

Aware Prepare Update



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Welcome to the **Mid-Month April 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 eLearning on the www.NYlearnsPH.com Learning Management System. Questions or submissions, email: edlearn@health.ny.gov

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ICYMI: GOVERNOR HOCHUL – Preparedness-Related Press Releases

[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.

[Governor Hochul Launches Statewide Listening Tour to Advance Clean Water, Clean Air and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act](#)

- [Spanish Translation](#)

Apr 17, 2023 | 12:45 PM EDT

Governor Hochul kicked off New York State's celebration of Earth Week by announcing a statewide educational listening tour for the \$4.2 billion Clean Water, Clean Air and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022.

[Governor Hochul Updates New Yorkers on Brush Fires Across the State](#)

Apr 14, 2023 | 08:22 PM EDT

Governor Hochul provided an update on brush fires burning across New York.

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

Apr 07, 2023 | 02:39 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 Over \\$70 Million Investment in Critical Water Infrastructure Projects Across New York State](#)

- [Spanish Translation](#)

Apr 05, 2023 | 01:13 PM EDT

Governor Hochul announced more than \$70 million in financial assistance for water infrastructure improvement projects across New York State.

[Statement from Governor Kathy Hochul on Latest School 'Swatting' Threats](#)

Apr 04, 2023 | 12:50 PM EDT

Governor Hochul reassures parents that their children are safe at school amid false swatting threats intended to cause panic and scare students, teachers and families.

[Governor Hochul Announces Heightened Monitoring in Response to Increase in False Threats to Schools](#)

Mar 31, 2023 | 05:55 PM EDT

Governor Hochul announced heightened monitoring in response to the recent increase in "swatting" calls, or the false reporting of a serious law enforcement emergency, such as a bomb threat, hostage situation, or homicide, across the state and country.

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

Mar 31, 2023 | 05:05 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.

[B-Roll, Video, Audio, Photos & Rush Transcript: Governor Hochul Hosts Meeting with New York State Public Safety and Education Leaders on Recent "Swatting" Incidents](#)

Mar 31, 2023 | 03:30 PM EDT

Governor Hochul hosted a meeting with New York State public safety and education leaders on recent "swatting" incidents.

[Governor Hochul Announces \\$1.4 Million to Help East Buffalo Residents Impacted by Tops Market Shooting](#)

- [Spanish Translation](#)

Mar 31, 2023 | 01:12 PM EDT

Governor Hochul announced more than \$1.4 million in federal funding to support mental health programs in East Buffalo following the tragic Tops Market Shooting in 2022.

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ICYMI: NYS Department of Health – Preparedness-Related Press Releases

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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April 7, 2023

- [New York State Department of Health Announces Release of Updated Dashboards Featuring 2020 Vital Statistics Data for New York State, Highlighting Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

[New York City Poison Control Prevention Center](#)

Poison Prevention Newsletter - April 2023

- **Prevent Plant Poisonings** - Children and pets often find plants appealing and may eat the leaves, flowers or seeds. Here are some reminders to keep you and your loved ones safe from plant poisoning inside and outside your home. Call the NYC Poison Center at 212-764-7667 right away if you have questions or about a possible poisoning exposure. Help is always available.
- **Plant Safety within the Home** - Even plants that are non-toxic may cause a reaction in some people. Check with the Poison Center or a local florist before buying plants to make sure they are safe for everyone in your household. Keep plants out of reach of children and pets, including visitors. Label all plants so you are familiar with what plants you have in the home..
- **Plant Safety in our Environment** - Never eat wild mushrooms, berries or plants from the outdoors. Poison Ivy is common throughout our area and grows in clusters of three. All parts of the plant can cause irritation on the skin. Learn more [here](#)
- **Be Safe When Gardening** - Always wear gloves while gardening. Use insecticides, pesticides and herbicides safely with plants and vegetables. If you use pesticides, only use ones that have been approved for the plants in your garden and follow all the instructions on the label. Store these products out of reach of children. Always wash produce before eating. Learn more [here](#)
- **For more information about plant poisoning safety tips, download our "You Can Prevent Plant Poisonings" brochure [here](#).**

Free April Webinars - Join us in April! The NYC Health Department's Education and Community Partnership Unit and Poison Control Center offer FREE virtual multilingual workshops on plant poisoning prevention and medicine safety tips, home safety and more. All participants receive a certificate. The full schedule and the links for registration can be accessed [here](#).

NYS Office of Mental Health --

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The New York State Office of Mental Health is excited to share the newest educational resource about 988 in New York. 988 is the new, three-digit number for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (NSPL). It is now available nation-wide.

You can view, download, and print the Just the Facts infographic by visiting [New York's 988 web page](#). You can request in any language that not already available by filling out the [988 Resource Translation Request Form](#) on the webpage.

Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Health Alert Network (HAN)

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

- **April 6th:** [Marburg Virus Disease Outbreaks in Equatorial Guinea and Tanzania](#)

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is issuing this Health Alert Network (HAN) Health Advisory to inform clinicians and public health departments in the United States about two confirmed outbreaks of Marburg virus disease (MVD)—one in Equatorial Guinea and one in Tanzania. Currently, there is no evidence to suggest that these two outbreaks are related; most experts agree that these represent two independent animal-to-human spillover events. To date, **no confirmed cases of MVD related to these outbreaks have been reported in the United States or other countries outside Equatorial Guinea and Tanzania.** This Health Advisory provides information about these outbreaks to increase awareness of the risk of imported cases in the United States. It also summarizes CDC's recommendations for case identification, testing, and clinical laboratory biosafety considerations in the United States.

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

CDC Resources

New Environmental Health Resource for the 10 Essential Public Health Services

Learn how environmental programs help deliver the 10 Essential Public Health Services to their communities. CDC's [new website](#) provides examples of activities that could contribute to health department accreditation or reaccreditation by the Public Health Accreditation Board.

- Help deliver the 10 Essential Public Health Services in their communities.
- Link to and support broader public health initiatives such as public health accreditation.

The 10 Essential Public Health Services provide a framework for public health and promote the health of all people in all communities. To achieve equity, these services were revised in 2020 to actively promote policies, systems, and overall community conditions that enable optimal health for all and seek to remove systemic and structural barriers that have resulted in health inequities.

Read this [article](#) to learn about key changes in the newly revised 10 Essential Public Health Services and how they relate to environmental public health.

Complex AR Outbreak Solved with States and CDC’s Enhanced Lab & Epi Capacities

How did disease detectives recently solve the large multistate outbreak of extensively drug-resistant [Pseudomonas aeruginosa](#) (*P. aeruginosa*)?

Experts from CDC’s [Antimicrobial Resistance Laboratory Network](#) (AR Lab Network), along with epidemiologists in CDC’s [healthcare-associated infection/AR \(HAI/AR\) programs](#), used advanced testing and response capacities to find the source and stop infections.

What set this outbreak apart?

- The outbreak strain is highly resistant and has never been reported in the United States, has never been connected to a contaminated product, and is extremely resistant to available antibiotics.
- Only 28% of U.S. hospitals* can test for this type of resistant pathogen (germ). Healthcare providers needed data from advanced lab tests to help them identify, treat, and stop this deadly threat.
- Healthcare providers and health departments first reported resistant infections of many body systems such as urinary tract infections, eye infections, and respiratory infections—making the source even harder to identify.

How did the experts solve the case?

- **Detect:** Working together with state and local HAI/AR programs, CDC epidemiologists discovered similar “fingerprints” in lab data from [whole genome sequencing](#) (WGS), an advanced technology unavailable to most health departments to test resistant healthcare pathogens until recently. Today, because of investments from CDC’s [Antimicrobial Resistance Solutions Initiative](#), 45 U.S. health department labs can perform WGS for HAIs, giving disease detectives the data they need to combat antimicrobial resistance.
- **Respond:** Disease detectives conducted an investigation that found affected patients were 5x more likely to have used artificial tears and patient interviews and chart reviews revealed a common brand across 16 states.

- **Prevent:** Response teams worked quickly to communicate the risk to patients, healthcare providers, local epidemiologists, other federal agencies, and partners.

This complex response highlights the value of CDC’s national coordinated efforts to combat AR. CDC’s investment in prevention—laboratories to detect, epidemiologists to respond, and infection control experts to stop further spread—likely kept this outbreak from becoming much larger. Although CDC and partners across the world are making progress, more work is needed to slow the spread of AR and save lives.

[Read More](#)

ICYMI: CDC Antimicrobial Resistance: Updated Map Shows CDC’s Investments to Fight Anti-microbial 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).

ICYMI: 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.

In 2023, CDC's Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion (DHQP) and NACCHO are working with LHDs of various sizes and capacities to review and implement this new resource. LHDs will provide input on the strategy's usability and feasibility with the intent of developing a robust and practical tool that reflects not only a starting point for LHDs HAI/AR work but can also be used to further guide and support local efforts by working with states and other key partners to improve public health-healthcare and community networks that are necessary to prevent and control HAI/AR now and in the future.

This marks the launch of a new Local Public Health Promotion Series highlighting activities and resources specific to local health departments. In the coming months, the CDC's Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion's Program Strategy and Coordination Team will be sharing stories of progress, sharing resources, and spotlighting our local public health partners as part of this series. If you are interested in connecting with our team directly, please reach out to: PSCT_DHQP@cdc.gov.

CDC Emergency Partners Information Connection (EPIC)

ICYMI: Previous disasters have shown that certain groups of people face greater risk during and after disasters. This includes those who may have difficulty accessing or receiving standard resources before, during, or after an emergency. Understanding the barriers that exist and how you can support the resilience of the [whole community](#) can help save lives during an emergency.

Barriers Contributing to Disparities and Vulnerability in Disasters

- **Government mistrust.** Mistrust of government and institutions is a deep-seated barrier that has historic roots and can be difficult to change. Diverse communities often do not feel respected and may not have necessary resources.

- **Layered disasters.** Hazards tend to harm populations that were at risk before a disaster. Access to services and resources is impacted by where people live, work, and play.
- **Organizational resilience.** Organizations providing day-to-day needs for people with lower incomes are themselves vulnerable during a disaster. If an emergency response depletes their budget, organizations may not be able to provide critical resources for populations they serve.
- **Misconceptions.** In the past, people with disabilities and other impairments may have been wrongly perceived as unable to care for themselves, unable to function in daily activities, and unable to make decisions about their health and welfare. Such misconceptions have led to exclusion from the social environment.

Examples of Populations Facing Increased Risk

Some groups of people frequently experience higher risk from emergencies and other public health threats due to barriers getting information and other resources.

- **People with Disabilities or Mobility Challenges:** Emergencies and disasters can strike quickly and without warning, forcing people to quickly leave or be confined in their home unexpectedly. For the millions of Americans who have disabilities, emergencies, such as fires, floods, and acts of terrorism, present a real challenge.
- **People Experiencing Homelessness:** People experiencing homelessness usually have a history of trauma and are more likely to experience psychological distress during a public health emergency or disaster. A trauma-informed approach to emergency response helps protect the health of persons who are not securely housed.
- **LGBTQIA+:** Consideration for people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual, and have other diverse gender and sexual identities (LGBTQIA+) is important in disaster and humanitarian responses. A whole community approach results in better health outcomes for all and improves community resiliency.

Barriers often also exist for people of some races and ethnicities. The same is true for people with lower incomes, limited English proficiency, and some kinds of medical conditions.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion During a Disaster

Addressing the needs of populations facing barriers in emergencies includes improving day-to-day life and harnessing the strengths of these groups. People are more likely to receive information and act on it when the message comes from a trusted source they view as credible. By engaging with the whole community during nonemergency times, organizations can develop relationships over time and become trusted messengers for all populations. Community engagement and collaboration is crucial to inclusive emergency planning. Some best practices for building trust in disaster planning and response include the following:

- **Lead with humility.** Go into every encounter with an open mind and an understanding that survivors may be experiencing trauma and hardship. It's also important to understand the historical trauma experienced by the communities you are serving, their resilience, and the environmental injustices they may be facing.
- **Use a mix of outreach strategies and channels.** To engage and build rapport with multicultural populations, use a variety of communication methods so that survivors are

more likely to become aware of your program. Communications should be culturally appropriate and use language familiar to your audiences.

Additional Resources

- [Risk Communication: Plan with the Whole Community](#)
- [Culture & Health Literacy | Health Literacy](#)
- [Disability and Health Emergency Preparedness](#)
- [Emergency Weather Preparedness: Info for Trans People \(National Center for Transgender Equality\)](#)
- **Questions?** [Contact CDC-INFO](#) 800-CDC-INFO (800-232-4636) TTY: 888-232-6348
- **Email:** EPIC@cdc.gov







Public Health Communications Collaborative (PHCC)

ICYMI: 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](#)

- Blog: [Yet Another Mass Shooting](#) (Your Local Epidemiologist)
- Toolkit: [Understanding the ACIP and How Vaccine Recommendations are Made in the US](#) (Public Health Foundation + CDC)
- Article: [5 Things We've Learned from COVID in Three Years](#) (Scientific American)

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

DHHS Office of Minority Health

National Minority Health Month – April 2023: Better Health Through Better Understanding

Every April, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Minority Health (OMH) observes [National Minority Health Month](#) to highlight the importance of improving the health of racial and ethnic minority and American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities by reducing health disparities. OMH is proud to announce the theme for National Minority Health Month 2023: **Better Health Through Better Understanding**.

It is estimated that only [14 percent of the U.S. population](#) has proficient health literacy and that nearly [20 percent of people in the U.S.](#) speak a language other than English at home. This year's theme focuses on improving health outcomes for racial and ethnic minority and AI/AN communities by providing them with culturally and linguistically competent healthcare services, information, and resources. **When patients are provided with culturally and linguistically appropriate information, they are empowered to create healthier outcomes for themselves and their communities.**

OMH encourages its partners and stakeholders to spread the word by visiting our [National Minority Health Month website](#) (also available [in Spanish](#)) to access shareable social media messages, graphics, and information on **Better Health Through Better Understanding**.

To learn more about **National Minority Health Month** and to receive updates on news and activities, [sign up](#) for OMH email updates and follow us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#).

United States Fire Administration (USFA)

NEW! NFA, Women in Fire to host first-ever Women's Weekend: June 24-25

The U.S. Fire Administration, in partnership with Women in Fire, is pleased to host our first-ever Women's Weekend at the National Fire Academy (NFA) in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Fire and emergency medical services (EMS) personnel (career/volunteer/combination across all disciplines, e.g., structural, airport, wildland, prevention, etc.) are welcome to attend.

We have a fantastic 2-day event scheduled that will offer 7 different 2-day NFA classes. As you look at the list of classes, you will see that we have something for everyone.

Women's Weekend classes

- Best Practices in Community Risk Reduction
- Command and Control for Initial Company Officer (NEW)
- EMS Leadership (NEW)
- Fire Investigation First Responder
- Health and Safety Program Manager
- Leadership in Supervision: Creating Environments for Professional Growth
- Wildland Urban Interface: Fire Adapted Communities – Introduction and Leadership

Training and lodging at the National Emergency Training Center for the Women's Weekend are free of charge. Those staying on campus must purchase a meal ticket. Commuters will also need to purchase a meal ticket for campus meals and breaks. Travel stipends are not provided.

[Learn more / Register for the Women's Weekend: June 24-25](#)

NEW! Attend weekend classes at the NFA: April 29-30

The National Fire Academy (NFA) will welcome career and volunteer fire and emergency medical services personnel to our campus in Emmitsburg, Maryland for New Jersey State Weekend on April 29-30, 2023. New Jersey is opening their weekend to personnel from other states who are interested in attending.

There are vacancies in these 2-day classes:

- Decision-Making for Initial Company Operations
- Executive Skills Series: Exercising Leadership Through Difficult Conversations
- Health and Safety Program Manager
- Incident Command System for Structural Collapse Incidents
- Introduction to Unified Command for All-Hazard Incidents
- Leadership in Supervision: Creating Environments for Professional Growth
- New Fire Chief: Administrative Issues
- Shaping the Future
- Youth Firesetting Intervention Specialist

[View course descriptions](#)

This world-class training is free, your lodging is provided and you will have an opportunity to network with your peers. Your only costs are buying meals on campus, getting to Emmitsburg and your time. For information on how to register for a class, visit [New Jersey's State Weekend webpage](#). Register to attend today – don't miss out!

Implementing a new model for management of large wildland fire incidents
[Management of Large Wildland Fire Incidents \(fema.gov\)](#) Learn about the new model for the management of large wildland fire incidents based on Complex Incident Management Teams. This systemic change impacts standards, training, qualifications and oversight of personnel and IMTs.

From the Department of Homeland Security: New market survey of battery-powered spreading rescue tools

The National Urban Security Technology Laboratory recently released a market survey report for battery-powered spreading rescue tools used in vehicle extrication. It identifies 17 spreaders from 5 manufacturers, ranging in price from \$11,400 to \$15,116. The purpose of the report is to provide information on commercially available equipment to assist response organizations in equipment selection and procurement.

[ST-Battery-Powered Rescue Tools for Vehicle Extrication | Homeland Security \(dhs.gov\)](#)

Rural EMS Training Grant Program - Applications due May 1

Applications for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA's) 2023 Rural EMS Training Grant Program are now being accepted.

SAMHSA encourages rural EMS agencies (both fire-based and non-fire based) operated by a local or tribal government, as well as rural non-profit EMS agencies, to apply. The goal of the program is to recruit and train EMS personnel in rural areas with a particular focus on addressing substance use disorders and co-occurring disorders substance use and mental disorders. [Learn more / Apply](#)

ICYMI: Course vacancies: June 11-16, Emmitsburg, Maryland

[Community Risk Reduction: A Policy Approach \(R0670\)](#)

Learn to create, evaluate and defend public policy in your community by understanding how codes and regulations can be used as a component of fire prevention and mitigation and overall risk reduction. [Apply for a vacancy](#)

[Click here](#) to view complete information on the NFA's resident courses.

- [R0378 - Demonstrating Your Community Risk Reduction Program's Worth.](#)
- [R0673 - Service Area Risk Reduction.](#)
- **How to Apply:**
 - [NETC Online Admissions Application website](#)
 - Contact our Admissions Office, Monday – Friday between 7 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. ET, at 800-238-3358, ext. 1035 or by email at netcadmissions@fema.dhs.gov

[Registration open for the Executive Fire Officer and Leadership Symposium](#)

The symposium, scheduled for April 14-15, is an annual event for Executive Fire Officer Program graduates and students at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

[Firefighters: Donating blood may reduce PFAS levels in your blood](#)

A research project involving Australian firefighters shows PFAS levels in the blood can be reduced if a person donates blood every 12 weeks or plasma every 6 weeks. Exposures to PFAS have been linked to cancer.

[Supporting women in fire and EMS](#)

Learn about our professional development opportunities and resources to help fire departments keep women safe and healthy on the job.

[Fire escape plans for people with disabilities](#)

Use our free resources and join with other fire and life safety communicators in promoting these messages in your community during the month of March:

- Fire is fast! Plan your escape for your abilities.
 - Have a home fire escape plan for everyone in your home.
 - Some people may need help waking up or getting outside.
 - Let your local fire department know if someone in your home needs extra assistance to escape or may have difficulty escaping.
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Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

Get Ready for Hurricane Season

May 1 kicks off [Hurricane Preparedness Week](#). Sponsored by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) before the June 1 start of the Atlantic hurricane season, the week raises awareness of the hazards posed by hurricanes.

Even if you don't live along an ocean coast, rain, wind, flooding and tornadoes could still impact you after a hurricane makes landfall.

If you do live in a coastal area, you may have to evacuate quickly. [Learn your evacuation routes](#), practice with your household and pets, and identify where you will stay. Make sure you know the track of the storm and find out if you need to evacuate by having several ways to get alerts.

Here's how:

- Download the [FEMA App](#) and receive real-time alerts from the National Weather Service for up to five locations nationwide. [Sign up for community alerts](#) in your area and be aware of the Emergency Alert System (EAS) and Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA), which require no sign up.
- [Have enough supplies](#) for your household and include medication, disinfectant supplies and [pet supplies](#) in your go bag or car trunk. You may not have access to general household supplies for days or even weeks after a hurricane.
- Learn more about how to prepare for a hurricane — as well as staying safe during the storm and cleaning up afterward — at [Ready.gov/hurricanes](#). Additional information is available on FEMA's [Protective Actions](#) website.

Be Prepared for a Wildfire

As the weather warms, wildfires are more likely to blaze through both forests and communities. That's why May is National Wildfire Awareness Month.

Now is the time to prepare. Take these steps to be ready before the first fire sparks:

- Create a [fire-resistant zone](#) that is free of leaves, debris, or flammable materials at least 30 feet from your home.
- Find an outdoor water source with a hose that can reach any area of your property.

- [Learn your evacuation routes](#), practice with household members and pets, and identify where you will go.
- [Have enough supplies](#) for your household, including a first aid kit, in your go bag or car trunk.
- Follow instructions from your local authorities. They will provide the latest recommendations and appropriate safety measures based on the specific threat to your community.

Learn more about preparing for and evacuating from a wildfire at [Ready.gov/wildfires](https://www.ready.gov/wildfires). Additional information is available at FEMA's [Protective Actions website](#) and the [U.S. Fire Administration](#).

Partnership with Scouts Promotes Preparedness

The Boy Scout motto is “Be Prepared.” And Scouts in one large Massachusetts council are living up to that creed.

Last year, the [Spirit of Adventure Council](#), which covers 77 towns and cities around Boston, started training Scouts and adult leaders to become [Community Emergency Response Team \(CERT\)](#) volunteers. Scouts in high school are taking CERT Basic Training to become certified as part of [Teen CERT](#), for youth ages 14 and older. In all, 65 new CERT members received training in 2022, with hundreds more set to join their ranks this year as the program expands.

The council is also using FEMA's [Student Tools for Emergency Planning](#) (STEP) curriculum to teach preparedness to younger Scouts and to students in schools.

“We believe partnerships build strength. The thought process was, who better to help youth be prepared than FEMA?” said George O’Loughlin, senior director of community preparedness and enrollment with the Scout council.

In addition to FEMA, the Spirit of Adventure Council has also worked with the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, local first responders and schools to enhance its preparedness programs for Scouts from elementary through high school. The council includes 13,000 Scouts and adult volunteers.

The addition of the CERT program extends the program for older Scouts, which already includes the Ready Scout merit badge series in which Scouts earn seven badges that focus on emergency readiness and public safety. Scouts often earn the Ready Scout distinction at age 13 and can then move onto Teen CERT the next year. Scouts who become Teen CERT members go back to their communities to help with such things as traffic management at large events, first aid and fire safety. [Read more . . .](#)



Save the Date for the 2023 National CERT Conference

The [National CERT Association](#) (NCA) will hold its 2023 conference in San Francisco from June 29 to July 1, with preconference training available from June 26 to June 29. This year, the NCA is partnering with the California Office of Emergency Services, the Fire Services Training Institute and the Bay Area Urban Areas Securities Initiative

, which will allow for enhanced training opportunities for conference attendees. More than 35 training opportunities will be offered during pre-conference this year.

The conference theme is CERT 360°, highlighting CERT's ability to be flexible as a community resource, as well as being inclusive of all community members. The conference will feature trainings and presentations for all levels of CERT, including emergency managers, program managers, instructors, volunteers and CERT partners.

This year, the conference will include the first-ever National CERT skills competition. CERT volunteers from across the U.S. will compete as teams to test a variety of CERT skills.

The conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency SFO hotel near San Francisco. For more information about the conference, visit the [National CERT Association](#) website sign up for the [2023 National CERT Conference email list](#).

Individual and Community Preparedness Division (ICPD) Partners with LISTOS to Learn More About Reaching Spanish-Speaking Communities

In December 2022, members of the Individual and Community Preparedness Division (ICPD) attended a week of trainings and informational meetings with [LISTOS Santa Barbara](#) to learn more about disaster preparedness education for Spanish-speaking communities.

The LISTOS program was developed to fill a void in Spanish-language disaster preparedness education, both locally and nationally. The mission of [LISTOS](#) is to provide vulnerable populations with information about the importance of disaster readiness, including how to share preparedness skills with family and friends. LISTOS builds trust and comradery by using a grassroots approach to embed themselves into existing community networks. Working closely with leaders from community organizations, non-profits, emergency management officials and the media has been key to LISTOS's success.

While in Santa Barbara, ICPD Director Aaron Levy, Preparedness Behavior Change Branch Chief Andy Burrows and Emergency Management Specialist Betty Nen met with the LISTOS team. LISTOS is led by Liliana Encinas, LISTOS National Program Director for the Fire Service Training Institute (FSTI), and Mike Williams, President-Executive Director for FSTI. Region 9's Community Preparedness Officer Christian Erickson and Regional Preparedness Liaison Cameron Bochman also attended.

[Read more . . .](#)

Homeland Security Grant Program Helps Fund Community Readiness

As Hurricane Lane tore across parts of Hawaii in 2018, remote areas were hit hard, with torrential rain and winds that toppled trees. [Homeland Security Grant Program](#) (HSGP) funds helped train and equip [Community Emergency Response Teams](#) (CERTs) before and after the storm, promoting community resilience and speeding up recovery efforts.

In Las Vegas, the Office of Emergency Management similarly trains 800 CERT volunteers each year using \$225,000 in HSGP funding. In 2017, two of the CERT instructors attended the

Las Vegas Route 91 Harvest Festival and jumped in to help during a shooting that tragically killed 60 people. After the incident, the instructors credited the CERT program with teaching them the life-saving skills they used that night.

These are just two instances where the more than \$1 billion in HSGP funds awarded annually help communities prepare for and respond to disasters and emergencies. The HSGP is comprised of three grant programs:

- The **State Homeland Security Program (SHSP)**, which provides preparedness funding for states to distribute;
- **Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)**, for enhancing regional preparedness and capabilities in 40 high-threat, high-density urban areas; and
- **Operation Stonegarden**, which focuses on security at U.S. borders.

[Read more . . .](#)

FEMA's Data Digest: Help Prepare Your Community by Usin FEMA's Data and Findings!

Do you want to use data to inform your preparedness efforts? Are you wondering what actions you should encourage your community to take? FEMA [publishes Data Digests](#) to share findings from its preparedness research, like the annual [National Household Survey on Disaster Preparedness](#). Our goal is to provide you with relevant insights, data, findings, research-validated protective actions and helpful links that you can use to engage with your community. We invite you to use the information below and incorporate Data Digest resources into your preparedness publications, social media posts and stakeholder outreach.

Have questions about this data? Want to receive the Data Digest in your inbox? Contact FEMA at FEMA-Prepare@fema.dhs.gov.

- **Learn how to help your community feel more confident in its ability to prepare for a chemical emergency using the resources in FEMA's most recent [Data Digest on Chemical Emergency Preparedness](#).**
 - **Read about how to use [FEMA's National Risk Index](#) to help your community learn about avalanche risks in [FEMA's Avalanche Data Digest](#).**
 - May: [National Wildfire Awareness Month](#)
 - May 1 -7: [National Hurricane Preparedness Week](#)
 - May 8 - 11: [National VOAD \(Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster\) Conference](#)
 - June: [Pet Preparedness Month](#)
 - June 18 - 24: [National Lightning Safety Awareness Week](#)
 - June 26 - July 1: [National CERT Conference](#)
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Johns Hopkins COVID-19 Resources

White House disbanding COVID-19 Response Team as end of pandemic emergency nears; No movement seen on establishing new preparedness and response office

The White House is [disbanding the COVID-19 Response Team](#) that led the federal response to the pandemic since February 2020. The move makes sense, according to officials, as the nation prepares to wind down the COVID-19 national emergency and public health emergency on May 11. The [end to those declarations could come even sooner](#), however, as the US Senate last week voted to end the national emergency order that was first implemented during the Trump administration. The US House of Representatives passed the measure in February, and US President Joe Biden said he will sign it despite his opposition. Meanwhile, the US Congress in December 2022 asked the White House to stand up a new, permanent office to [coordinate the government's preparedness activities](#) before the next pandemic threat, but there has been little movement to do so. With only a month, or less, remaining before the pandemic emergency ends—which has [implications for millions of US residents](#)—it appears the political will to create a new pandemic preparedness and response office already is dwindling, perpetuating the cycle of “panic and neglect” so often experienced in health emergencies.

WHO monitoring XBB.1.16 Omicron subvariant driving surge of cases in India

The WHO is monitoring a [new SARS-CoV-2 Omicron subvariant called XBB.1.16](#), which is driving a surge of cases in India. Dr. Maria Van Kerkhove, WHO's COVID-19 technical lead, said the subvariant has replaced other variants in India and noted it is “one to watch.” The WHO added XBB.1.16 to its list of monitored variants on March 22. XBB.1.16—which is a recombinant variant from BA.2.10.1 and BA.2.75—is similar to the XBB.1.5 variant that is currently dominant in the US and accounts for 45% of global cases, but [additional mutations in the spike protein](#) may give it some growth advantages over the older subvariant. The mutations have the potential for increased infectivity and potential increased pathogenicity, although reports do not indicate a rise in hospitalizations, ICU admissions, or deaths due to XBB.1.16, the WHO noted.

So far, there are about [800 sequences of XBB.1.16 from 22 countries](#), primarily India, which is reporting its highest number of COVID-19 cases in 6 months. In its [weekly situation report](#), the WHO noted that while overall COVID-19 cases and deaths continue to decline, several other countries in the Eastern Mediterranean and South-East Asia regions—which comprises India—are reporting significant increases in cases, including Iran, Kuwait, Libya, United Arab Emirates, and Qatar. In the US, the 7-day average for new daily cases continues to decline to around 20,000, down 9.2% compared to the previous 7-day average. XBB.1.5 has reached saturation, accounting for 87.9% of samples, while 3 other Omicron subvariants show positive growth: XBB.1.9.1, XBB, and XBB.1.5.1. The XBB.1.16 subvariant has been detected [in at least 18 US states](#), and a descendant of the new subvariant that is raising concern among experts, XBB.1.16.1, has been found in 15 states.

Though many people are weary of the pandemic, health experts note it is important to remain vigilant, as past experience with variants shows that things can change quickly. In the US, XBB.1.5 accounted for less than a quarter of COVID-19 cases in late December 2022, but it became the dominant variant over the ensuing week. In the US, XBB.1.16 has shown a

[growth advantage](#) over XBB.1.5 in the past 3 months, and a 64% growth advantage in India. While the WHO is closely monitoring this new subvariant, as well as several others, it said [maintaining and developing surveillance systems](#) to track known variants and detect emerging strains is critical to healthcare system and response agility. Additionally, the WHO urged people to continue taking precautions against COVID-19, including vaccination, social distancing, and wearing masks.

[Nature publishes first peer-reviewed data on SARS-CoV-2 origin from Chinese scientists](#)

The journal *Nature* this week posted a peer-reviewed but unedited study from Chinese scientists examining the results of surveillance samples taken from the Huanan Seafood Market in Wuhan, China, in January 2020, once again reigniting the debate surrounding the origin of SARS-CoV-2. The study examined 923 environmental swabs taken from locations around the market and 457 swabs collected from 18 animal species. The animal swabs were taken from fish tanks, stray animals, and unsold refrigerator and freezer contents. Sample analysis through RT-PCR detected SARS-CoV-2 in 73 environmental samples, but no evidence of SARS-CoV-2 was detected in the animal samples. Three live viruses were isolated from the SARS-CoV-2-positive samples, and the viruses shared a 99.99-100% nucleotide identity with the wild-type virus isolated from humans.

The first version of the article was [originally posted](#) to a [preprint server](#) in February 2022 and downplayed the possibility of animal infections at the market. But recently, Dr. Florence Débarre, a researcher from France, identified a [previously undisclosed trove](#) of genetic data [published on the GISAID platform](#). A group of international researchers led by Dr. Débarre released their own analysis of the data on the [preprint server Zenodo](#), which 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, but the preprint did not provide definitive data to support their infection. Notably, the Chinese government previously asserted that these types of animals were not present at the market. However, in the recently published *Nature* article, the Chinese scientists [confirm the presence of raccoon dogs](#) in the Huanan Market, but the authors stress the remaining uncertainty surrounding the virus's origins. [The authors state](#) that the virus could have been transmitted from humans to raccoon dogs in the Huanan Market or that the virus could have been imported on cold-chain products such as frozen foods.

The release of the *Nature* publication and the *Zenodo* preprint analysis has led to [varied reactions](#) from the international community. Dr. Alice Hughes, a conservation biologist with the University of Hong Kong, questioned whether the *Nature* data could have been [improperly processed or contaminated](#), particularly because the Chinese research team found genetic traces from animals such as pandas and chimpanzees, which would not have been in the market. Similarly, Dr. Angela Rasmussen of the University of Saskatchewan [said](#) the *Nature* study is “deeply flawed” because the Chinese researchers used a reference database that excluded the genome of the raccoon dog for sequencing. Meanwhile, authorities in China continue to promote the cold-chain import theory. The WHO has called on China to immediately share all relevant data with the international scientific community.

While the origin of SARS-CoV-2 is unlikely to be definitively proven at this point, [scientific evidence](#) points to a natural origin. Full transparency within the scientific community is necessary for the mystery surrounding the virus's origin to be resolved. Nonetheless, [work can begin now](#) to put measures in place to help lower the likelihood of future viral events, including improving standards and guidance for animal markets to lower the risk of disease transmission between humans and animals and enhancing international biosafety and biosecurity standards at laboratories globally.

Researchers, patient advocates call on US government to more effectively respond to long COVID, urge global consensus on definition of condition

Long COVID, also called post-COVID condition (PCC) or post-acute sequelae of SARS-COV-2/COVID (PASC), is a multifaceted and often disabling condition that can affect the neurologic, cardiovascular, pulmonary, hematologic, and endocrine systems of people of all ages, including [children](#). As many as [23 million US adults](#) and [65 million people worldwide](#) have developed long COVID, which involves a variety of symptoms lasting more than 3 months after initial COVID-19 infection. This week, the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) marked 1 year of its whole-of-government response to long COVID with a [press release](#) outlining its progress and actions moving forward. As part of the initial federal response to long COVID, the US NIH is working with Palantir Technologies Inc. to [build an enormous, collaborative database](#) of deidentified data collected from people with COVID-19 or related conditions and launched the [Researching COVID-19 to Enhance Recovery \(RECOVER\) Initiative](#), which selected a network of enrollment sites or hubs across 24 states, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia, with each site collecting clinical and biobank data from about 1,000 participants.

Over months of collaboration, the RECOVER principal investigators (PIs) say they have identified gaps in the response to care for patients with long COVID and developed strategies to address those gaps, and this week they [called on the federal government](#) to evolve its response. To do so, the [PIs are urging the US Congress to include US\\$37.5 million in Fiscal Year 2024 funding](#) for the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to competitively select Long COVID Centers of Excellence that could gather, develop, and disseminate data regarding evidence-based treatment; educate and train providers on best practices; conduct outreach to affected populations and community organizations; and coordinate access to care, with the aim of coordinating long COVID care, reducing healthcare disparities, and improving psychosocial and medical outcomes. Other experts are calling for the federal government to support an [“Operation Warp Speed” for long COVID](#) like it did to develop vaccines, therapeutics, and diagnostics for COVID-19. Such a program could help define, diagnose, treat, and classify the condition, as well as help improve the understanding of risk factors or the protective effect of vaccines or other therapies.

Additionally, advocates for and patients with long COVID are calling on the US NIH to [reconsider plans to include exercise trials in its RECOVER initiative](#) to find treatments for the condition. A large proportion of people with long COVID report experiencing post-exertional malaise (PEM), which can cause a worsening of symptoms such as fatigue, poor body temperature regulation, and cognitive dysfunction after even light exercise. Advocates fear that some trial participants could be harmed if they are not properly informed of the risks or the trials do not include adequate screening or post-exercise monitoring. Through a

letters, they also are asking researchers to share their rationale and trial protocols so potential risks can be assessed. Trial protocols for the RECOVER initiative are still under development, and a statement sent to *Nature* on behalf of NIH said patient representatives are included in that process.

Separately, in a commentary published in *JAMA Network Open* on April 5, experts argue that if the condition is universally defined, more effective treatments for it can then be developed. They say working toward this consistency can be accomplished in 3 parts: agreeing on a universal definition of this condition, with 1 name that can be adopted by all studies in the future; characterizing those who may be experiencing PCC unknowingly in studies, particularly among those who are at highest risk of exposure and severe disease; and conducting longitudinal research to collect data on symptoms and different outcomes over time. In an accompanying *JAMA Network Open* research letter, researchers aimed to describe how post-COVID-19 condition has been defined to date in studies on this topic.

Additional Reading:

VILOBELIMAB EUA The US FDA issued an [emergency use authorization \(EUA\)](#) for [vilobelimab](#), also known as Gohibic, to treat COVID-19 in hospitalized adults when initiated within 48 hours of receiving invasive mechanical ventilation or extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO). The drug is a [monoclonal anti-human complement factor C5a antibody](#), which works to control a part of the immune system that is thought to lead to inflammation and COVID-19 disease progression. The clinical trial supporting the authorization showed that patients treated with Gohibic had a lower risk of death by day 28 and day 60 of treatment compared to those who received a placebo. InflaRx, the treatment's manufacturer, said it currently has a supply of the drug available and is [working to increase production](#) at a contractor facility. The EUA is expected to offer [another potentially life-saving treatment option](#) for the most critically ill COVID-19 patients.

MONOCLONAL ANTIBODIES Monoclonal antibodies (mAbs) administered to high-risk COVID-19 patients within 2 days of diagnosis [reduced their risk of hospitalization or death](#) by 39%, according to a hypothetical randomized study using observational data published this week in the *Annals of Internal Medicine*. Researchers at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center assigned 7,706 high-risk COVID-19 patients aged 12 years or older to receive either mAbs (bamlanivimab, bamlanivimab-etesevimab, sotrovimab, bebtelovimab, or casirivimab-imdevimab) or no treatment between December 8, 2020, and August 31, 2022. The risk of hospitalization or death by 28 days was 4.6% among mAb recipients, compared with 7.6% among control patients. Notably, the US FDA revoked or suspended emergency authorization for all 5 mAbs during the study period after in vitro studies showed little to no benefit against newer SARS-CoV-2 variants. In the study, the benefit was greatest amid the Alpha and Delta variants, potentially reflecting the more virulent earlier strains and lower levels of immunity early in the pandemic. Using one of the largest US databases of patients treated with mAbs, the study confirms that the therapies saved lives and prevented hospitalizations.

NASAL VACCINE CANDIDATE In a study published April 3 in *Nature Microbiology*, researchers from Germany describe the results of a nasal vaccine candidate made with a live-attenuated form of COVID-19 that they claim can block SARS-CoV-2 from copying itself in the upper airways, where the virus generally gains a foothold. The team used a technique called

codon pair deoptimization to manipulate the virus's genetic material and weaken it so it can be shown to the immune system without making the body sick. In experiments conducted on hamsters, 2 doses of the [nasal vaccine candidate](#), sCPD9, elicited the most robust immunity when compared with homogeneous and heterologous vaccination regimens using the Pfizer-BioNTech mRNA vaccine and Ad2-Spike, an adenovirus-vectored spike protein vaccine candidate. Notably, it remains unclear how effective nasal vaccines may be in humans. As of July 2022, there were [at least 12 nasal vaccines under development](#) worldwide. [China, India, Iran, and Russia](#) have authorized nasal vaccines, but little is known about their effectiveness.

CORONAVIRUS VACCINE ROADMAP The Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy (CIDRAP) at the University of Minnesota this week released the [Coronavirus Vaccines Research and Development \(R&D\) Roadmap \(CVR\)](#), a strategy to develop broadly protective vaccines that are suitable for use in all world regions.

[Project: Environment of Misinformation | Center for Health Security](#) The Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security is engaged with several projects working to combat health-related misinformation and disinformation through conducting research, identifying best practices, educating public health professionals and policymakers, and furthering policy solutions to the problem. Read [more here](#).

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*)
- [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*)

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.

ICYMI: [April 2023 - Volume 113, Issue 4 \(aphapublications.org\)](#) - Building Broad Public Health Coalitions in the Post-Roe World

American Public Health Association (APHA)

[Public Health Newswire](#) from *The Nation's Health*. Read our recent stories:

[Court ruling on prevention coverage 'disastrous for public health'](#) - A Thursday federal district court decision overturning ACA coverage for preventive services threatens public health. Check out our roundup of reactions.

[Prioritizing mental health wellness in the public health workforce](#) - The latest version of PH WINS — a survey of the governmental public health workforce — points to high levels of stress, burnout and an intention to leave among staff. That's a problem not just for them, but for their communities too.

Check out highlights from the February/March issue of *The Nation's Health* and read the full issue [online](#). Visit [The Nation's Health online](#) to read more news and share articles on social media. Contact us [here](#).

[We Can Do This - Campaign](#)

COVID is still a risk. We can keep more people out of the hospital and from dying by educating patients about [treatment options](#) for people at increased risk for severe COVID illness. APHA has new [communications materials](#) to help you. Developed in partnership with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Service's COVID-19 Public Education Campaign, *We Can Do This*, the materials include handouts, posters, talking points and social media shareables, in both English and Spanish. The information comes from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and has been culturally tailored by the *We Can Do This* campaign's team of multicultural experts.

Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO)

[Bridging the Gap: Ensuring Vaccine Equity for Native Communities](#) Like other vulnerable populations, American Indian and Alaskan Native (AI/AN) communities faced greater risk for complications during the COVID-19 pandemic. One such complication was ensuring that AI/AN populations had access to the COVID-19 vaccine.

Listen to ASTHO President Anne Zink (SHO-AK), Gary Lankford of the Association of American Indian Physicians, and Johnny Delgado of the Bakersfield American Indian Health Project share how they prioritized vaccine equity for AI/AN communities on the local, state, and national levels during the pandemic on the latest episode of *Public Health Review*.

[A Public Health Approach to Reducing and Preventing Firearm Violence](#) The epidemic of firearm-related injury and death in the United States has become a critical public health and safety concern that affects everyone. To reverse and prevent negative outcomes in their communities, health agencies and their partners must understand and address the root causes

of violence and risk and protective factors that intersect multiple forms of violence. Learn about the role of public health in injury and firearm violence prevention in this new blog.

NEW POLICY STATEMENTS | As part of ASTHO's policy and advocacy support for state and territorial health officials, the organization maintains policy statements that inform and guide ASTHO's work and reflects the needs of its members. ASTHO has released two new policy statements—one on addressing **Long COVID and post-COVID conditions**, and one on **making naloxone available** as an over-the-counter medication. **[Read these statements and more now.](#)**

Seven Impactful Books on Communications Health Officials Should Read Front to Back | In this new blog, ASTHO's director of crisis communications Keith Coleman and Cristi Moore, South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control's chief communications officer, compile compelling and accessible reads to help public health professionals at all stages build their communications skills day-to-day and during crises. These intriguing reads show how effective communication can improve trust, respect, and accountability. **[Read the blog now.](#)**

PH-HERO Resource Hub | From ASTHO's Public Health - Hope, Equity, Resilience, and Opportunity (PH-HERO) Initiative, health agencies now have a library of resources at their fingertips to support the well-being and retention of their teams through workplace essentials to protect, connect, grow, and support team members. Use this hub to find tools, citations, and more to take action to care for your workforce. **[Learn more about the resource hub here.](#)**

- **Blog:** **[Prioritizing Disability Inclusion in Emergency Planning](#)**
- **Blog:** **[Youth Are in Crisis and We Can Help](#)**
- **Blog:** **[Supporting Positive Mental Health Through Food Security and Good Nutrition](#)**
- **Blog:** **[How Community Health Workers Are Impacting Rural Communities](#)**
- **PODCAST:** Vickie Mays, Michael Fraser, the Chief Executive Officer of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO), Brent Ewig, the Chief Policy and Government Relations Officer at the Association of Immunization Managers (AIM), discuss their new book "Vaccinating America: The Inside Story Behind the Race to Save Lives and End a Pandemic". **Podcast:** **[Listen to Audio](#)** | **Video:** **[Watch Video](#)**
- **ICYMI: ASTHO's PUBLIC HEALTH REVIEW PODCAST:** **[Connecting Climate Change and Health Equity in Public Health Agencies](#)**

ICYMI: [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.

Article: [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.

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.](#)

Public Health Workforce Interests and Needs Survey (PHWINS)

Training: [Using PH WINS Data to Enhance Your Workforce Development Planning](#)

Ready to learn how you can use PH WINS data to enhance your workforce development planning? The Region V Public Health Training Center recently launched a self-paced training module to help departments understand workforce development and how to leverage a department’s PH WINS results to enhance workforce development planning. Participants will gain background and context about what workforce development is, what the PH WINS data is and how to use the data in your workforce development planning, and other data needs to consider when preparing to start your workforce development planning. Learn more [here](#).

[Workforce Exodus in State & Local Public Health: The Numbers, the Reality, & the Solutions](#)

In our most recent paper, [“The Exodus of State and Local Public Health Employees: Separations Started Before and Continued Throughout COVID-19,”](#) authors examined the state and local public health workforce between 2017 and 2021, before and during the COVID-19 pandemic. Their findings- that about half of the workforce left their jobs during that period- are a wakeup call for policymakers on the need to prioritize workforce recruitment and retention before the next public health emergency. Tune in [here](#) to view a recorded discussion with the authors of the study and leaders of state and local health departments on the findings of this study and what must be done to stem a crisis in America’s public health workforce.

[PH WINS: A Fundamental Resource for Workforce Development](#)

The U.S. governmental public health workforce is undergoing immense shifts in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and other emerging health threats, sociopolitical forces, and increased attention to long-standing inequities. To center their workforce development efforts during this period marked by change, health departments around the country are using data from the Public Health Workforce Interests and Needs Survey (PH WINS). Read more [here](#).

[Poll: Doctors Feel Unprepared to Treat Long COVID](#)

Most U.S. physicians consider Long COVID a problem, but few are prepared to diagnose or treat it, according to a new poll conducted by Morning Consult on behalf of the de Beaumont Foundation. The December 2022 poll of 806 U.S. physicians found that more than three in four (78%) think Long COVID is a problem, but only 7% are “very confident” diagnosing Long COVID and only 4% are very confident treating the condition. The poll has several important implications for policymakers and the medical community. Read more [here](#).

US Physicians: Medical Misinformation is Harming Patients' Health

Physicians and the American public consider medical misinformation a serious problem, and physicians agree that misinformation has already had a negative impact on patient treatment and outcomes. In a [poll of 806 physicians and 2,210 other adults](#), 44% of physicians estimated that more than half of all COVID-19 information they see, read, or hear from patients is “medical misinformation.” And nearly three in four physicians said the spread of medical misinformation has negatively impacted both their ability to treat people for COVID-19 and patient outcomes.

Administration for Strategic Preparedness & Response (ASPR)

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](#)

Trust for America's Health (TFAH)

- The Office of Climate Change and Health Equity (OCCHE) has released its [April 2023 Climate and Health Outlook](#). This edition explores the climate-related health hazards of spring flooding, extreme heat, pollen, wildfire, and drought. It is the first time the Outlook has included spring flooding. This spring season, approximately 146 million people are at risk for flooding in their communities, with nearly 6.4 million at risk for moderate flooding and 1.4 million at risk for major flooding.
- Last week, CDC published its first [Public Health Data Strategy \(PHDS\)](#), an ambitious plan to improve the exchange of core data across healthcare and public health and support data-driven public health action and policy. The PHDS accelerates progress for CDC's Data Modernization Initiative (DMI) over the next two years by focusing the scope, timing, and accountability measures underpinning DMI.
- The new brief from the Environmental Health and Equity Collaborative, [Achieving Environmental Health Equity: The Need and Opportunities for Public Health Action](#), provides background, examples, data and actionable steps environmental public health leaders and their organizations can take to move towards health equity. Actions are organized by the 10 Essential Public Health Services and include a poster and summary version for easy reference. Learn more at <https://apha.org/ehec>.
- The National Academies released a new [Proceedings of Symposium](#) that analyzes attacks on scientists and health professionals during the pandemic. Topics include the targeting of scientists and public health professionals for providing evidence-based health information, global patterns of violence against health personnel, censorship and the right to information, science communication and human rights amid public health emergencies, and constructing a human rights framework for online health-related speech.

ICYMI:

- 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](#).
 - Trust for America's Health report: [Ready or Not 2023: Protecting the Public's Health from Diseases, Disasters, and Bioterrorism](#)
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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.*

AFA's Helpline Forum: The Impact of Alcohol Use on Dementia

Sponsored by Alzheimer's Foundation of America

Saturday, April 29, 2023, 1-2pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Attend weekend classes at the NFA: New Jersey State Weekend

Sponsored by The National Fire Academy (NFA)

April 29-30, 2023, NFA campus in Emmitsburg, Maryland

[View course descriptions](#) | [Register Here](#)

May 2023

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

NEW! 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](#)

NEW! 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 URMFLRTC

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](#)

K0051: Exercise Program Management

Sponsored by FEMA/EMI

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

[Register Here](#)

NEW! 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](#)

Trauma Nursing Care Course (TNCC)

Sponsored by ENA

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

[Register Here](#)

NEW! New Jersey CERT Workshop

Sponsored by FEMA

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

[Register Here](#)

NEW! National VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster) Conference

Sponsored by FEMA

May 8 – 11, 2023

[Register Here](#)

NEW! 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](#)

NEW! 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](#)

NEW! 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! CISA Active Shooter Preparedness Webinar

Sponsored by FEMA/CISA Region 2

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

[Register Here](#)

Natural Disaster Awareness for Community Leaders (AWR-310)

Sponsored by NDPTC

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

[Register Here](#)

NEW! 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](#)

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](#)

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](#)

NEW! 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](#)

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](#)

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](#)

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](#)

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](#)

Community Planning for Disaster Recovery (AWR-356)

Sponsored by NDPTC

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

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Newcomer Health Webinar Series: Hepatitis B – Adults

Sponsored by ECHO CO

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

[Register Here](#)

NEW! 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](#)

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](#)

NEW! 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](#)

NEW! 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](#)

NEW! 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

Updated! Evidence-Based Approaches for Post-Disaster Mental Health Disorders

Sponsored by South Central Partnership

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

NEW! 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: [Reg2PHTC-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: [Reg2PHTC-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 URMIC, 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](#)

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

Sponsored by Public Health Communications Collaborative

Recorded April 13, 2022

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

Additional Training of Interest

NEW! 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 |

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](#)

National Center for Disaster Preparedness

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

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