

[Governor Hochul Announces \\$6 Million Now Available for Environmental Justice Community Impact Grants](#)

Apr 26, 2023 | 01:53 PM EDT

Governor Hochul announced \$6 million in grants for communities facing environmental justice challenges and addressing environmental concerns.

[Governor Hochul Announces Start of Severe Weather Awareness Week in New York State](#)

• **[Spanish Translation](#)**

Apr 24, 2023 | 11:33 AM EDT

Governor Hochul highlights the need for New Yorkers to have a plan and stay informed for when severe weather strikes.

[Governor Hochul Announces \\$15 Million in Cooling Assistance for Vulnerable New Yorkers](#)

• **[Spanish Translation](#)**

Apr 24, 2023 | 11:12 AM EDT

Governor Hochul announced that \$15 million is available through the Home Energy Assistance Program to help vulnerable, low-income New Yorkers without air conditioning to stay cool during the heat of summer.

[Governor Hochul Announces 19 New Certified Climate Smart Communities](#)

Apr 21, 2023 | 12:52 PM EDT

Governor Hochul announced the latest round of communities to achieve certification as part of New York State's [Climate Smart Communities program](#).

ICYMI: GOVERNOR HOCHUL – Preparedness Related Press Releases (Continued)

[Governor Hochul Announces Start of Construction on Flood Resiliency Project in Town of Clayton, Jefferson County](#)

Apr 21, 2023 | 12:14 PM EDT

Governor Hochul announced the start of construction of a flood resiliency project in the Town of Clayton, Jefferson County.

[Governor Hochul Announces \\$425 Million in Grants for Critical Water Infrastructure Projects Statewide](#)

Apr 17, 2023 | 01:11 PM EDT

Governor Hochul announced \$425 million will be made available through the next round of the State's Water Infrastructure Improvement and Intermunicipal Grant programs, bolstered by the first spending under the Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022.

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ICYMI: NYS Department of Health – Preparedness Related Press Releases

May 1, 2023

- [New York State Department of Health Partners with NYC Health Department to Launch Mpox Vaccine Campaigns Urging Eligible New Yorkers to Prepare Now for a Healthy Summer](#)

April 27, 2023

- [New York State Department of Health Issues A Reminder About Pricing Regulations for Funeral Firms](#)

April 24, 2023

- [The NYS Office of Addiction Services and Supports and the NYS Department of Health Launch Buprenorphine Assistance Program \(Bupe-AP\)](#)

April 14, 2023

- [New York State Departments of Health and Motor Vehicles Urge New Yorkers to Register as Organ Donors During National Donate Life Month in April](#)

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NYSDOH – Opioid Surveillance Data Dashboard

We are excited to share that the Opioid Surveillance Data Dashboard application was updated on the NYSDOH website: <https://www.health.ny.gov/opioiddashboard>. This dashboard makes opioid-related data easily accessible to health officials and the public, and displays data for opioid indicators interactively at state, county, and sub-county levels. The dashboard is designed to be a key resource for enhancing the utilization of opioid surveillance data, and assisting in the response to the opioid crisis.

We hope the dashboard is a useful tool for you among other resources available at: <https://www.health.ny.gov/statistics/opioid/>, including quarterly opioid data reports, annual opioid reports, and other important datasets that support efforts to prevent opioid overdose death. We would like to thank our partners who have contributed data and support in the development and update of the dashboard and various reports. Please direct questions and feedback to opioidprevention@health.ny.gov.

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Johns Hopkins COVID-19 Resources

COVID-19 pandemic still volatile, WHO says; disease remains a leading cause of death in US

The WHO this week said the [COVID-19 pandemic remains volatile](#), warning that the virus could bring further trouble before settling into a predictable pattern. The agency noted that in the past 28 days, 23,000 people have died of COVID-19 and 3 million new cases have been [reported](#), even with much lower levels of testing. In the US, [COVID-19 remains a leading cause of death](#), with an average of about [245 deaths per day](#) over the past 4 weeks, primarily among older adults or those who are immunocompromised. The WHO Emergency Committee on COVID-19 is set to meet in the beginning of May to once again reconsider whether the pandemic constitutes a public health emergency of international concern (PHEIC), which it has reaffirmed at its previous meetings since first making the declaration in January 2020.

Additionally, SARS-CoV-2 continues to mutate, with the Omicron subvariant XBB.1.16—first detected in India earlier this year—now accounting for [more than 7% of US cases](#). [Another Omicron subvariant, XBC.1.6](#), a combination of the Delta and Omicron variants of concern first detected in Southern Australia where it caused a wave of cases and hospitalizations, could provide competition to XBB.1.16. Even if many feel the pandemic is over, the virus remains a threat, particularly to vulnerable populations.

US health agencies authorize additional bivalent vaccine booster for certain populations, simplify recommendations; Biden administration launching effort to maintain equitable access to COVID-19 vaccinations

Following [US FDA regulatory action](#) earlier this week, the [US CDC on April 19 took steps](#) to [simplify COVID-19 vaccine recommendations](#) and allow more flexibility for individuals at higher risk of severe disease who would like an additional vaccine dose. Adults aged 65 years and older and people who are immunocompromised may now receive a [second dose of updated bivalent mRNA booster](#) targeting both the original viral strain and Omicron BA.4 and BA.5 subvariants at least 4 months or 2 months after their last dose, respectively. Additionally, [people who are immunocompromised will now be able to receive more doses](#) if their healthcare provider feels the shots are necessary. About [250 people die each day of COVID-19-related causes](#) in the US, the majority of whom are age 70 or older or have weakened immune systems.

Most US residents who have had one dose of the bivalent vaccine are not currently eligible for an additional jab, although authorization for another shot is expected for the autumn. However, the CDC recommends everyone aged 6 and older receive a bivalent vaccine, regardless of whether they have previously completed their primary series with the original monovalent vaccine. In fact, the [monovalent mRNA vaccines are no longer authorized](#) for use in the US. People who are unvaccinated will now require only a single dose of bivalent mRNA vaccine to be considered vaccinated. The guidelines for children remain complicated, with recommendations varying by age, vaccine, and which shots they previously received. The CDC is [expected to post a detailed chart](#) with recommendations for children under age 6.

In related news, the Biden administration plans to spend more than US\$1 billion on a [new public-private partnership](#) to maintain broad access to COVID-19 vaccines, treatments, and tests for millions of uninsured Americans when the medical countermeasures move to the commercial market later this

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year. The US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) [Bridge Access Program For COVID-19 Vaccines and Treatments Program](#) would allow officials to purchase COVID-19 vaccines for uninsured individuals after the current federal supply is exhausted and when vaccine manufacturers [plan to charge as much as \\$130 per dose](#). People with private insurance or who are covered under Medicare or Medicaid will also not be expected to pay out-of-pocket expenses for vaccines once the public health emergency ends in May.

Additionally, HHS officials told state governors last week that it will maintain its authority [allowing pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and pharmacy interns to administer COVID-19 and flu vaccines](#) after the COVID-19 public health emergency declaration ends. The extension, set to last through December 2024, is [based on the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness \(PREP\) Act](#), which offers extra protections to companies and providers making, distributing, and administering medicines and vaccines in times of emergency. The White House "Test to Treat" initiative, which allows pharmacists to test people for COVID-19 and prescribe the antiviral Paxlovid, will also continue.

US Congress continues investigations into COVID-19 pandemic origin with Republican-led Senate report, House hearing

Republicans in both houses of the US Congress continued their efforts to investigate the origin of SARS-CoV-2. The investigations, shaped by tensions between [scientific knowledge](#) and [political discourse](#), have broad [political implications](#) and some say are [detracting from the need to take steps to prevent](#) another disease emergency. On April 18, the US House Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic held a [second hearing](#) on the origins of COVID-19, with testimony from former intelligence officials discussing the [intelligence community's understanding](#) of COVID-19 origins and the Chinese government's lack of transparency in providing data and evidence. The hearing raised the ire of the Chinese Embassy, after Li Xiang, the embassy's liaison to Congress, [emailed a staff member](#) of the subcommittee's chair, Rep. Brad Wenstrup, on April 14 asking "the US side to respect science and facts," "refrain from targeting China," "put a stop to the intelligence-led, politics-driven origins-tracing," and "help promote international solidarity against the pandemic."

Earlier this week, US Senate Republicans who hold minority leadership on the health subcommittee [released a 300-page report](#) that concludes the pandemic [most likely](#) began from [at least one unintentional lab-related incident](#)—possibly resulting from failures of biosafety containment during vaccine-related research—rather than naturally, via an animal infecting a human; however, the document concedes both theories are plausible but lack key supporting evidence. The report is the [result of former Sen. Richard Burr's investigation](#) into the pandemic's origin, began when he served as the minority leader of the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, although staffers noted Sen. Burr [did not review the full report](#) nor did it go through the vetting process that was afforded an [executive summary](#) publicly released last year.

Speaking at a London summit on pandemic preparedness last week, former China CDC Director Dr. George Gao said there is [no evidence yet to show an animal host](#) or reservoir for SARS-CoV-2. The WHO has [repeatedly called on China](#) to immediately share all available data on the virus, with [Chinese officials and scientists rejecting the agency's accusations](#) that they are hiding information. The WHO says all origin hypotheses remain plausible, while many international scientists say [evidence points to a natural origin](#) for the pandemic.

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Experts debate universal masking recommendations for healthcare settings; about half of healthcare workers go to work sick with COVID-19, study shows

Most COVID-19-related mask mandates have ended—including those for the [subway system in Beijing, China](#)—but [debate over whether to mask in healthcare settings is ongoing](#). While most [US states have phased out](#) mask mandates for healthcare settings, many healthcare facilities maintain mask requirements for all staff and patients, but they are increasingly dropping those rules. In a recent commentary published in the *Annals of Internal Medicine*, a group of infectious disease experts and epidemiologists notes that while “universal masking” was critically important during the pandemic—particularly when there was no population immunity, limited testing capacity, and no medical countermeasures (eg, vaccines, therapeutics)—they [argue against masking becoming a required component](#) of Standard Precautions, as COVID-19 transitions from a pandemic to an “endemic phase.” The authors conclude that mandatory masking remains an important infection prevention and control (IPC) strategy that could be employed in the future as “part of a dynamic approach to infection prevention policy that adapts to changing circumstances.”

However, [some healthcare workers](#) and other [infectious disease epidemiologists](#) have voiced [opposition](#) to dropping universal masking, noting that other disease transmission precautions are not scrapped simply because a disease is endemic. In a commentary published in February in the journal *Infection Control & Hospital Epidemiology*, a separate group of infectious disease experts propose an update to Standard Precautions in healthcare settings, including permanently implementing universal masking in routine patient-care interactions. They say masking prioritizes safety for patients, healthcare providers, and visitors. Other experts fall somewhere in the middle, saying masks remain important in all patient-facing interactions or recommending them to patients who have underlying conditions that put them at higher risk of severe COVID-19.

Notably, a study published last week in the journal *Infection Control & Hospital Epidemiology* showed that about half of healthcare workers (HCWs) with COVID-19 worked for at least some time during a day when diagnosed but returned to work for additional days with symptoms. The study found that [presenteeism rates did not vary for HCWs working directly with patients](#), suggesting that the potential for disease transmission to patients did not influence HCWs’ choices about whether to go to work. The researchers note that new strategies are needed to help HCWs with COVID-19 reconcile their duties to do no harm and to provide or support care. Additionally, a [study presented this week](#) at the European Congress of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (ECCMID) in Copenhagen, Denmark, suggests requirements to wear surgical masks in a large London hospital during the first 10 months of Omicron activity (December 2021 to September 2022) made [no discernible difference](#) to reducing hospital-acquired SARS-CoV-2 infections. Another study published today in *Scientific Reports* uses a COVID-19 model showing that a combination of mask wearing and vaccination may be more effective and reasonable in preventing and controlling SARS-CoV-2 infection and suggests infection control departments strongly recommend the use of both strategies to protect unvaccinated individuals from becoming infected.

People with long COVID, advocates frustrated with lack of attention to, actionable research on condition

Americans suffering from post-COVID condition, commonly known as long COVID, are beginning to get [frustrated](#)—and for good reason. There is still [no clear medical definition, diagnostic framework, or](#)

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[no clear medical definition, diagnostic framework, or treatment for the condition](#). The [US NIH has received more than US\\$1 billion](#) to study the condition but it has yet to recruit patients to test potential therapeutics and has released minimal findings from observational studies conducted over the last 2 years, all with allegedly insufficient accountability or oversight. Patients are frustrated that the observational studies conducted so far seem redundant to already completed research and that there are no ongoing efforts to support private sector companies or researchers trying to study long COVID through the NIH. Additionally, one treatment option under consideration—exercise—has the real potential to worsen patients' condition, [causing advocates to raise alarm](#). Still, other researchers are currently exploring [more promising candidates](#) for the treatment or prevention of long COVID, such as metformin, Paxlovid, and low-dose naltrexone. In the meantime, patients continue to [feel dismissed by peers, healthcare providers, and institutions](#), as their [lives are disrupted by the condition](#), sometimes leading to unemployment and homelessness.

Wastewater surveillance gains traction as advantageous disease monitoring system in US, South Korea, globally

The COVID-19 pandemic has provided ample case studies on the value of conducting wastewater surveillance for infectious diseases. The process has certain advantages over hospital-based surveillance in that it can detect viral markers from people with mild cases who did not seek out healthcare or who may have been asymptomatic. Wastewater surveillance has also been [instrumental in detecting new viral variants](#), even as fewer and fewer daily PCR tests are being performed that could provide sequencing material. The [US National Wastewater Surveillance System](#) currently has more than 1,000 sites across the country that feed into their data analysis to track SARS-CoV-2 incidence and new variant profiles.

In South Korea, the [Korea Disease Control and Prevention Agency \(KDCA\)](#) is looking to pursue this strategy by implementing a wastewater surveillance system in most major cities and towns. In their current system, hospitals must report all positive tests, which the KDCA director described as an expensive and laborious process. The switch to wastewater surveillance is anticipated to be more cost effective and will provide a broader perspective of the country's COVID-19 situation. There are also proposals to create a global wastewater surveillance system [using airport wastewater](#). While this endeavor would be useful for disease monitoring, possible disincentives to participation include fear of the imposition of travel restrictions should a disease be detected.

Additional reading of interest

INFLUENZA PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS Countries and international bodies must immediately revise existing pandemic influenza preparedness and response plans to incorporate lessons learned from and the impacts of COVID-19, experts from the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security and colleagues write in [Nature Medicine](#). The authors note these steps are “particularly urgent given both the emergence of a number of influenza spillover threats and exhausted and depleted public health systems globally.” They make recommendations about how revisions could be achieved, concluding, “The world is in a precarious public health position that warrants weighing potential pandemic risks more seriously. The next pandemic may not be influenza, but the risk calculus for such a pandemic must be prepared now.”

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VACCINE MANDATE RULING A panel of the San Francisco-based 9th US Circuit Court of Appeals [ruled](#) on April 19 that [President Joe Biden had the authority](#) under the federal Procurement Act—which enables the president to adopt rules that promote economy and efficiency in federal contracting—to mandate COVID-19 vaccination for millions of federal contractor employees in 2021. The decision reverses a previous ruling by an Arizona court that blocked the mandate last year and creates a split with 3 other appeals courts that have said President Biden likely exceeded his authority. In October 2022, the White House told agencies not to enforce the contractor mandate in light of ongoing and pending legal challenges.

US PRISON POPULATION The United States is known for having the highest incarceration rate on the planet, with significant bias by class and race. [COVID-19 reduced the country's prison population by 17%](#), but a [new study in Nature](#) shows that racial disparities worsened with this decrease, as the proportion of incarcerated Black and Latino people sharply increased. The authors cited changes in typical distribution of those admitted into prisons, disruptions in court proceedings, disruptions in transfers from county jails, as well as ongoing [racial disparities in sentence length](#), pre-trial case dismissals, and pre-trial plea deals as contributors to these trends. They also noted potential structural and racial inequalities in decarceration policies. Unfortunately, these trends [reverse some of the progress made in the last decade](#) to reduce prison populations and racial disparities within them.

TYPE 2 DIABETES In a study published this week in [JAMA Network Open](#), Canadian researchers found that people who have had COVID-19 were [significantly more likely to be diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes](#) within a year of their infection, compared with those who had not been exposed to SARS-CoV-2. Notably, men were more likely than women to develop diabetes, and people who were hospitalized or in intensive care with COVID-19 were 2 and 3 times as likely to develop the condition, respectively, when compared with individuals who were not infected. The researchers concluded that 3–5% of new diabetes diagnoses could be related to COVID-19. At least [11 other studies](#) have shown an increased risk of developing diabetes after SARS-CoV-2 infection, with one meta-analysis showing a 66% increased risk of diabetes following COVID-19. Some evidence exists suggesting that vaccination might have a protective effect but also that multiple reinfections could raise the risk of Type 2 diabetes. Healthcare organizations and medical professionals should be mindful of the potential long-term outcomes of COVID-19, including [monitoring patients for diabetes](#).

CHILDHOOD VACCINATIONS The COVID-19 pandemic, conflict, and a loss of confidence in vaccines due to misleading information led to [67 million children missing out on at least one routine vaccination](#) between 2019 and 2021, according to UNICEF's [State of the World's Children 2023 report](#). A trend of declining confidence in childhood vaccines of up to 44 percentage points in several countries is a [“worrying warning signal”](#) of rising vaccine hesitancy, decreasing trust in governments, and increasing politicization, UNICEF Executive Director Catherine Russell said. The report stressed that vaccine confidence can shift and the findings may not indicate a long-term trend.

GLOBAL VACCINATION KNOWLEDGE The [Global Compendium of Country Knowledge on COVID-19 Vaccination](#) is now available online from TechNet-21, the WHO [announced](#). The Compendium, which stores more than 140 documents, provides country experiences, case studies, and country evaluations on COVID-19 vaccination and is a resource for national authorities managing or making key decisions on the deployment, implementation, and monitoring of COVID-19 vaccinations, as well as for partners who can provide technical support based on the best practices.

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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)

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

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.

[Read the fact sheet](#) [HHS' letter to states](#)

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American Journal of Public Health (AJPH)

[May 2023 - Volume 113, Issue 5 \(aphapublications.org\)](#)

The May issue of AJPH focuses on population-based monitoring of COVID-19.

It features a special section that explores the value of population-based information based on random samples through the ENE-COVID study in Spain as well as the REACT-1 study in the United Kingdom. Other papers in this issue address topics such as reducing health impacts of extreme heat, identifying loopholes for underage access in e-cigarette delivery laws, vaccinating vulnerable populations for COVID-19, and more. **Featured Articles:**

- [Public Health Impacts of Vaccines for COVID-19 and Beyond: Opportunities to Overcome Technical and Regulatory Barriers for Randomized Trials](#) Alternative designs for pivotal vaccine trials can provide a wide array of info about the various effects of vaccines, to both individual and public health.
- [The Short and the Long Arm of the COVID-19 Pandemic: Direct and Indirect Effects of the US Economic Lockdown Do and Frank Looking Back](#) Brunt of Health and non-Health impacts of U.S. COVID-19 economic shutdown borne by intersecting vulnerable populations.
- [Rural-Urban Differences in Vaccination and Hesitancy Rates and Trust: US COVID-19 Trends and Impact Survey on a Social Media Platform](#) The rural-urban disparity in Covid-19 vaccination is larger than the disparity in vaccination hesitancy, suggesting that access to vaccines is a significant contributor to the low vaccination rate in rural regions.
- [Vaccine Uptake and Hesitancy in Rural America in the Wake of the COVID-19 Pandemic.](#)
- Future research is needed on the difference between vaccine uptake and hesitancy in rural communities, with a focus on issues tied to access, politics, and rural identity.
- [COVID-19 Risk by Workers' Occupation and Industry in the United States, 2020–2021](#) Workers in several industries and occupations with public-facing roles and adults in households with multiple workers had elevated risk of COVID-19, according to a 2020-2021 national survey.
- [The Other Side of the Balance Sheet: Work as a Fundamental Determinant of Health](#) Work is a fundamental determinant of COVID-19 and health broadly. Addressing work as a fundamental determinant of health requires investing in prevention and also understanding how a profit driven economy contributes to these problems.

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Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO)

[ASTHO Comments on the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act](#)

ASTHO is pleased to provide comments in response to the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions request for information in their deliberations to reauthorize the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act. ASTHO recognizes the need for strong federal support for state and territorial public health preparedness to maintain and advance public health emergency response capacity. Check out the full letter to learn more.

Supporting State Health Agency HAI/AR Programs | Check out two new videos available highlighting strategies to support healthcare-associated infection and antimicrobial resistance (HAI/AR) programs. The first video features Joseph Kanter (SHO-LA) and Erica Washington of the Louisiana Department of Health explaining the need to [align HAI/AR program communications and structure with state and territorial health agencies](#). In the second, ASTHO sat down with Joan Duwve and Bryna Stacey from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to discuss ways to [support HAI/AR staff recruitment and retention](#).

[States Can Lead on Mitigating the Effects of Climate Change](#) Extreme weather events caused by climate change disrupt healthcare delivery, education, employment, and other social structures, while also displacing people from their homes and communities. Additionally, certain vulnerable and marginalized populations are disproportionately impacted by the health impacts of climate change. However, state health agencies can help protect the public from some of these effects. Learn more in the latest *Health Policy Update*.

ICYMI: ASTHO CEO Michael Fraser and co-author Robert Johnson of Riestler 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](#).

ICYMI: [ASTHO's PUBLIC HEALTH REVIEW PODCAST](#)

NEW! [Connecting Climate Change and Health Equity in Public Health Agencies](#)

ICYMI: [PUBLIC HEALTH REVIEW MORNING EDITION](#)

- [381: Pandemic Polling, Ending the PH Emergency | Public Health Review Morning Edition](#)
- [379: Changes to Emergency Powers, Hill Gives ASTHO Homework | PH ReviewAM Edition](#)

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Trust for America's Health (TFAH)

- EPA recently released the [Climate Change and Children's Health and Well-Being in the United States Report](#). This national-scale, multi-sector report quantifies projected health effects associated with extreme heat, air quality, changing seasons, flooding, and infectious diseases. Where possible, the analyses consider the extent to which these risks disproportionately fall on children from overburdened populations.
- 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](#).¹⁰

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Administration for Strategic Preparedness & Response

ICYMI: President Biden calls for new investment in ASPR in his proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Budget

"The budget includes funding that will enhance the National Disaster Medical System, advance the development of medical products, strengthen the public health supply chain, bolster manufacturing capacity in the United States, and sustain the Strategic National Stockpile."- Dawn O'Connell, Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response. [Read ASPR's proposed budget and funding \(hhs.gov\)](#)

- [ASPR releases Public Health Emergency Medical Countermeasure Enterprise multiyear budget assessment](#)
- [HHS Secretary Becerra declares Public Health Emergency for Mississippi in response to severe weather](#)
- [ASPR releases the National Health Security Strategy \(NHSS\) for 2023-2026](#)
- [ASPR's updated organizational structure capitalizes on our new capabilities and expanded responsibilities](#)
- [HHS partners with the private sector to enhance cybersecurity across health systems and address future vulnerabilities](#)
- [Up to \\$50 million available to state and jurisdictions for Medical Reserve Corps to target community health and equity](#)
- [HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra's statement on women's history month](#)
- [HHS releases child and adolescent health emergency planning toolkit](#)
- Blog: [Responding to patient surge: information sharing proves instrumental in protecting pediatric patient health](#)
- [ASPR TRACIE issues the March 2023: *The Express* providing resources related to the Hurricane Ian response, the Jackson water crisis response, and other updated resources](#)
- [ASPR's hands-on internship programs for students and recent graduates offer a unique experience in many of the career fields related to public health emergency preparedness, response, and recovery](#)

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United States Fire Administration (USFA)

The NFA's application period is open

Train with the best to be the best! Apply between April 15 and June 15 for National Fire Academy on-campus courses offered from October 2023 to March 2024. [View course schedule](#)

Combating violence against first responders: A systems approach

On this episode of The USFA Podcast, the FIRST Center's Dr. Jennifer Taylor discusses use of the SAVER (Stress And Violence to fire-based EMS Responders) checklist and model policy to mitigate occupational violence against EMS responders. [Listen or read](#)

Firefighter Safety Stand Down focuses on lithium-ion batteries

The 2023 Firefighter Safety Stand Down, June 18-24, will focus on lithium-ion batteries, a potential risk for first responders during fire incidents. The Safety Stand Down website will feature daily topics related to responder safety during incidents involving lithium-ion batteries. [Read the article](#)

2023 wildland fire safety training annual refresher

The 2023 Wildland Fire Safety Training Annual Refresher (WFSTAR) is now available from the National Wildfire Coordinating Group. WFSTAR training is focused on operations and decision-making issues related to fireline safety. [Read the article](#)

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NYSDOH Commerce Training Institute (CTI) Courses

CTI-100

Introduction to the Health Commerce System

Friday, May 12, 2023, 9-10am
Wednesday, June 7, 2023, 2-3pm

Provider: NYSDOH Commerce Training Institute

Average Completion Time: 1 hr

Continuing Education credits: No

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

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

Objectives:

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

CTI-120

Integrated Data Reporting in HERDS v.3

Tuesday, May 23, 2023, 1-2pm
Wednesday, June 21, 2023, 9-10am

Provider: NYSDOH Commerce Training Institute

Webinar: Yes

Average Completion Time: 1 hr

Continuing Education credits: No

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

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

Objectives:

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

CTI-200

Communications Directory Certification

Monday, May 15, 2023, 1-2:30pm
Tuesday, June 13, 2023, 9:30-11am

Provider: NYSDOH Commerce Training Institute

Webinar: Yes

Average Completion Time: 1.5 hrs

Continuing Education credits: No

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

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

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

NYSDOH Commerce Training Institute (CTI) Courses continued

CTI-300

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

Friday, May 26, 2023, 1-4pm
Tuesday, June 20, 9am-12pm

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

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

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

CTI-502

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

Wednesday, May 24, 2023, 10-11am
Monday, June 26, 2023, 2-3pm

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

The New York State Evacuation of Facilities in Disasters Systems (eFINDS) is the patient/resident tracking application housed on the Health Commerce System (HCS).

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

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

May 2023

May 1-7: [National Hurricane Preparedness Week](#)

Climate Change and Mental Health Interventions Workshop

Sponsored by *American Public Health Association*

Tuesday, May 2, 2023, 12-1pm

[Register Here](#)

Budget Period 5 Hospital Deliverable Review Training

Sponsored by NYSDOH

May 2, 2023, 9:00am - 10:30am

[Register Here](#)

Region 2 PHTC Log-in2Learn: Occupation and COVID-19 Mortality in NYC

Sponsored by Region 2 PHTC

Tuesday, May 2, 2023, 12-1pm

[Register Here](#)

FEMA Virtual Tabletop Exercise Program: Cyber

FEMA NETC EMI

May 2-4, 2023

[Register Here](#)

VIRTUAL Evacuation of Facilities in Disaster Systems (eFinds) Train-the-Trainer

Sponsored by URMF FLRTC

May 3, 2023, 8:30am – 12:30pm

Enroll in LMS Course: [OHEP-BP4-HPP6](#)

Budget Period 5 Hospital Deliverable Review Training

Sponsored by NYSDOH

May 3, 2023, 1:00pm - 2:30pm

[Register Here](#)

CDC Zoonoses & One Health Update

Sponsored by CDC

May 3, 2023, 2:00pm - 3:00pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Ready or Not 2023: Protecting the Public's Health from Diseases, Disasters, and Bioterrorism

Sponsored by Trust for America's Health (TFAH)

May 3, 2023, 2-3pm

[Register Here](#)

K0051: Exercise Program Management

Sponsored by FEMA/EMI

May 4, 2023, 9:00am - 1:00pm

[Register Here](#)

Two-Day Prioritizing Actions for Epidemic and Pandemic Preparedness

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

Day 1 | Thursday, May 4, 2023, 8am-12pm

Day 2 | Thursday, May 18, 2023

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Public (Virtual) Meeting of the National Biodefense Science Board

Sponsored by the National Biodefense Science Board

Thursday, May 4, 2023, 2-3pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Dementia Related Behaviors

Sponsored by NYS Vital Signs EMS Academy

May 4, 2023, 6:30pm - 7:30pm

[Register Here](#)

Trauma Nursing Care Course (TNCC)

Sponsored by ENA

May 6-7, 2023, 7:30am - 4:30pm, Rochester General Hospital

[Register Here](#)

New Jersey CERT Workshop

Sponsored by FEMA

May 6-7, 2023, 8am-4pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Understanding and Mitigating Youth Firesetting Issues.

Sponsored by FEMA

May 8, 2023, 2-3 p.m.

[Register Here](#)

NEW! LVAD Awareness Training

Sponsored by NYS Vital Signs EMS Academy

May 8, 2023, 11:00am - 12:00pm

[Register Here](#)

National VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster) Conference

Sponsored by FEMA

May 8 – 11, 2023

[Register Here](#)

Fundamentals of Criminal Intelligence (AWR-315), Access Code: NCRT315

Sponsored by LSU NCBRT/ACE

May 8-12, 2023, 9:00am - 1:00pm

[Register Here](#)

NY Responds for County Emergency Managers (NYRC)

Sponsored by DHSES

May 9, 2023, 8:30am - 12:30pm

[Register Here](#)

Ransomware attacks – How they happen, and five steps to prevent them

Sponsored by Becker's Healthcare

May 9, 2023, 12:00pm - 1:00pm

[Register Here](#)

Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents (I-300)

Sponsored by NYS OEM

May 9-11, 2023, 8:00am - 5:00pm | Schuyler Co. Watkins Glen High School, Watkins Glen, NY

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Geriatric Medicine Grand Rounds: COVID19 Antiviral Use Among US Nursing Home Residents

Sponsored by URM

May 10, 2023, 8:00am - 9:00am

[Register Here](#) zoom password: 003046

NEW! Demystifying Cyber Attacks

Sponsored by TEEX

May 10, 2023, 8:00am

[Register Here](#)

CISA Active Shooter Preparedness Webinar

Sponsored by FEMA/CISA Region 2

May 10, 2023, 10:00am - 12:00pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! From AMR to Zika: Strengthening Pathogen Genomics in Public Health

Sponsored by the American Society for Microbiology

Wednesday, May 10, 2023, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

385 Russell Senate Office Building

[Register Here](#)

Natural Disaster Awareness for Community Leaders (AWR-310)

Sponsored by NDPTC

May 10, 2023, 12:00pm - 4:00pm

[Register Here](#)

How telehealth can help combat the infectious disease clinician shortage

Sponsored by Becker's Healthcare

May 11, 2023, 2:00pm - 3:00pm

[Register Here](#)

Health Commerce System Orientation (CTI-100)

Sponsored by NYSDOH CTI

May 12, 2023, 9:00am - 10:00am

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

Leadership in Supervision

Sponsored by FEMA/USFA

May 14 - 19, 2023

Emmitsburg, MD | [Register Here](#)

NEW! What's with Excited Delirium

Sponsored by NYS Vital Signs EMS Academy

May 15, 2023, 11:00am - 12:00pm

[Register Here](#)

Exploring the Resilience Analysis and Planning Tool

Sponsored by FEMA Region II

May 15, 2023, 1:00pm - 2:00pm

[Register Here](#)

Communications Directory

Sponsored by NYSDOH CTI

May 15, 2023, 1:00pm - 2:30pm

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

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

Sponsored by UAlbany School of Public Health

May 16, 2023, 9:00am - 10:00am

[Register Here](#)

FEMA Virtual Tabletop Exercise Program: Hurricane COOP

Sponsored by FEMA NETC EMI

May 16-18, 2023

[Register Here](#)

HAZMAT Incident Safety Officer

Sponsored by DHSES

May 16-18, 2023, 8 Hours

East Aurora FD | [Register Here](#)

Systems Perspectives on Healthcare Worker Burnout and Wellbeing During the COVID

Sponsored by Becker's Healthcare

May 16, 2023, 1:00pm - 2:00pm

[Register Here](#)

Working with Tribal Governments for Effective Emergency Preparedness and Response

Sponsored by NYSDOH OHEP

Wednesday, May 17, 2023, 1-3pm

Enroll in LMS Course: [OHEP-BP4-C3](#)

NEW! International Guidelines for Management of Sepsis and Septic Shock - Implementing the Hour-1 Bundle

Sponsored by SCCM

May 17, 2023, 2:00pm - 3:00pm

[Register Here](#)

Public Safety CBRNE Response Sampling Techniques & Guidelines (PER-222)

Sponsored by DHSES

May 20-28, 2023, 8:00am - 5:00pm

Buffalo Fire Dept. | [Register Here](#)

HTC Series - BP4 S5 - Planning Considerations for Active Shooter Events in a Healthcare Setting

Sponsored by CNY HTC

May 22, 2023, 10:00am - 11:30am

Enroll in LMS Course: [OHEP-HTC-BP4-S5-052023-CNY](#)

NEW! Discovering Mitigation Alternatives

Sponsored by FEMA Region 3

May 22, 2023, 11:00am - 12:00pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Social Media Techniques and Tools

Sponsored by NDPTC

May 22-23, 2023, 1:00pm - 5:00pm

[Register Here](#)

E8520 National Preparedness Symposium

Sponsored by FEMA, EMI

May 22 - May 26, 2023

National Emergency Training Center Emmitsburg, MD

[Register Here](#)

HERDS Reporting (CTI-120)

Sponsored by NYSDOH CTI

May 23, 2023, 1:00pm - 2:00pm

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

NEW! Psychological Care for the Caregiver in Public Health Emergency Response: Best Practice Considerations

Sponsored by Mid-Atlantic Regional PHTC

Wednesday, May 24, 2023, 9:30–10:45am

[Register Here](#)

NYS Evacuation of Facilities in Disasters Systems (eFinds) version 3.0

Sponsored by NYSDOH CTI

May 24, 2023, 10:00am - 11:00am

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

Public Safety CBRNE Response Sampling Techniques & Guidelines (PER-222)

Sponsored by DHSES

May 24-June 2, 2023, 8:00AM - 5:00PM

Buffalo Fire Dept. | [Register Here](#)

NEW! Demystifying Cyber Attacks

Sponsored by TEEEX

May 25, 2023, 8:00am

[Register Here](#)

Safety and Violence Education (SAVE)

Sponsored by FLRTC

May 25, 2023, 8:30am - 12:30pm

Monroe County Office of Mental Health, Bldg. J - Erie Canal Training Room (3rd Floor)

1099 Jay Street, Rochester, NY 14611

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

NEW! Promoting Disability Inclusion and Equity: Approaches and Best Practices from Mount Sinai Health System

Sponsored by HANYS

May 25, 2023

[Register Here](#)

Community Planning for Disaster Recovery (AWR-356)

Sponsored by NDPTC

May 25-26, 2023, 1:00pm - 5:00pm

[Register Here](#)

Newcomer Health Webinar Series: Hepatitis B – Adults

Sponsored by ECHO CO

May 30, 2023, 9:00am - 10:00am

[Register Here](#)

Optimizing Virtual Care for Behavioral Health

Sponsored by Becker's Healthcare

May 31, 2023, 12:00pm - 1:00pm

[Register Here](#)

June 2023

June: [Pet Preparedness Month](#)

Advanced Burn Life Support Course

Sponsored by Kessler Burn Center

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

Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester, NY

[Register Here](#)

NEW! OHEP-WRHTC-SCCM-FCCS-CM-BP4 Fundamental Critical Care Support - Crisis Management

Sponsored by WRHEPC

June 7, 2023, 8am-5pm

[Register Here](#)

Health Commerce System Orientation (CTI-100)

Sponsored by NYSDOH CTI

June 7, 2023, 2:00pm - 3:00pm

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

Psychological First Aid

Sponsored by NYSDOH

June 7, 2023, 10-11:30am

[Register Here](#)

Leadership in Supervision R0645

Sponsored by FEMA/USFA

June 11-16, 2023

Emmitsburg, MD | [Register Here](#)

Communications Directory

Sponsored by NYSDOH CTI

June 13, 2023, 9:30am - 11:00pm

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

National Lightning Safety Awareness Week

Sponsored by FEMA

June 18 – 24, 2023

[Register Here](#)

Management and Safety in Response to Hazardous materials/WMD Incidents

Sponsored by FEMA/USFA

June 19-29, 2023

Emmitsburg, MD | [Register Here](#)

HERDS Reporting (CTI-120)

Sponsored by NYSDOH CTI

June 21, 2023, 9:00am - 10:00am

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

First-ever Women's Weekend

Sponsored by NFA & Women in Fire

June 24-25, 2023

[Register Here](#)

E0490 Voluntary Agency Coordination in Disasters

Sponsored by FEMA

June 26-29, 2023

Emmitsburg, MD | [Register Here](#)

E8540 - Basic Interagency Logistics Seminar

Sponsored by FEMA/EMI

June 26-30, 2023

Emmitsburg, MD | [Register Here](#)

NYS Evacuation of Facilities in Disasters Systems (eFinds) version 3.0

NYSDOH CTI

June 26, 2023, 2:00pm - 3:00pm

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

National CERT Conference

Sponsored by FEMA

June 26 - July 1, 2023

[Register Here](#)

Newcomer Health Webinar Series: GI Infections - Soil Transmitted Helminth Infections

Sponsored by ECHO CO

June 27, 2023, 9:00am - 10:00am

[Register Here](#)

New & OnDemand Content - NYLearnsPH.com

Evidence-Based Approaches for Post-Disaster Mental Health Disorders

Sponsored by South Central Partnership

Enroll in LMS Course: [SCP-2055](#)

Addressing Human Trafficking in Healthcare Settings

Sponsored by Region V Public Health Training Center

[Free CE and Certs:](#) 1.75 Nursing Contact Hours | 1.75 CHES Category I CECH

Enroll in LMS Course: [RVPHTC-20210201](#)

HTC Webinar Series - BP4 Session 3 - Emergency Planning and Preparedness for Persons with Disabilities & Access and Functional Needs - PART II

Sponsored by WR HTC (FLRTC)

Recorded on March 15, 2023

Enroll in LMS Course: [OHEP-HTC-BP4-S3-032023-WR](#)

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: [Req2PHTC-L2L202303](#)

Cyber Security Response in Healthcare: Emergency Management's Role

Sponsored by MARO HTC

Recorded on February 16, 2023

Enroll in LMS Course: [OHEP-HTC-BP4-S2-022023-MARO](#)

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: [Req2PHTC-L2L202302](#)

Guidance to Complete ServNY Notification Drill

Sponsored by NYSDOH OHEP

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

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

BP4 Series: Steuben County Response and Recovery to Tropical Storm Fred

Sponsored by URM, Wester Region HTC – FLRTC, Steuben County EMO

Recorded on January 23, 2023

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

Psychological First Aid

Sponsored by NYSDOH OHEP

Enroll in LMS Course: [OHEP-OMH-PFA-NY](#)

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](#)

Additional Training of Interest

A Look Inside Life-Saving Overdose Prevention Centers

Sponsored by Drug Policy Alliance

Posted March 30, 2023

[View Here](#)

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

Sponsored by the Office of New Americans

Recorded March 7, 2023

Passcode: 9987#Nex | [View Here](#)

Project Public Health Ready (PPHR)

Sponsored by NACCHO

Online course | [View Here](#)

Medical Needs Sheltering

Sponsored by Region 6 South Central Public Health Training Center

Online course | [View Here](#)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Communities of Practice webinar: Promoting Bivalent Vaccinations for Older Adults: Long-Term Care Provider Perspectives

Sponsored by The Public Health Foundation

Recorded February 9, 2023

[View Here](#)

Partnering with the Autism Community on Inclusive Emergency Preparedness

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

Recorded September 20, 2022

[View Here](#)

Public Health Prepared Training Catalog

Sponsored by U of Michigan Center for Infectious Disease Threats & Pandemic Preparedness

[Access Training Catalog](#)

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[1744-REVISED-Training Opportunity-K0289 State Volunteer and Donations Management](#)

K0289: State Volunteer and Donations Management

[Read more in Training Opportunity 1744 REVISED.](#)

[1787-Training Opportunity-EK0131 Exercise Evaluation and Improvement Planning](#)

E/K0131: Exercise Evaluation and Improvement Planning

[Read more in Training Opportunity 1787.](#)

The National Center for Disaster Preparedness, through its FEMA training grants, will be offering the following *free* upcoming trainings.

Economic disaster recovery web-based trainings:

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

Housing disaster recovery web-based trainings:

- [AWR-370-W Addressing Gaps in Housing Disaster Recovery: Conducting Impact Assessments](#)
- [AWR 371-W Addressing Gaps in Housing Disaster Recovery: Pre-Disaster Planning](#)
- [AWR 372-W Addressing Gaps in Housing Disaster Recovery: Post-Disaster Planning](#)
- [MGT-472: Planning for Transitional and Long-Term Housing After a Major Disaster](#)

Live Virtual Learning (May - June 2023) The training hosts are in the locations below; however, learners in the FEMA regions are also welcome to attend.

- **May 9, 2023 - Nevada, FEMA Region 9**
[MGT-477: Roles for State, Tribal, and Territorial Governments in the Implementation of Disaster Housing Programs](#)
- **May 18, 2023 - Lehigh County, PA, FEMA Region 3**
[MGT-477: Roles for State, Tribal, and Territorial Governments in the Implementation of Disaster Housing Programs](#)
- **June 22, 2023 - Montana, FEMA Region 8**
[MGT-472: Planning for Transitional and Long-Term Housing After A Major Disaster](#)
- **July 13, 2023 - Snohomish County, WA, FEMA Region 10**
[MGT-477: Roles for State, Tribal, and Territorial Governments in the Implementation of Disaster Housing Programs](#)

Instructor-led In-Person Learning (May - June 2023) The training hosts are in the locations below; however, learners in the FEMA regions are also welcome to attend.

- **May 17, 2023 - Dayton, OH, FEMA Region 5**
[MGT-477: Roles for State, Tribal, and Territorial Governments in the Implementation of Disaster Housing Programs](#)
- **June 6, 2023 - Delaware, FEMA Region 3**
[MGT-472: Planning for Transitional and Long-Term Housing After a Major Disaster](#)
- **June 20, 2023 - Broward County, FL, FEMA Region 4**
[MGT-477: Roles for State, Tribal, and Territorial Governments in the Implementation of Disaster Housing Programs](#)
- **July 11, 2023 - Delaware, FEMA Region 3**
[MGT-477: Roles for State, Tribal, and Territorial Governments in the Implementation of Disaster Housing Programs](#)

###

Working With Tribal Governments for Effective Emergency Preparedness and Response Optional Webinar

Background

In support of continued relationships with tribal nations, this optional webinar will review the in-digenous people’s history and inequities and how they have led to their health disparities, tribal sovereignty authorities and ways to approach tribal nations, and how to develop and increase tribal engagement to work effectively to improve preparedness programs. The training will be con-ducted in partnership with Seneca Solutions+.

This optional webinar supports Core Deliverables C-3—Support participation in preparedness and response training opportunities and C-9 Engage in cross-border public health emergency preparedness planning (counties with International / Tribal Borders).

Goal

This webinar will provide LHDs and partners with information, guidance, and best practices for working with Tribal Governments.

Target Audience

Preparedness representatives, planning staff, health services, nursing, and any additional staff who have a role in health care, and/or emergency preparedness and response.

Frequently Asked Questions Training Sections

- Wednesday, May 17, 2023
- 1:00 PM-3:00 PM
- This session will also be recorded

Questions Regarding NYSDOH Learning Management System (LMS)

Direct questions to edlearn@health.ny.gov or 518-473-4223 Ext 4.

Questions Regarding Training

Direct questions to prepedap@health.ny.gov or 518-474-2893.

Registration

To enroll in the training, please go to www.NYLearnsPH.com and either register or login to the LMS. Search Course Catalog for: **OHEP-BP4-C3**.

NOTE - PLEASE READ - Please verify your con-tact information and employer information in your LMS profile when registering. Any required course correspondence will be sent using the e-mail ad-dress listed in the LMS.

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

Deliverable

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

Elements of Completion

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

Additional Training and Guidance

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

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

Questions Direct questions to servny@health.ny.gov or 518- 474-2893.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Are Counties required to use ServNY?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2019 Evacuation Plan Template Update

Recorded Sessions for Nursing Homes and Adult Care Facilities

Background

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

Goal

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

Target Audience

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

Note

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

NYSDOH Faculty

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

Link to recorded sessions:

[Recorded Session for Nursing Homes](#)

[Recorded Session for Adult Care Facilities](#)

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

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

Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan Training Online Training Module

Background

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

Training Objectives

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

Target Audience

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

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

Training produced by Hagerty Consulting, Inc.

Training Module

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

[OHEP-CEMPONLINE](#)

Questions Regarding NYSDOH Learning Management System (LMS)

Direct questions to edlearn@health.ny.gov or 518-474-2893.

Questions Regarding Training

Direct questions to prepedap@health.ny.gov or 518-474-2893.

Registration

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

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



Upcoming and Recent CDC COCA (Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity) Calls:

<https://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/index.asp>

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

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

NEW! Title: [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

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

Date: Tuesday, January 24, 2023

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

Date: Tuesday, December 13, 2022

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

Date: Thursday, December 8, 2022

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

Date: Thursday, November 17, 2022

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

Date: Tuesday, November 15, 2022

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

Date: Thursday, October 13, 2022

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

Date: Thursday, September 29, 2022

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

Date: Tuesday, September 20, 2022

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

Date: Thursday, September 15, 2022

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

CDC-CERC-01

Crisis and Emergency Risk Communication (CERC)

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

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

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

SNS-101

SNS Overview

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

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

SNS-103

Closed Point of Dispensing Considerations: an SNS Perspective

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

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

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CDC-RAD

Radiation Basics Made Simple

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

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

CDC-PSYCH

Psychological First Aid in Radiation Disasters

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

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

CDC-MYTHS

Communicating in Radiation Emergencies: Myths of Radiation

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

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

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

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CDC-PS2014

Packaging and Shipping Division 6.2 Materials Online Course

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

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

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

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

RSS-101

Receiving, Staging, and Storing (RSS) Training Video

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

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