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Welcome to the **Mid-Month April 2023** New York State Department of Health's e-Distance Learning Newsletter. **In this issue**, you will find virtual and in-person upcoming events, resources, and opportunities, including on demand and self-directed content available through the NYSDOH's NYLearnsPH.com Learning Management System (LMS). Check back each issue to find previously live content available on demand at www.NYLearnsPH.com.

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ICYMI: GOVERNOR HOCHUL – Public Health Related Press Releases

[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.

[In Wake of Attacks on Reproductive Health Care, Governor Hochul Vows to Fight to Protect Abortion Rights | Video, Audio, Photos & Rush Transcript | Spanish Translation](#)

Apr 14, 2023 | 04:23 PM EDT

In the wake of multiple attacks on abortion access Governor Hochul joined with Attorney General Letitia James, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, and other legislative and advocate leaders to vow to continue fighting to protect abortion rights.

[Governor Hochul Announces New Initiative to Double Buying Power for SNAP Recipients at Farmers' Markets | Spanish Translation](#)

Apr 12, 2023 | 11:50 AM EDT

Governor Hochul announced a new initiative that will double the buying power for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program recipients at farmers' markets across New York State.

[Video, Audio, Photos & Rush Transcript: Governor Hochul Delivers Remarks at Planned Parenthood of Greater New York's Virtual Press Conference on Medication Abortion Rulings | Spanish Translation](#)

Apr 11, 2023 | 02:21 PM EDT

Governor Hochul delivered remarks at the Planned Parenthood of Greater New York's virtual press conference on medication abortion rulings.

[Governor Hochul Announces Final Sexual Harassment Model Policy to Strengthen Protections for New York Workers | Spanish Translation](#)

Apr 11, 2023 | 01:25 PM EDT

Governor Hochul announced that the NYS Department of Labor has finalized updates to the State's [Sexual Harassment Model Policy](#), a template document that NYS provides to employers to help them comply with State laws and access state-of-the-art policies on sexual harassment and related topics to protect employees in the workplace.

[Governor Hochul Announces Actions to Protect Access to Medication Abortion in New York State](#)

Apr 11, 2023 | 12:50 PM EDT

Governor Hochul announced that New York State will stockpile the abortion medication Misoprostol as part of ongoing efforts to protect access to abortion.

[ICYMI: Governor Hochul's Op-Ed in USA Today Network: Tennessee Deserves Legislative Action – Not Attacks on Democracy](#)

Apr 11, 2023 | 10:42 AM EDT

USA Today Network published an op-ed by Governor Hochul on the importance of Red Flag laws to prevent gun violence in the wake of the tragic shootings in Nashville and Louisville.

[Audio & Rush Transcript: Governor Hochul Joins CNN Newsroom to Discuss Federal Court Decision to Restrict Abortion Access](#)

Apr 08, 2023 | 03:53 PM EDT

Governor Hochul joined CNN Newsroom with Fredricka Whitfield to discuss the federal court decision that seeks to restrict abortion access nationwide.

[Statement from Governor Kathy Hochul on Federal Court Decision that Further Seeks to Restrict Abortion Access Nationwide](#)

Apr 07, 2023 | 07:47 PM EDT

"I am horrified by a federal court ruling that seeks to restrict access to Mifepristone, a safe and effective form of abortion medication that has been used by more than five million people since the Food and Drug Administration approved it more than two decades ago. This unprecedented ruling not only overrides the FDA's evidence-based scientific approval process, it also alarmingly opens a new door to politicizing medicine."

[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 Start of \\$5.7 Million Complete Streets Project in Saratoga Springs](#)

Apr 05, 2023 | 02:04 PM EDT

Governor Hochul announced that work is getting underway on a \$5.7 million project to enhance pedestrian and bicyclist safety along Union Avenue in the City of Saratoga Springs.

[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 Highlights Public Service Announcement Campaign During Fair Housing Month | \[Spanish Translation\]\(#\)](#)

Apr 03, 2023 | 03:57 PM EDT

Governor Hochul announced that as a part of Fair Housing Month this April, the New York State Division of Human Rights - in partnership with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development - will release a public service announcement media campaign, "Fair Housing Protects, Knowledge Empowers.

[Governor Hochul Issues Proclamation Declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month | \[Spanish Translation\]\(#\)](#)

Apr 03, 2023 | 01:42 PM EDT

Governor Hochul recognized April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in New York State, issuing a [proclamation](#) and directing that 13 State landmarks be illuminated in blue tonight, April 3, in commemoration.

[Governor Hochul Launches New Statewide Medicaid Pharmacy Benefit Program](#)

Apr 01, 2023 | 03:28 PM EDT

Governor Hochul launched [NYRx](#), the state's new pharmacy benefit program, which will improve prescription drug access and coverage for the eight million New Yorkers enrolled in Medicaid statewide. *Long-Awaited Transition to [NYRx](#) Provides Eight Million Members Expanded Access to Prescription Medications at More Than 5,000 Pharmacies Statewide.*

[Governor Hochul Issues Proclamation Declaring April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month](#)

Apr 01, 2023 | 02:59 PM EDT

Governor Hochul recognized April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in New York State, issuing a [proclamation](#) and directing that 12 state landmarks be illuminated in teal tonight, April 1, in honor of survivors.

[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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[Governor Hochul Issues Proclamation Celebrating Transgender Day of Visibility](#) | [Spanish Translation](#)

Mar 31, 2023 | 11:49 AM EDT

Governor Hochul issued a proclamation declaring March 31, 2023 Transgender Day of Visibility, celebrating the trans community in New York State and across the country.

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

Mar 30, 2023 | 02:57 PM EDT

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

ICYMI: STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH 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](#)
- [New York State Department of Health Recognizes Black Maternal Health Week](#)

April 12, 2023

- [New York State Department of Health Promotes Positive Sexual Health and Raises Awareness for Sexually Transmitted Infections during STI Awareness Week](#)

April 11, 2023

- [Governor Hochul Announces Actions to Protect Access to Medication Abortion in New York State](#)

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- [Audio & Rush Transcript: Governor Hochul Joins CNN Newsroom to Discuss Federal Court Decision to Restrict Abortion Access](#)

April 7, 2023

- [Statement from Governor Kathy Hochul on Federal Court Decision that Further Seeks to Restrict Abortion Access Nationwide](#)
- [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](#)

April 6, 2023

- [New York Department of Health Recognizes National Minority Health Month](#)

April 5, 2023

- [New York State Department of Health Recognizes National Public Health Week](#)

April 3, 2023

- [New York State Department of Health Campaign Raises Awareness About the Dangers of Distractions for Drivers and Pedestrians](#)
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April 1, 2023

- [Governor Hochul Issues Proclamation Declaring April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month](#)
- [Governor Hochul Launches New Statewide Medicaid Pharmacy Benefit Program](#)

March 30, 2023

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

March 29, 2023

- [New York State Department of Health Encourages Healthy Eating Choices During the 50th Annual National Nutrition Month](#)
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March 27, 2023

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

NYSDOH – Center for Environmental Health

SPRING 2023 SANITARY SURVEY COURSES TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT

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

Region	Course	Location	Dates	Times
Central Region	GW	Cayuga Community College, Business and Industry Center Conference Room, 197 Franklin St, Auburn, NY 13021	April 25 th & 26 th , 2023	8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
Central Region	SW	Cayuga Community College, Business and Industry Center Conference Room, 197 Franklin St, Auburn, NY 13021	April 27 th & 28 th , 2023	8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
Western Region	GW	Wyoming County Ag & Business Center, 36 Center Street (Suite B), Warsaw, NY 14569	May 9 th & 10 th , 2023	8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
Western Region	SW	Wyoming County Ag & Business Center, 36 Center Street (Suite B), Warsaw, NY 14569	May 11 th & 12 th , 2023	8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

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](#).

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.

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

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

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

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

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.







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 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](#).

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 [188% 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 [petition](#) and [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:

US PUBLIC SCHOOLS The COVID-19 pandemic affected all US schools in profound ways, but in a system where inequities existed prior to the national health emergency, those that were already the most vulnerable suffered the deepest and most lasting impacts. The [Washington Post](#) examines the experiences of 2 Alabama school districts that diverge on socioeconomic status, and the [New York Times Magazine](#) highlights the experiences of teachers, parents, and students in one Los Angeles County public school in a neighborhood that suffered immense stress and grief. In one fifth grade class alone, 17 of the students had a loved one die during the first year of the pandemic.

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

development worldwide. [China, India, Iran, and Russia](#) have authorized nasal vaccines, but little is known about their effectiveness.

LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN *The Lancet Regional Health Americas* discusses the challenges faced by Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) in rebuilding after the COVID-19 pandemic. In January, representatives from the World Bank, PAHO, and UNICEF met with health ministers and decision-makers from the region to discuss the extensive and enduring effects of the pandemic, which include high mortality rates, economic contraction, increased unemployment, and poverty. The pandemic also revealed vulnerabilities in the region's healthcare systems with knock-on effects on primary health care, noncommunicable diseases, and education. Additionally, the pandemic disproportionately impacted the mental health of people in the region, with a 35% increase in depression and a 32% increase in anxiety, and mental health care services were disrupted. Representatives at the meeting emphasized the urgent need to address mental health, strengthen essential public health services, provide timely primary care, increase healthcare coverage, and include climate change in rebuilding efforts.

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.

[White House recognizes National Public Health Week](#)

President Biden celebrated the life-saving work that public health professionals do to keep Americans healthy and safe in an official NPHW proclamation.

[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.

[How to modernize America's public health infrastructure](#)

Maximus, the sponsor of APHA's Annual Meeting Blog, shares five recommendations to help protect the health of communities and strengthen the public health system.

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.

[NEWS RELEASE | ASTHO Statement on Biden Administration Designating Fentanyl Combined with Xylazine as an Emerging Threat to the United States](#) | The White House declared fentanyl combined with xylazine as an emerging drug threat in the United States. ASTHO CEO Michael Fraser celebrates the declaration, saying, "Xylazine presents new public health challenges and changes the landscape of the overdose epidemic. ASTHO and our members are committed to ensuring the health and well-being of the public and stand ready to adapt to this emerging threat." **[Read the full release now.](#)**

[NEWS RELEASE | ASTHO and NCSD Issue Joint Statement on Concerning Rise in Syphilis Cases Across U.S.](#) | ASTHO and the National Coalition of STD Directors have released a statement in light of rising cases of syphilis and congenital syphilis in the United States. "I am alarmed to see a rise in preventable syphilis and congenital syphilis cases in our nation," says ASTHO President Anne Zink. "When I was training to be a physician years ago, I did not encounter syphilis cases. I now see them regularly." **[Read the full release now.](#)**

[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:** **[Accessible Community Design to Support Physical Activity and Outdoor Recreation for People of All Ages and Abilities](#)**
- **Blog:** **[Supporting Positive Mental Health Through Food Security and Good Nutrition](#)**

- **Blog:** [How Community Health Workers Are Impacting Rural Communities](#)
- **Blog:** [Opportunities and Barriers to Contraception Access on College Campuses](#)

ASTHO IN THE NEWS

- **AI's fearsome potential spurs new rules.** | *POLITICO* | ASTHO
- **Sexually Transmitted Infections Jumped 7% in 2021.** | *Health Day* | Anne Zink (SHO-AK), ASTHO President

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.

Community Commons (CC)

- [Centering and Celebrating Culture in Public Health](#)
 - [Autism - Community Commons](#)
 - [Taking Action to End Gun Violence: Our Top Tools, Resources, Stories, and Data](#)
 - [NPHW Toolkit | PHERN \(communitycommons.org\)](#)
 - [Exploring Community-led Racial Healing Models to Deepen Partnerships between Community Development and Healthcare - Build Healthy Places Network](#)
 - [Three Keys to Cross-Sector Age-Friendly Care](#)
 - [Data Sharing - Community Commons](#)
 - [All of Us Research Hub \(researchallofus.org\)](#)
 - [Reflecting on My Mom’s Death: Moving Toward A More Complex Understanding of Health, Disability, And Dying - Community Commons](#)
 - [Health Data Resources - Community Commons](#)
 - [ICYMI: Mapping and Data Tools Library](#)
 - [ICYMI: Supporting Public Health and Frontline Workers | PHERN](#)
 - [ICYMI: How Civic Infrastructure Grows the Local Economy](#)
 - [ICYMI: Opinion | I take my kids to Black museums to immerse them in history — and love - The Washington Post](#)
 - [ICYMI: Homeless at Starbucks: Why the Coffee Chain is Bringing in Outreach Workers](#)
 - [ICYMI: How Poverty in the United States Is Measured and Why It Matters](#)
 - [ICYMI: Introduction to Data Sharing](#)
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County Health Rankings and Roadmaps

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

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

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

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

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

- [NASEM: Examining the Working Definition for Long COVID](#)
 - [CSPI: Public Policy and the Grocery Store: Improving Access to Healthy Food](#)
 - [Ready or Not 2023: Protecting the Public's Health from Diseases, Disasters, and Bioterrorism](#)
 - [Racial and Ethnic Differences in Subjective Cognitive Decline - US, 2015–20 | MMWR \(cdc.gov\)](#)
 - [A Community Guide Systematic Review: School Dietary and Physical Activity Interventions \(thecommunityguide.org\)](#)
 - [Home | Congressional District Health Dashboard](#)
 - [Home | City Health Dashboard](#)
 - [Chronic Disease Indicators \(CDI\) | DPH | CDC](#)
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Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB)

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

ICYMI: [March 2023 Health Affairs article: COVID-19 Revealed Shortcomings of the U.S. Public Health System and the Need to Strengthen Funding and Accountability](#)

The U.S. governmental public health system has suffered from chronic underfunding for decades. The COVID-19 pandemic highlighted, on a large scale, the unfortunate and disparate impact this underfunding and lack of resources has had on our communities.

ICYMI: 10 Years of PHAB Accreditation!

In February 2013, PHAB accredited its first cohort of 11 health departments [including Livingston County Health Department in NYS](#)<https://phaboard.org/wp-content/uploads/Livingston-County.pdf>. Since then, the first cohort has maintained its accreditation and learned valuable lessons in performance and quality improvement in public health practice. The lessons and practices implemented because of achieving and maintaining accreditation have led to increased accountability, transparency, as well as improved quality and performance for the departments. [Read stories about HDs in the first cohort](#) to learn more about how accreditation transformed public health practice in their departments and made an impact on their communities.

ICYMI: Join the Next Cohort of the Pathways Recognition Program

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

National Network of Public Health Institutes (NNPHI)

ICYMI: Seven Directions: 2023 Indigenous Evaluation Toolkit

New Indigenous Evaluation Toolkit, an actionable guide for tribal public health organizations!

As Indigenous communities continue to shape programming to reflect their own stories, ways of knowing, and cultural perspectives, there is a growing need for frameworks that support the infusion of this knowledge into the evaluation of their programs focused on substance use prevention, treatment, and recovery support.

Through step-by-step guidance, worksheets, and storytelling, this toolkit offers communities an iterative, reflective, continuous learning process for beginning or incorporating Indigenous evaluation. [Read The Toolkit](#)

Public Health Institute (PHI)

Advancing Global Gender Equity & Justice

In the second half of 2022, gender equity leaders with PHI's Rise Up helped pass 8 laws, policies or programs affecting over 3 million people around the world. Learn more about their recent wins in India, South Africa and Nigeria. One example: Rise Up Leader Betty Abah protected 3,681 children and teenage girls in Nigeria from sexual abuse and assault by creating a monitoring system to report and enforce gender-based violence laws. [See the impact story →](#)

Expanding Repro Health Options with MPTs

Multipurpose prevention technologies (MPTs) are innovative products that simultaneously prevent HIV, other sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and/or unintended pregnancy. A new *Sexually Transmitted Infections* journal article from PHI's Bethany Young Holt, Susanna Moore and partners looks at new pharmaceutical approaches currently being explored for potential activity against HIV or other STIs, and not yet included in existing MPT candidates. [Read the article →](#)

Together Toward Health Model (TTH) – How Smarter Funding, Greater Flexibility & Deeper Trust Builds Community Health, Equity & Power

- [See highlights from TTH evaluation briefs & impact report below, or read on phi.org →](#)

Lesson 1: Trust Communities.

- **Brief: The Value of Fast, Flexible Funding**
TTH delivered fast, flexible funding to quickly scale a statewide COVID-19 response—targeting communities disproportionately impacted by the pandemic. Over 500 CBOs identified their community's needs and used the funds for culturally-led vaccine outreach, language support, transportation, food distribution, and more. This report shares these successes and explores how to use the TTH model to advance equity in future funding opportunities. [Read the evaluation brief →](#)
- **Video: Resourcing CBOs as Trusted, Local Experts**
“This funding opportunity allowed us to think creatively about how to cultivate connection and vaccinate folks in the community,” explained Jose Orellana with TTH grantee LOUD For Tomorrow. “We are a dominantly Latino/Spanish-speaking community. The existing resources were not culturally competent for folks and this funding allowed [us] to come up with ways to be able to reach our folks in ways that get them to build trust.” [Watch Jose's story →](#)

Lesson 2: Leverage Pooled, Multi-Funder Collaboration.

- **Brief: A Faster, Stronger, More Nimble Response**
This brief documents the origins of TTH as a 20+ funder collaborative, and demonstrates the ways that the TTH model can support community-based health work. It also includes benefits, challenges and lessons learned how to implement and administer philanthropic pooled funding efforts in communities on the ground. [Read the evaluation brief →](#)
- **Video: The Community Impact of Pooled Funding**
“I would tell funders that this was an incredible experience,” said Olivia Celis with TTH grantee the LA Center for Strategic Partnerships. “Using the pooled fund concept and having a

fiscal intermediary really made an impact right on the front lines... the grassroots grants really helped us support the most vulnerable people in Los Angeles." [See Olivia's testimonial](#) →

Lesson 3: Invest in Workforce Development.

- **Brief: Creating a Stronger Public Health Workforce**

In total, TTH invested \$2,480,000 into workforce development, assisted 265,865 individuals through workforce development initiatives, curated 130 training sessions and webinars, and more. This brief also shares lessons and recommendations to support your workforce development efforts. [Read the brief](#) →

- **Video: Building the Capacity of Local Leaders**

"We were able to identify leaders in our community and get them trained and certified as community health workers (CHWs)," said Isai Garnica-Palma with TTH-funded CBO Valley Onward—helping to increase vaccine rates and also invest directly in community members' capacity and workforce development. [See Isai's story](#) →

Lesson 4: Amplify CBO Impact through Collaborative Partnerships.

- **Brief: How to Partner to Increase CBO Impact**

Thanks to TTH, CBOs formed new partnerships and build on existing collaborations to amplify their efforts and ability to increase equity in communities, while substantially increasing access to COVID vaccines, testing and more. In this brief, find insights on how to foster collaboration and networking to equitably address any public health crisis in ways that are adaptable and responsive to community needs. [Read the brief](#) →

- **Video: Boosting CBO Reach in Communities**

Amarjit Singh with the Sikh Centre explains how TTH funds allowed their organization to forge partnerships to not only reach their constituents, but the broader community. "We opened the window for the wider community, rather than just keeping the funding for the Sikh community... We partner with health centers, hospitals wellness centers, pharmacies, churches and other nonprofit organizations." [Watch Amarjit's testimonial](#) →

TTH in Communities: Impact Stories

Together Toward Health grantees have helped thousands of farmworkers get vaccinated, conducted outreach to elders about vaccine access and appointments, hosted mobile vaccination sites at Black churches, launched new campaigns to reach Californians in their primary languages (like Punjabi and Purepecha, an indigenous Nahuatl dialect, and dozens of languages), and more.

- [Explore select TTH impact stories below or see all on phi.org](#) →
- [Read the 2022 TTH Impact Report](#) →
- **Bringing Vaccinations Directly to Essential Farmworkers** [Read the impact story](#) →
- **Acknowledge, Empower, Represent: How to Show Up for Black Lives** [Read the impact story](#) →
- **Providing COVID Info & Resources for Refugees** [Read the impact story](#) →

- Culturally Resonant COVID Work in Native American Communities [Read the impact story](#) →

PODCASTS:

- **NEW!** County Health Rankings and Roadmaps - [In Solidarity](#) podcast is back!
- **NEW!** [Power Podcast for Justice - Healthy Start EPIC Center](#)
 - *Episode 1: Resistance, Resilience, and Triumph through Historical Trauma*
 - *Episode 2: The Devaluing of Humans Through Racism and Its Impacts*
 - *Episode 3: The Legacy of the Trauma of Enslavement*
- CDC Foundation Conversations Podcast: [Contagious Conversations: Creatively Combating Antimicrobial Resistance](#)
- **Prevent Connect:**
 - [Youth Engagement Mini-Series | A Coalition's Honest Journey to Centering Youth Voices](#)
 - [Bridging Data and Practice in the Case for Prevention](#)
- American Journal of Public Health Podcast:
- Public Health Institute Podcast:
 - **NEW!** [Podcast: Flipping the Table – Food, Farming and Future series \(phi.org\)](#)
 - [Climate, Health & Community Solutions](#)
- Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health [Public Health on Call](#) podcast
- **"Conversations with CEI" Podcast:**
 - **NEW!** [The Resurgence of Congenital Syphilis in NYS: A Look at the Past and Present to Change the Future | CEI \(podbean.com\)](#)
- **NEW Episodes!** [THIS WEEK ON PUBLIC HEALTH REVIEW MORNING EDITION](#)
 - **398: Reducing STI Stigma, Community Engagement Benefits** | Thomas Dobbs (alumni-MS) | Kimberly Brazwell, Kimistry
 - **397: Nominate a PH Pro, Clean Drinking Water** | Brian Castrucci, de Beaumont Foundation | Michael Abbott, Maine CDC
 - **396: Nutrition is Public Health, Measuring PH Trust** | Laura Holtrop-Kohl, Utah Department of Health and Human Services | Gillian SteelFisher, Harvard Opinion Research Program
 - **395: Invisible Disabilities, Is PH Ready or Not?** | Alexis Travis (alumni-MI) | J. Nadine Gracia, Trust for America's Health
 - **394: Rural Health Solutions, Healthy People 2030 Training** | Elke Shaw-Tulloch (SHO-ID) | Corinne Gillenwater, ASTHO
 - **393: Mental Health is Public Health, Washington Post Opinion** | Mark Levine (SHO-VT) | Kate Woodsome, Washington Post
 - **392: Emergency Contraception, PH Workforce Panel** | Kelly Cleland, Executive Director of the American Society for Emergency Contraception | Michael Fraser, ASTHO CEO
 - **391: Heartbreaking Gun Violence, ACIP Explained** | Rich Hamburg, Safe States Alliance | Vanessa Lamers, Public Health Foundation
 - **390: Impact of Community on PH, Indigenous Data Justice** | Steven Stack (SHO-KY) | Abigail Echo-Hawk, Urban Indian Health Institute

- o [389: Seeking School Lunch Comments, Debt Ceiling Discussions](#) | Shannon Vance, ASTHO | Jeffrey Ekoma, ASTHO
 - [ASTHO's PUBLIC HEALTH REVIEW PODCAST](#)
 - o [Connecting Climate Change and Health Equity in Public Health Agencies](#)
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New and Upcoming Live Events: *Some items are marked with **NEW!**, generally indicating that the promotion is new to this edition of the eDistance Learning Newsletter.

April 2023

NEW! The Impacts of Sexual Violence and Institutional Betrayal

Sponsored by NYS Vital Signs EMS Academy

Monday, April 17, 2023, 11am-12pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Plants Poisoning Prevention English

Sponsored by Healthy Homes Education and Community Partnerships Unit & Poison Control Center

Monday, April 17, 2023, noon to 1 p.m.

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Plants Poisoning Prevention Spanish

Sponsored by Healthy Homes Education and Community Partnerships Unit & Poison Control Center

Monday, April 17, 2023, 2 to 3 p.m.

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Rural Health Innovation Collaborative: Building Sustainable Healthcare Education in Rural Communities

Sponsored by Gaumard

Monday, April 17, 2023, 2-3pm

[Register Here](#)

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

Sponsored by Center for Health Care Strategies

Monday, April 17, 2023, 3:00 – 4:15 pm

[Register Here](#)

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

Sponsored by American Parkinson Disease Association

Monday, April 17, 2023, 3-4pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Obesity in the U.S.: Increasing Access to Treatment

Sponsored by the Bipartisan Policy Center

Tuesday, April 18th, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (ET) - webinar

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

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

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

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Obesity in the U.S.: Increasing Access to Treatment

Sponsored by the Bipartisan Policy Center

Tuesday, April 18, 2023, 11am - 12pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Plants Poisoning Prevention Chinese Mandarin

Sponsored by Healthy Homes Education and Community Partnerships Unit & Poison Control Center

Tuesday, April 18, 2023, 12-1pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Plants Poisoning Prevention English

Sponsored by Healthy Homes Education and Community Partnerships Unit & Poison Control Center

Tuesday, April 18, 2023, 2-3pm

[Register Here](#)

Engaging Across Differences: Constructive Dialogue for Civic Health

Sponsored by County Health Rankings & Roadmaps

Tuesday, April 18, 2023, 3-4pm

[Register Here](#)

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

Sponsored by Clinical Education Initiative (CEI)

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

CME/CNE available! | Questions? Contact: Charlotte.Miller@mountsinai.org

[Register Here](#)

Day 1 | In Vitro Derived Human Gametes as a Reproductive Technology: Scientific, Ethical, and Regulatory Implications: A Workshop

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

Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 9:15am-5pm

[Register Here](#)

Understanding and Addressing Misinformation About Science: A Public Workshop

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

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

Washington, DC, Attend in Person or Virtually

[Register Here](#)

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

Sponsored by Systems for Action Individual Research Project

Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 12-1 pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! This Month in HIV: Medical Marijuana: Exploring New Clinical Options in NYS

Sponsored by Clinical Education Initiative (CEI)

Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 12-1 pm

CME Available!

[Register Here](#)

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

Sponsored by Clinical Education Initiative (CEI) and NYC STD Prevention Training Center

Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 12- 2 pm

[Register Here](#)

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

Sponsored by Overdose Prevention Network

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

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Data Analytics Workgroup Meeting, Integrated Data Analysis with Open Data to Address Human Trafficking and Substance Use Disorder

Sponsored by Overdose Prevention Network

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

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Evidence-Based Public Health – 10 Part Series

Sponsored by Center for Public Health Practice-Colorado School of Public Health

10 live learning sessions: Wednesdays, 11am-12pm, beginning April 19, 2023

[Register Here](#)

Engage with CATCH Webinar: Turn Up the Volume on Family Engagement

Sponsored by Coordinated Approach To Child Health (CATCH)

Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 2-3pm

[Register Here](#)

Day 2 | In Vitro Derived Human Gametes as a Reproductive Technology: Scientific, Ethical, and Regulatory Implications: A Workshop

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

Thursday, April 20, 2023, 9:30am-5pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Earth Day: Soil and Gardening: How to Reduce Exposure to Contaminated Soil

Sponsored by Healthy Homes Education and Community Partnerships Unit & Poison Control Center

Thursday, April 20, 2023, 11-12pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Fireside Chat: Universal Special Pathogens Preparedness

Sponsored by NETEC

Thursday, April 20, 2023, 12-1pm

[Register Here](#)

Engaging Community Health Workers/Youth Ambassadors to Improve Health Literacy

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

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

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Minority Health Month Workshops

Sponsored by OMH-HDP

Thursday, April 20, 2023, 1-2:30pm

Please contact OMHHDP@health.ny.gov

Sepsis Risks and Clinical Considerations in Pediatric Patients with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

Sponsored by Sepsis Alliance

Thursday, April 20, 2023, 2-3pm

(1.20 RN CE Contact Hours) | [Register Here](#)

NEW! Community Participation and Power

Sponsored by Mid-Atlantic Regional PHTC

Thursday, April 20, 2023, 1-3pm

[Register Here](#)

Day 3 | In Vitro Derived Human Gametes as a Reproductive Technology: Scientific, Ethical, and Regulatory Implications: A Workshop

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

Friday, April 21, 2023, 9:30am-5pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! What We're Doing Differently: COVID-19 Innovations

Sponsored by the Moving Forward Nursing Home Quality Coalition

Friday, April 21, 2023, 2-3pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Creating Measurable Learning Objectives

Sponsored by Mid-Atlantic Regional PHTC

Monday, April 24, 2023, 1-1:30pm

[Register Here](#)

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

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

April 24-27, 2023, Atlanta, Georgia

[Register Here](#)

Providing Care to Transgender Adolescents and Young Adults

Sponsored by Clinical Education Initiative (CEI)

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

CME Available! | Questions? Contact phoebe.rosenheim@mountsinai.org

[Register Here](#)

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

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

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

[Register Here](#)

Youth Overdose Prevention Part Two: Opportunities for Teens and Adolescents

Sponsored by PHI's National Overdose Prevention Network

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

[Register Here](#)

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

Sponsored by Colorado Safe Routes to School

Tuesday, April 25, 2023, 1-2pm

[Register Here](#)

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

Sponsored by Public Health Institute

Tuesday, April 25, 2023, 1:00 - 2:30pm

[Register Here](#) | **ICYMI:** [Webinar 1 Recording](#)

NEW! The Time Is Now: Opportunities to Boost Food and Nutrition Security

Sponsored by American University's Department of Health Studies

Wednesday, April 26, 2023 2-3pm

[Register Here](#)

ASTHO's Annual Health Equity Summit

Sponsored by ASTHO

April 26, 2023, in Atlanta or virtually

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

Sepsis Alliance AMR Conference

Sponsored by Sepsis Alliance

April 26-27, 2023

[Register Here](#)

NYS Public Health Partnership Conference: Building Healthy Communities

Sponsored by a collaboration between NYSPHA, NYSACHO, and NYSARH

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

[Register Here](#)

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

Sponsored by Centers for Disease Control & Prevention

Thursday, April 27, 2023, 10-11am

[Register Here](#)

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

Sponsored by Michael & Susan Dell Center

Thursday, April 27, 2023, 1-2pm

[Register Here](#)

Hepatitis C among Infants, Children and Adolescents

Sponsored by the American Academy of Pediatrics, New York Chapter 1 and CEI

Friday, April 28, 2023, 12:00-1:00pm

CME/ CNE Available!

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Recruit, Hire, Train, Retain

Sponsored by NACCHO

Friday, April 28, 2023, 12:00-1:00pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Reimagined in America Series: Transforming Communities through Nature

Sponsored by The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Friday, April 28, 2023, 12:30-1:30pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Minority Health Month Workshops

Sponsored by OMH-HDP

Friday, April 28, 2023, 1:30-2:30pm.

Please contact OMHHDP@health.ny.gov

May 2023

NEW! Recovery Considerations for Public Health Agencies Following Emergencies and Disasters

Sponsored by Mid-Atlantic Regional PHTC

Monday, May 1, 2023, 11am-12pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Climate Change and Mental Health Interventions Workshop

Sponsored by American Public Health Association

Tuesday, May 2, 2023, 12-1pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! World Asthma Day

Sponsored by the American Lung Association

Tuesday, May 2, 2023, 1-2pm

[Register Here](#)

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

Sponsored by Systems for Action Individual Research Project

May 3, 2023, 12-1pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! 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](#)

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, 8am-12pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Sexual Health Center of Excellence Lunch & Learn: Family Planning for LGBTQ+ Populations

Sponsored by CEI

Monday, May 8, 2023, 12-1pm, CME Available!

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Introduction to Effective Writing for Public Health Professionals: Email Etiquette and Related Best Practices

Sponsored by Mid-Atlantic Regional PHTC

May 9, 2023, 12:30-2pm

[Register Here](#)

2023 NNPHI Annual Conference

Sponsored by National Network Public Health Institutes

May 9 - 11, 2023, Washington, DC

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Care Connection Webinar: Empowering Your Loved One Through Dementia-Friendly Home Design

Sponsored by Alzheimer's Foundation of America

Thursday, May 11, 2023, 1-2pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Treatment of Alcohol Use Disorder: Clinical Practice Guidelines for the Primary Care Setting

Sponsored by New York City Department of Homeless Services & CEI

Thursday, May 11, 2023, 3-4pm | CME/ CNE Available!

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Take a Break: Social Support for the Public Health Workforce

Sponsored by Mid-Atlantic Regional PHTC

May 12, 2023, 12-1pm

NEW! Online Training Development Rubrics

Sponsored by Mid-Atlantic Regional PHTC

May 15, 2023, 1-1:30pm

[Register Here](#)

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

Sponsored by Systems for Action Individual Research Project

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

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Finding Joy Through Succession Planning

Sponsored by Region V Public Health Training Center

Thursday, May 18, 2023, 12:30 - 2:00pm

Free to attend - [Register Here](#)

1.5 contact hours MCHES Category I CECH -- CE & Certificate of Completion available for \$6.

NEW! Best Practices for Facilities Management in Public Health Emergencies

Sponsored by Mid-Atlantic Regional PHTC

Thursday, May 18, 2023, 1-2pm

[Register Here](#)

Maternal Sepsis: Epidemiology, Early Detection, and Equity Considerations

Sponsored by Sepsis Alliance

May 18, 2023, 2-3pm

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

[Register Here](#)

Spring 2023 COPN Convening: A California Overdose Data Summit

Sponsored by National Overdose Prevention Network

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

[Register Here](#)

Hepatitis B and C: Coinfection and Reactivation

Sponsored by HepCure and CEI

Tuesday, May 23, 2023, 4:30-5:30pm, CME/ CNE Available!

[Register Here](#)

2023 Public Health TechXpo and Futures Forum

Sponsored by ASTHO

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

[Register Here](#)

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](#)

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

Sponsored by Systems for Action Individual Research Project

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

[Register Here](#)

June 2023

HIV 101 & Ending the HIV Epidemic in the United States

Sponsored by ASTHO

Jun 01 - 07, 2023

[Register Here](#)

Systems Alignment to Optimize Health Services for Youth Experiencing Homelessness

Sponsored by Systems for Action Individual Research Project

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

[Register Here](#)

Training for New Accreditation Coordinators: Tools and Strategies for your New Role

Sponsored by PHAB

Monday, June 5, 2023, 1:30 – 3:30 PM

[Register Here](#)

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

Sponsored by National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID)

June 5-7, 2023

[Register Here](#)

Virtual PHIT Public Health Improvement Training (PHIT) Strengthening Performance Through Partnerships and Innovation”

Sponsored by National Network of Public Health Institutes

June 5-7, 2023

[Register Here](#)

NEW! 9th Annual NYS Sexual Health Conference: Emerging Issues and Practice Updates

Sponsored by CEI

Monday, June 5 - Thursday, June 8, 2023, 12:00-1:30pm daily

[Save the Date](#)

What’s New in Version 2022 – Reaccreditation

Sponsored by PHAB

Tuesday June 6, 2023, 2:00 – 3:30

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Communicating Equity

Sponsored by Mid-Atlantic Regional PHTC

Part 1: Tuesday, June 6, 2023, 1-3pm

Part 2: Thursday, June 8, 2023, 1-3pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Community Participation and Power

Sponsored by Mid-Atlantic Regional PHTC

Wednesday, June 7, 2023, 1-3pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Take a Break: Social Support for the Public Health Workforce

Sponsored by Mid-Atlantic Regional PHTC

Friday, June 9, 2023, 12-1pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Principles of Adult Education

Sponsored by Mid-Atlantic Regional PHTC

Monday, June 12, 2023, 1-1:30pm

[Register Here](#)

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

Sponsored by Systems for Action Individual Research Project

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

[Register Here](#)

The Aspen Ideas: Health Conference

Sponsored by Aspen Institute

June 21st - 24th, 2023 in Aspen, CO

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Equity Impact Reviews

Sponsored by Mid-Atlantic Regional PHTC

Thursday, June 22, 2023, 1-3pm

[Register Here](#)

July 2023

Achieving Reach in Youth Behavioral Health and Wellness through Catchment-Area Community Governance

Sponsored by Systems for Action Individual Research Project

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

[Register Here](#)

NEW! 7/12/23, Compassion Fatigue: Considerations for Recognition and Management among Public Health Providers

Sponsored by Mid-Atlantic Regional PHTC

Wednesday, July 12, 2023, 10-11am

[Register Here](#)

Tribal Care Coordination Dashboard Project: Coeur Adolescent Support Team (CAST) Referrals

Sponsored by Systems for Action Individual Research Project

July 19, 2023, 12 - 1p.m

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Fostering a Culture of Continuous Quality Improvement

Sponsored by Mid-Atlantic Regional PHTC

Tuesday, July 25, 2023, 9:30–10:45am

[Register Here](#)

New & OnDemand Content - NYLearnsPH.com

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](#)

Building Systems to Sustain Home-Based Asthma Services

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

Online Course

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

Log-in2Learn - The Science of Trust: Implications for Public Health Research

Sponsored by Region 2 Public Health Training Center

Recorded on March 7, 2023

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

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

Sponsored by Region 2 Public Health Training Center

Recorded on February 7, 2023

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

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

Sponsored by Region 2 Public Health Training Center

Recorded January 10, 2023

Enroll in LMS Course: [Reg2PHTC-L2L02301](#)

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

Sponsored by Age-Friendly Public Health Systems

Recorded December 15, 2022

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

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

Sponsored by Public Health Communications Collaborative

Recorded October 18, 2022

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

Comms Crash Course: Using Social Media for Public Health Communications

Sponsored by Public Health Communications Collaborative

Recorded July 26, 2022

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

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

Sponsored by Public Health Communications Collaborative

Recorded April 13, 2022

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

Additional Training of Interest

NEW! Reimagined in America Series: Transforming Communities through Nature

Sponsored by The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Archived Episodes 1-14

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NEW! Project Firstline Session: Various Variants

Sponsored by HANYS

Recorded April 13, 2023

[View Here](#)

NEW! PHSAD's 36th Annual Health Equity Conference Keynote

Recorded April 1, 2023

[View Here](#)

A Look Inside Life-Saving Overdose Prevention Centers

Sponsored by Drug Policy Alliance

Posted March 30, 2023

[View Here](#)

Intersections Initiative: How You Can Help Your Community Access Federal Funding for Walking and Bike

Sponsored by America Walks / Safe Routes Partnership

Recorded March 22, 2023

[View Here](#)

Migraine 101 Videos

Sponsored by The National Headache Foundation (NHF)

Recorded March 2023

10 Webinars - [View Here](#)

Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS) Capacity and Cost Assessment

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

Recorded March 16, 2023

[For More Information and to Watch](#)

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

Sponsored by Office of New Americans & Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities Prevention
Recorded March 7, 2023

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

Breaking Down Barriers to Achieve the Highest Level of Health

Sponsored by Healthcare Leadership Council

Recorded March 8, 2023

[View Here](#)

Health Affairs Briefing: Public Health During COVID-19

Sponsored by Health Affairs

Recorded March 8, 2023

[View Here](#)

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

Sponsored by Colorado Safe Routes to School

Recorded March 8, 2023

[View Here](#)

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

Sponsored by NYS Office of Health Equity and Human Rights

Recorded February 28, 2023

[View Here](#)

NEW! Evidence-based Public Health Practice: What It Is and Why It Matters

Sponsored by Region 5 PHTC | Self-directed training launched February 21, 2023.

1.0 CHES Category I CECH. Free to enroll. CE and certificate of completion available for \$3.

[View Here](#)

Harm Reduction Strategies for People Who Use Fentanyl

Sponsored by Overdose Prevention Network

Recorded February 15, 2023

[View Here](#)

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

Sponsored by the HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health

Recorded February 9, 2023

[View Here](#)

NEW! 2023 African American Conference on Disabilities Series

Sponsored by AZ Disability Law

Recorded February 8 & 9, 2023

[Session #1 Crossroads: The Intersectional Approach to Disability Justice framework](#)

[Session #2 Sankofa: Expanding A Black Family Support Group into the Midwest](#)

[Session #3 Meeting the Educational Needs of Arizona’s Foster Youth - Panel Discussion](#)

[Session #4 Tracing the Trauma Thread from our Ancestors to Present Healing](#)

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

Sponsored by Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Recorded February 8, 2023

[View Here](#)

Smart Growth America's 2023 Equity Summit

Sponsored by National Complete Streets Coalition

Recorded February 7-9

[View Here](#)

Improving Public Health Through Data and Communication

Sponsored by ASTHO

Recorded February 1, 2023

[View Here](#)

The Social Safety Net as an Investment in Children

Sponsored by UCTV

Recorded January 29, 2023

[View Here](#)

Cultivating Community Leadership and Power Within Ecosystems

Sponsored by Prevent Connect

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

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

PH WINS for the Future: Understanding the Strengths and Needs of Rural Public Health

Sponsored by Northwest Center for Public Health Practice

Recorded January 24, 2023

[View Here](#)

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

Sponsored by Region IV Public Health Training Center

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

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

Sponsored by Center for Health Care Strategies

Recorded January 19, 2023

[View Here](#)

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

Sponsored by Michael & Susan Dell Center for Healthy Living

Recorded January 17, 2023

Policy Briefs: From Plan to Action

Sponsored by Northwest Center for Public Health Practice at the University of Washington
Online course | [View Here](#)

Using PH WINS Data to Enhance Your Workforce Development Planning

Sponsored by Region V Public Health Training
Online course | [View Here](#)

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

Sponsored by National Academies of Science, Engineering & Medicine (NASEM)
Online course | [View Here](#)

Synergy of Healthy People 2030 and PHAB Standards

Sponsored by Healthy People 2030 objectives and Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB)
Microlearning | [View Here](#)

Roots of Health Inequity

Sponsored by NAACHO
[View Here](#)

Clinical Education Initiative (CEI)

New online accredited courses:

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

and a new Learning Module:

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

Best of ACTHIV 2022

- [Case-Based Management of Hepatitis C in Persons with HIV](#)
- [Dermatology for People with HIV](#)
- [Principles of Antiretroviral Therapy](#)
- [Cardio-metabolic Complications of ART](#)
- [Opportunistic Infection Cases in People with HIV](#)
- [Update on the Diagnosis and Treatment of STIs](#)

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