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Welcome to the **June 2023** New York State Department of Health's (NYSDOH) e-Distance Learning Newsletter. **In this issue**, you will find virtual and in-person upcoming events, resources & opportunities, including on demand and self-directed content available through the NYSDOH's [NYlearnsPH.com](https://www.NYlearnsPH.com) Learning Management System (LMS). Check back each issue to find previously live content available on demand at www.NYlearnsPH.com. **Questions?** Email: edlearn@health.ny.gov.

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ICYMI: GOVERNOR HOCHUL – Public Health Related Press Releases

[Governor Hochul Kicks Off Clean Water, Clean Air and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act Listening Tour](#)

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

May 30, 2023 | 01:49 PM EDT

Governor Hochul launched the educational listening tour for the Clean Water, Clean Air and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act.

[ICYMI: Buffalo News Editorial: Gun Laws and a More Sensible Culture Keep This State Safer Than Bloody Texas](#)

May 29, 2023 | 12:41 PM EDT

The Buffalo News published an editorial on gun violence and how Governor Hochul has strengthened New York's gun laws.

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

[Ahead of Memorial Day Weekend, Governor Hochul Welcomes Visitors to State Beaches and Updates New Yorkers on Ongoing Shark Safety Protocols](#)

May 26, 2023 | 11:44 AM EDT

Governor Hochul encouraged travelers to safely enjoy state parks, beaches, trails and historic sites across NY this Memorial Day weekend.

[Governor Hochul Announces New Actions to Drive Down Growing Presence of Illicit Drug Xylazine and Prevent Overdoses](#)

May 25, 2023 | 02:27 PM EDT

Governor Hochul announced new actions to address the spread of xylazine in New York State, including a new effort to supply free test strips through NYS agencies.

[Governor Hochul Announces \\$10 Million to Advance Innovation in Clean Hydrogen Research, Development and Demonstration Projects](#)

May 24, 2023 | 12:16 PM EDT

Governor Hochul announced a \$10 million initiative to advance research, development and demonstration projects that address the challenge of replacing fossil fuel usage in hard-to-electrify sectors.

[Governor Hochul Announces Ribbon Cutting for New \\$13.9 Million Housing Services Center in Onondaga County](#)

May 23, 2023 | 03:13 PM EDT

Governor Hochul announced the ribbon cutting for Catholic Charities of Onondaga County's new Housing Services Center.

[Governor Hochul Honors Fallen Emergency Medical Services Providers With Memorial Dedication During EMS Week | \[Video, Audio, Photos & Rush Transcript\]\(#\)](#)

May 23, 2023 | 02:15 PM EDT

Governor Hochul honored eight Emergency Medical Services Providers who died while serving and protecting New Yorkers.

[Governor Hochul Announces Five Additional Listening Sessions to Advance Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act](#)

May 23, 2023 | 12:17 PM EDT

Governor Hochul named the next five locations in the statewide educational listening tour to advance the Clean Water, Clean Air and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act

[Governor Hochul Announces Excelsior Scholarship Application Open for New Applicants for 2023 - 2024 Academic Year](#)

May 23, 2023 | 11:26 AM EDT

The application for the Excelsior Scholarship for new applicants for the 2023 - 2024 academic year is now open [here](#).

[Video, Audio, Photos & Rush Transcript: Governor Hochul and Mayor Adams Call for Expedited Work Authorization for Asylum Seekers](#)

May 22, 2023 | 12:24 PM EDT

Governor Hochul, joined by Mayor Adams, called for expedited work authorization for asylum seekers.

[Governor Hochul Announces Seasonal Opening of New York State Canal System](#)

May 19, 2023 | 01:14 PM EDT

Governor Hochul announced the opening of the 2023 Navigation Season for the 524-mile New York State Canal system, kicking off the 199th consecutive opening of the historic waterways.

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

[Governor Hochul Announces New York State Citizen Preparedness Corps Trainings Now Online in Multiple Languages](#)

May 17, 2023 | 02:30 PM EDT

Governor Hochul announced the New York State [Citizen Preparedness Corps](#) program is now offering online training to New Yorkers in English and with subtitles for 12 additional languages.

• *New Training Videos on Emergency Preparedness Now Available in 13 Languages* [on YouTube](#)

[Governor Hochul Announces \\$8 Million Now Available for New Climate Smart Community Projects](#)

May 16, 2023 | 12:50 PM EDT

Governor Hochul announced \$8 million is now available for the [Climate Smart Communities Grant](#) program to help municipalities take action to address climate change.

[Governor Hochul Reminds New Yorkers to Take Action to Stay Covered Through New York State Marketplace](#)

May 15, 2023 | 05:21 PM EDT

Governor Hochul announced that health insurance renewals have begun for more than 9 million New Yorkers enrolled in public health insurance programs, and New York stands ready to help consumers stay covered.

[Governor Hochul Announces \\$55 Million Available to Enhance Public Safety and Emergency Communications Systems](#)

May 15, 2023 | 04:31 PM EDT

Governor Hochul announced a \$55 million grant opportunity for improvement and maintenance of the state's emergency communications systems and public safety answering points.

[Governor Hochul Signs Legislation to Strengthen Health Care Workforce](#)

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

May 15, 2023 | 03:05 PM EDT

Governor Hochul signed legislation that strengthens New York's health care workforce by permitting nursing students to complete up to one third of their clinical training through simulation experiences.

[Video, Audio, Photos & Rush Transcript: Governor Hochul Delivers Remarks at Memorial Service for Healing and Hope](#)

May 14, 2023 | 09:09 PM EDT

Governor Hochul delivered remarks at the Memorial Service for Healing and Hope in Buffalo, New York.

[On the One-Year Anniversary of Mass Shooting at Tops Supermarket in Buffalo, Governor Hochul Announces Nearly \\$10 Million to Address Vital Needs of East Buffalo](#)

May 14, 2023 | 05:14 PM EDT

Governor Hochul announced nearly \$10 million in investments and grant awards as part of the state's ongoing efforts to address the needs of the East Buffalo community.

[Video, Audio, Photos & Rush Transcript: Governor Hochul Delivers Remarks at Moment of Remembrance at Tops Friendly Markets in Buffalo](#)

May 14, 2023 | 04:24 PM EDT

This afternoon, Governor Hochul delivered remarks at a Moment of Remembrance at Tops Friendly Markets in Buffalo, New York.

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

[Statement from Governor Hochul and New York Delegation Dean Nadler on Bipartisan Meeting](#)

May 12, 2023 | 03:10 PM EDT

"Today we convened New York's bipartisan Congressional delegation to discuss the end of Title 42 and the asylum seekers arriving in New York City."

[Governor Hochul Urges President Biden to Mobilize Federal Government to Provide Shelter for Asylum Seekers Arriving in New York City](#)

May 12, 2023 | 02:58 PM EDT

Governor Hochul issued a letter to President Biden, urging him to direct additional federal resources to NY as it faces asylum seekers set to arrive as Title 42 expires.

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

May 12, 2023 | 01:51 PM EDT

Governor Hochul updated New Yorkers on the latest information regarding COVID-19 and outlined basic steps to protect against the spread of viral respiratory infections.

[Governor Hochul Announces \\$7.6 Million Awarded to Animal Shelters for Improvements](#)

May 12, 2023 | 12:43 PM EDT

The funding will support construction, renovation, and expansion projects that will enhance animal care and health and help ensure adoptions.

[ICYMI: Governor Hochul's Op-Ed In USA Today Network: Happy Mother's Day - This is How We're Supporting NY Moms](#)

May 12, 2023 | 09:52 AM EDT

Today, USA Today Network published an op-ed by Governor Kathy Hochul to celebrate Mother's Day and highlight the meaningful steps New York has taken to support moms across the State. The text of the op-ed is available below and can be viewed online [here](#).

[Governor Hochul Announces Central Business District Tolling Program Final Environmental Assessment and Draft 'Finding of No Significant Impact' Now Available](#)

May 12, 2023 | 07:41 AM EDT

Governor Hochul announced that the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, New York State Department of Transportation and New York City Department of Transportation have released the Final Environmental Assessment for the Central Business District Tolling Program and a draft "Finding of No Significant Impact," prepared by the Federal Highway Administration.

[Governor Hochul Announces New Funding to Support Addiction Prevention Services](#)

May 11, 2023 | 04:16 PM EDT

Governor Hochul announced the award of more than \$2.9 million for ten providers across the State to fund prevention services for high-need populations in underserved communities under the "Community Prevention and Intervention" initiative.

[Governor Hochul Announces \\$51 Million Approved for Clean Water Systems and Local Drinking Water Infrastructure Projects Across New York State](#)

May 11, 2023 | 02:09 PM EDT

Governor Hochul announced the Environmental Facilities Corporation Board of Directors approved \$51 million in funding that includes low-cost financing and previously announced grants.

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

[Governor Hochul Announces \\$25 Million Available to Organizations Facing Hate Crimes and Targeted Violence](#)

May 10, 2023 | 06:09 PM EDT

Governor Hochul announced an additional \$25 million will be made available to organizations at risk of hate crimes and vandalism.

[Governor Hochul Announces Thousands of State Jobs Available in Critical Health and Human Services Titles](#)

- [Español](#) [中文](#) [Русский](#) [יידיש](#) [বাঙালি](#) [한국어](#) [Kreyòl](#)
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May 10, 2023 | 01:57 PM EDT

Governor Hochul announced thousands of state jobs are open and available for immediate hiring in the health and human services fields.

ICYMI: NYS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH - PRESS RELEASES

May 26, 2023

- [Media Advisory: New York State Department of Health and Office for the Aging Plan Town Hall in NYC to Discuss the Master Plan for Aging](#)

May 25, 2023

- [New York State Department of Health Reminds New Yorkers to Follow Safety Precautions for Memorial Day Gatherings](#)
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- [New York State Department of Health Recognizes National Cancer Research Month](#)
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- [New York State Department of Health Statement on Repealing the COVID-19 Healthcare Worker Vaccine Requirement](#)
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- [New York State Department of Health Recognizes Lyme Disease Awareness Month in May](#)
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- [Governor Hochul Honors Fallen Emergency Medical Services Providers With Memorial Dedication During EMS Week](#)

May 22, 2023

- [New York State Announces New Initiative to Increase Allergy Awareness in Restaurants and Food Service Establishments](#)
- [New York State Department of Health Issues Updated Fish Advisories for 2023](#)
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May 18, 2023

- [NYS Department of Health Leads with Groundbreaking Mpox Vaccine Effectiveness Studies](#)
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 - *View the DOH Led Study [Here](#) and the CDC Study [Here](#)*

May 17, 2023

- [New York State Department of Health Recognizes National Stroke Awareness Month in May](#)
 - [New Report: Disparities in Recognition of Signs and Symptoms of Stroke Persist in NY](#)
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May 16, 2023

- [New York State Department of Health Recognizes National Women's Health Week](#)
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May 15, 2023

- [Governor Hochul Reminds New Yorkers to Take Action to Stay Covered Through New York State Marketplace](#)
- [Governor Hochul Signs Legislation to Strengthen Health Care Workforce](#)
- [New York State Department of Health Asks Federal Government to Expand Essential Plan to Further Reduce Rate of Uninsured and Improve Health Equity](#)

May 12, 2023

- [CONSUMER ALERT: Attorney General James and Acting Department of Health Commissioner Dr. McDonald Issue Alert to Protect New Yorkers from Health Insurance Renewal Scams](#)
- [Governor Hochul Updates New Yorkers on State's Progress Combating COVID-19](#)

###

New York State Department of Health Resources

Master Plan for Aging Town Hall

On behalf of Governor Kathy Hochul, the NYS Department of Health and the NYS Office for the Aging would like to invite you to a June 7, 2023 New York Master Plan for Aging (MPA) Town Hall detailing the efforts that the State—through philanthropic, academic, private, and local partnerships—is taking toward becoming the most age- and disability-friendly state in the nation, with the goal of advancing transformative and cross-cutting strategies to address issues that all New Yorkers encounter within their lifetimes—and to do so with a sustained focus on ensuring equity in aging and disability.

Governor Hochul signed [Executive Order 23](#) in November 2022, calling for the development of a Master Plan for Aging with the goals of improving the lives of today's older New Yorkers and people with disabilities and building a better system of care and more inclusive communities for tomorrow. We have built momentum since last November and are inviting the public to join this critical effort.

The Town Hall will take place on June 7, 2023, from 10 AM - 12 PM at the Hunter College Silberman Campus, located at 2180 Third Avenue, New York, NY, an accessible facility.

- Registration is required for this event. **Please register [here](#) to attend in person.**
- If you require a reasonable accommodation to participate in the event, please contact MPATownHall@health.ny.gov before May 30.
- Those not attending in person may view the event by registering [here](#).
- Questions must be submitted in advance by June 4 to MPATownHall@health.ny.gov.

New York State Department of Health Resources (Continued)

NYSDOH – Opioid Prevention – Data to Action Report

The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) has just released the latest report (attached) in a series of Data to Action reports to support efforts to prevent opioid overdose deaths in the state. Data to Action reports are short communications on important topics that provide specific data to mobilize public health action. This report, *Xylazine Awareness in New York State, 2021*, is meant to inform the general public, healthcare providers, local health departments, emergency medical service providers, and county coroners/medical examiners about the presence of xylazine in overdose deaths involving opioids. Additionally, it presents data and information to raise awareness of xylazine being found with heroin and fentanyl and warns about serious effects associated with xylazine use in humans, especially regarding potential complications in responding to opioid overdoses.

Important findings of the report:

- Xylazine (“zai-luh-zeen,”) is an [animal tranquilizer and sedative not](#) approved for use in humans, but has been increasingly detected in opioid overdose deaths.
- Starting in 2021, xylazine was tested for in all overdose deaths involving opioids in NYC. Data showed that during 2021, approximately 1 in 5 overdose deaths involving opioids also involved xylazine.
- In NYS outside of NYC, there is variation in local testing protocols and xylazine has not been tested for in all overdose deaths involving opioids. Data for 2021 showed that 1 in 20 opioid-involved overdose deaths also involved xylazine.
- During 2021 in NYC and NYS outside of NYC, all xylazine-involved overdose deaths also involved fentanyl.
- Acute serious effects like heavy sedation, respiratory and central nervous system depression etc., may complicate opioid overdose response, as naloxone will have no impact on the effects of xylazine. However, if someone is suspected to be experiencing a xylazine-involved overdose, naloxone should be administered to reverse the effects of any opioids present.

Please use and share this report with your partners and colleagues. We hope this Data to Action report will be a useful tool in our collective work to prevent overdoses and to improve public health response.

Please direct opioid prevention related questions and requests for additional information to opioidprevention@health.ny.gov.

ICYMI: NYSDOH – Opioid Surveillance Data Dashboard

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

ICYMI: The *New York State - County Opioid Quarterly Report, Published April, 2023* and other data are now available on the opioid data webpage (<http://www.health.ny.gov/statistics/opioid/>) on the NYSDOH website. The webpage serves as a centralized repository for opioid-related data published by NYSDOH, including quarterly opioid data reports, annual opioid reports, and other important datasets that support efforts to prevent opioid overdose.

###

NYSDOH - Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) Reports

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

In observance of **National Stroke Awareness Month**, the New York State (NYS) Department of Health is pleased to announce the release of a new report based on 2021 data from the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS). The brief report, "[Awareness of Stroke Signs and Symptoms, New York State Adults, 2021](#)", presents data on the recognition of certain stroke warning signs and symptoms and of calling "9-1-1" as the first action to take in response to stroke among adults in NYS.

Stroke is the sixth leading cause of death in NYS and is a cause of significant disability, including paralysis, speech difficulties, and emotional disturbances.¹⁻³ The onset of a stroke is often accompanied by numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg on one side of the body; confusion and trouble speaking or understanding; trouble walking, dizziness or loss of balance or coordination; trouble seeing in one or both eyes; or severe headache without a known cause.

According to the report, 35.5% of NYS adults recognized all five common signs and symptoms of stroke correctly, and only 31.2% recognized all five stroke signs and symptoms and identified calling 9-1-1 as the first action to take in response to stroke. Whereas 84.9% of adults recognize sudden numbness of the face, arm or leg as a symptom of stroke, less than half of adults (49%) recognize a sudden severe headache with no known cause as sign of stroke.

Awareness of all five signs and symptoms of stroke is significantly lower among adults:

- who are male;
- who are Hispanic, Black non-Hispanic and other race or multiracial non-Hispanic;
- with household incomes less than \$50,000;
- living with a disability;
- living with diabetes;
- who have no personal doctor;
- living in New York City;
- who completed the interview in Spanish.

New York residents surveyed in Spanish were almost four times less likely to recognize all the common signs and symptoms of stroke and to know to call 9-1-1 when suspecting and responding to stroke symptoms than adults surveyed in English.

Early recognition of the signs and symptoms of stroke and use of EMS are fundamental to ensuring timely care for stroke. The current data highlight the need for health care providers and community-based organizations to translate stroke education materials to Spanish and additional languages appropriate for their communities and to educate communities of color about stroke signs and symptoms and the importance of activating 9-1-1 for stroke. This brief has been approved for public release.

Resources on stroke prevention and treatment are available at <https://www.cdc.gov/stroke/>.

New York State Stroke educational materials available in 13 languages are accessible at: <https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/cardiovascular/stroke/>

NYSDOH - BRFSS Reports (Continued)

Excessive drinking is associated with higher rates of sunburn among American adults.

Research shows when people excessively drink, they are less likely to use sunscreen. Drinking alcohol also reduces the amount of time a person can spend in the sun before their skin burns. The New York State (NYS) Department of Health (DOH) is pleased to announce the release of a new Information for Action (IFA) report '[New Yorkers who Report Excessive Drinking are Significantly more Likely to Report Sunburn](#)' in support of Melanoma and Skin Cancer Awareness Month.

The report uses 2021 data from the NYS Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System to show that:

- In NYS, men who report excessive drinking are 1.4 times as likely to experience sunburn as compared to men who do not report excessive drinking (39.6% vs. 27.6%).
- Likewise, women who report excessive drinking are 1.6 times as likely to experience sunburn as compared to women who do not report excessive drinking (40.3% vs. 24.8%).
- A higher prevalence of sunburn among adults who report excessive drinking as compared to adults who do not report excessive drinking is also observed across all racial and ethnic groups (data not pictured).

Having five or more sunburns in one's lifetime more than doubles their risk of melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer. There is growing evidence that drinking alcohol also increases the risk of melanoma. While melanoma occurs less frequently among people of color, when it does occur, it is often diagnosed at a more advanced stage. Thus, the concerns of drinking and sunburn apply to people of all skin tones.

Communicating with the public about cancer prevention behaviors and promoting policy, systems, and environmental strategies to community and government leaders are critical steps towards reducing the burden of cancer for all New Yorkers. To learn about successful sun safety policy, systems, and environmental changes implemented in NYS, visit [About Cancer Prevention In Action \(CPIA\) - Take Action Against Cancer](#).

This report has been approved for public release. Please feel free to share this information with your partners or colleagues involved in initiatives to reduce the burden of cancer and/or efforts to reduce excessive alcohol use.

See the May 25th NYSDOH press release highlighting this report: [New York State Department of Health Reminds New Yorkers to Follow Safety Precautions for Memorial Day Gatherings](#)

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

- https://health.ny.gov/statistics/prevention/injury_prevention/information_for_action
- <https://www.health.ny.gov/statistics/brfss/reports/>
- **ICYMI:** The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) is pleased to announce the release of a new report based on data from the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS). The report [Obesity Disparities in New York State](#) analyzes six years of BRFSS data (2016-2021) to present a series of maps displaying the prevalence of obesity among New York state adults for 11 geographic regions by race/ethnicity, income, and education. The purpose of the report is to increase awareness and understanding of obesity disparities in New York state. Maps in the report demonstrate a clear relationship between obesity and race/ethnicity, household income, and education. The [NYS Prevention Agenda 2019-2024](#) guides state and local efforts to improve the health of all New Yorkers and promote equity in all populations who experience disparities.

NYSDOH - BRFSS Reports (Continued)

- **ICYMI:** The New York State (NYS) Department of Health is pleased to announce the release of a new infographic based on 2020 data from the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS). This infographic is the second in a series of infographics on [Improving the Health of New York State Adults Living with Disability](#). This infographic describes disparities in selected health behaviors experienced by adults living with disability.

These reports have been approved for public release. Please feel free to share this information with your partners or colleagues. Additional IFAs and other reports on chronic disease prevention are available on the NYSDOH website:

- https://health.ny.gov/statistics/prevention/injury_prevention/information_for_action
- <https://www.health.ny.gov/statistics/brfss/reports>

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ICYMI: [The Prevention Agenda \(PA\) Dashboard](#) has been updated with the most recent data and it is now available on the NYSDOH website. The PA dashboard is an interactive visual presentation of the most current tracking indicator data to track progress of the NYS's Health Improvement Plan at state, county and sub-county levels. It serves as a key source for monitoring progress that communities around the state have made regarding meeting the PA objectives. The most current data for NYS and the PA objectives are presented for approximately 100 tracking indicators and are compared to data from previous time periods to assess the progress for each indicator.

Based on the most recent data available statewide:

- 29 (29.3%) of the 2024 objectives are met.
- 70 (70.7%) of the objectives are not being met - 18.2% of these objectives are improving, 32.3% are staying the same, 19.2% are going in the wrong direction

The following dashboards have also been updated with the most recent data available:

- [The Community Health Indicator Reports \(CHIRS\) Dashboard](#): presents data for over 350 indicators at state and county levels, is designed to be a key resource for Community Health Needs Assessment, County Health Improvement Plan, and Community Service Plan.
- [New York State Opioid Data Dashboard](#): presents opioid-related data and is a key resource for monitoring fatal and nonfatal opioid overdoses, opioid prescribing, opioid use disorder treatment, and the overall opioid overdose burden.
- [New York State Asthma Dashboard](#): presents asthma-related data for asthma prevalence, emergency room visits, hospital discharges, mortality, asthma health care utilizations and costs.
- [New York State Maternal and Child Health \(MCH\) Dashboard](#): presents state and county data for tracking measures related to the New York State's Maternal and Child Health Block Grant application and selected National Outcome and Performance measures.
- [The New York State Leading Causes of Death Data application](#): an interactive visual presentation for up to seven leading causes of all deaths or premature death.

Additionally, the following data pages have been updated:

- [County/ZIP Code Perinatal Data Profile](#): displays vital statistics data from a three-year period and includes ZIP Code based tables of commonly requested perinatal data, including teen pregnancy, birth-related outcomes, and infant deaths. Each county in the state has their own Perinatal Profile.
- [County Health Indicators by Race/Ethnicity \(CHIRE\)](#): displays incidence, hospitalization, and mortality data for several indicators by race/ethnicity. The health topics include socio-demographics, general health, birth, injury, respiratory disease, heart disease and stroke, diabetes and cancer.

Please direct questions and requests for additional information to phiginfo@health.ny.gov

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

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

NEW! May 17th: [Health Alert Network \(HAN\) - 00491 | Outbreak of Suspected Fungal Meningitis in U.S. Patients who Underwent Surgical Procedures under Epidural Anesthesia in Matamoros, Mexico \(cdc.gov\)](#)

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is issuing this Health Alert Network Health Advisory about an outbreak of suspected fungal meningitis among U.S. patients hospitalized in Texas after undergoing cosmetic procedures under epidural anesthesia in the city of Matamoros, state of Tamaulipas, Mexico. It is currently unknown which organism(s) is causing the outbreak. A fungal etiology is suspected based on elevated cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) levels of the fungal biomarker (1,3)-beta-D-glucan in at least one patient. As of May 12, 2023, five patients have been diagnosed with suspected fungal meningitis; all have been hospitalized, and one has died. All these patients received epidural anesthesia and underwent cosmetic procedures. Affected patients underwent procedures in at least two clinics in Matamoros, Mexico, including River Side Surgical Center and Clinica K-3. Other facilities might be identified through further investigation.

Healthcare providers and the public should be aware that patients who underwent medical or surgical procedures under epidural anesthesia in Matamoros, Mexico, and who have developed signs or symptoms of possible meningitis (e.g., fever, headache, stiff neck, nausea, vomiting, photophobia, altered mental status) should promptly seek evaluation by a healthcare provider and convey that medical history.

NEW! May 15th: [Health Alert Network \(HAN\) - 00490 | Potential Risk for New Mpox Cases](#)

In the United States, cases of mpox (formerly monkeypox) have declined since peaking in August 2022, but the outbreak is not over. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) continues to receive reports of cases that reflect ongoing community transmission in the United States and internationally. This week, CDC and local partners are investigating a cluster of mpox cases in the Chicago area. From April 17 to May 5, 2023, a total of [12 confirmed and one probable case of mpox](#) were reported to the Chicago Department of Public Health. All cases were among symptomatic men. **None of the patients have been hospitalized.** Nine (69%) of 13 cases were among men who had received 2 JYNNEOS vaccine doses. Confirmed cases were in 9 (69%) non-Hispanic White men, 2 (15%) non-Hispanic Black men, and 2 (15%) Asian men. The median age was 34 years (range 24–46 years). Travel history was available for 9 cases; 4 recently traveled (New York City, New Orleans, and Mexico).

ICYMI - UPDATE To February 1st: [Health Alert Network \(HAN\) - 00485 | Outbreak of Extensively Drug-resistant Pseudomonas aeruginosa Associated with Artificial Tears \(cdc.gov\)](#) — CDC

continues to investigate a [multistate outbreak](#) of an extensively drug-resistant strain of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* associated with artificial tears. CDC and FDA continue to recommend clinicians and patients stop using and discard EzriCare Artificial Tears **and two additional products made by the same manufacturer**, Delsam Pharma's Artificial Tears, and Delsam Pharma's Artificial Ointment. **Testing of unopened bottles of EzriCare Artificial Tears by FDA identified bacterial contamination**; further characterization of the contaminants is ongoing. Additional information can be found here: [FDA warns consumers not to purchase or use EzriCare Artificial Tears due to potential contamination | FDA](#)

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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Resources

A Spotlight on Rural, Frontier, and Small Local Health Departments Activities to Eliminate Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAI), Antimicrobial Resistance (AR), and Antibiotic Stewardship (AS) — Healthcare-associated infections (HAIs) and antimicrobial-resistant organisms can pose threats to the safety of patients and the overall public. Rural, frontier, and small local health departments (LHDs) play a vital role in their communities as the frontline of public health. Not only do they support community health programs, such as chronic disease prevention or vaccine drives, but LHDs also have an important role in the detection and control of healthcare associated infections (HAI), including those caused by antibiotic-resistant (AR) pathogens. Further, they can provide antibiotic stewardship (AS) education and resources in hard to reach, or resource-limited healthcare settings.

With support from CDC, the National Association for County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) conducted an exploratory survey to examine rural, frontier, and small local health departments' engagement in HAI, AR, and/or AS activities or initiatives. In-depth interviews were conducted to assess facilitators/barriers, partnerships/collaborations, and workforce capacity. NACCHO highlighted key findings from the survey in a [six-part blog series](#).

Interested learning more about the ways CDC is supporting Local Health Departments including Rural, Frontier, or Small Local Health Departments' HAI/AR/AS initiatives? Please contact PSCT_DHQP@cdc.gov.

- **ICYMI: Preparing for the Next Pandemic in the Era of Antimicrobial Resistance** — The Presidential Advisory Council on Combating Antibiotic Resistant Bacteria (PACCARB) released their [11th recommendation report \[PDF - 62 Pages\]](#), Preparing for the Next Pandemic in the Era of Antimicrobial Resistance. This report was unanimously approved and transmitted to the Secretary of HHS.
- **ICYMI: Eight Ways Health Department Leaders Can Support Effective HAI/AR Programs** — State and territorial health agency (S/THA) HAI/AR programs play a critical role for spearheading prevention, detection, and outbreak response in their communities. During the COVID-19 pandemic, HAI/AR programs led and supported healthcare infection prevention and control activities. Several significant federal investments have been made to HAI/AR programs during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. To meet the requirements of these new investments, HAI/AR programs need support from S/THA leaders and their partners. Last year, ASTHO developed a report titled [Eight Ways Health Department Leaders Can Support Effective HAI/AR Programs](#).

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Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) — Notes from the Field: First Reported U.S. Cases of Tinea Caused by *Trichophyton indotinea* — New York City, December 2021–March 2023 — This week, CDC released a [new publication](#) on the first reported U.S. cases of tinea (ringworm) caused by the recently emerged fungus *Trichophyton indotinea*. Topical antifungals and oral terbinafine (first-line treatments for tinea) are frequently ineffective against *T. indotinea* infections. Other oral antifungal drugs, including fluconazole, griseofulvin, and ketoconazole are also frequently ineffective. **Read about the five things to know about antimicrobial-resistant tinea: [CDC Expert Commentary on Medscape](#)**

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CDC Resources - Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity (COCA)

New Study about Epidemiology of Salmonellosis Among Infants

A new study from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) published in [Pediatrics](#) highlights how infants continue to experience illness and death from nontyphoidal *Salmonella* infection (salmonellosis). The [study](#) uses data from 1968–2015 to describe characteristics of gastroenteritis, bacteremia, and meningitis caused by salmonellosis among infants in the United States.

Key Findings from the Study:

- Serotype Heidelberg caused the most invasive infections among infants.
- Infants with meningitis were younger than those with bacteremia or gastroenteritis.
- Black and Asian infants have higher rates of invasive *Salmonella* infections than White infants.
- Incidence of each syndrome has gradually increased since the mid-2000s.

Little is known about the relative importance of sources or factors that contribute to *Salmonella* infections among infants in the United States. Infants and other young children have developing immune systems, so they are more likely to get sick from a *Salmonella* infection than people in other age groups. Infants who are not breastfed are also more likely to get a *Salmonella* infection. Many infants are probably exposed to *Salmonella* in the home and might become infected in the same ways as other family members, including through consumption of contaminated food, contact with contaminated surfaces, or contact with ill family members.

Because food is the major source of salmonellosis for the general population, the most effective control measure for infection of infants might be to decrease *Salmonella* contamination of food. Further research into modifiable risk factors is needed to inform prevention efforts.

Healthcare providers can refer parents with young children to "[What You Need to Know about Salmonella and Food](#)" for more information.

[COCA Now: Mpox Letter - Rochelle Walensky, MD, MPH - Director, CDC & Administrator, ATSDR](#)

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CDC Mpox Resources & Updates — During the past year, mpox was spread for the first time in the United States. Thanks to a lot of hard work by dedicated partners, there are now a handful of cases a week instead of the hundreds a day at the height of the outbreak last summer.

Without renewed vaccination and prevention efforts, spring and summer events could lead to a [resurgence of cases](#) as people gather in crowds. This is a particular concern for gatherings with high potential for skin-to-skin contact or that are associated with increased sexual activity.

CDC has updated messaging in anticipation of spring and summer events to help raise awareness of [how to prevent mpox](#) for people who are most likely to be exposed and urging clinicians to be on alert for cases of mpox in the coming months. The resources include:

- [COCA Call Mpox Update: Stay Up to Date on Testing, Treatment, and Vaccination](#)
- [Mpox infections after vaccination](#)
- [A Health Alert Network \(HAN\) Health Update](#)
- A [Medscape article](#)
- A [New England Journal of Medicine article](#) on JYNNEOS vaccine effectiveness
- Three MMWRs: JYNNEOS effectiveness in [New York](#) and [multiple jurisdictions](#), and a comprehensive article on [CDC's Domestic Mpox Response—United States, 2022-2023](#)
- Resources for community organizations and event organizers including content on [staying healthy at summer events](#), [toolkits](#), and updated Pride Month [event cards](#)

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CDC Resources (Continued)

Decline in pediatric emergency department visits and hospitalizations for unsupervised medication exposures coincide with renewed prevention efforts — [New CDC data](#) show that the estimated number of U.S. emergency department (ED) visits for unsupervised medication exposures in young children declined 45% from 2009 to 2020. The number of ED visits for unsupervised medication exposures resulting in hospitalization also declined during this period.

In response to increasing numbers of ED visits and poison center calls for unsupervised medication exposures in young children in the early 2000s, renewed prevention efforts were initiated. The CDC-led [PRevention of Overdoses and Treatment Errors in Children Taskforce \(PROTECT\)](#) Initiative, an innovative public-private partnership that aims to prevent unintentional medication overdoses in young children, implemented a 3-pronged approach to help: 1) encourage improved safety packaging; 2) standardize medication labeling to prevent errors; and 3) update safe storage educational messages. The new study found that declines in ED visits and hospitalizations for unsupervised medication exposures in young children coincided with these prevention efforts.

- To learn more about storing medications safely at home and when traveling with young children, visit CDC's [Up and Away Campaign website](#).
- To learn more about CDC's Medication Safety Program, visit [Medication Safety Program | CDC](#)

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CDC Updates COVID-19 Healthcare IPC Recommendations — With the end of the federal COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE) on May 11, 2023, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will no longer receive data needed to publish Community Transmission levels for SARS-CoV-2, which influenced the use of source control (or masking) in all healthcare settings, as well as admission testing in nursing homes.

CDC has updated recommendations in the [Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Healthcare Personnel During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 Pandemic](#). Updates include:

- Admission testing in nursing homes will be at the discretion of the facility, as it already is for other healthcare settings.
- Facilities will be encouraged to look beyond SARS-CoV-2 and make broader masking decisions based on facility-and-patient-level characteristics and local metrics that could reflect increasing respiratory virus transmission in the community.

Recently Published *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Reports (MMWRs)*:

- [COVID-19 Surveillance After Expiration of the Public Health Emergency Declaration — United States, May 11, 2023 | MMWR \(cdc.gov\)](#)
- [Correlations and Timeliness of COVID-19 Surveillance Data Sources and Indicators — United States, October 1, 2020–March 22, 2023 | MMWR \(cdc.gov\)](#)

In Case You Missed It Additional studies find no association between COVID-19 vaccination during pregnancy and miscarriage — In new studies published in [JAMA Open](#) and [American Journal of Epidemiology](#), researchers analyzed data from over 100,000 pregnancies and found that monovalent COVID-19 vaccination during early pregnancy was not associated with an increased risk for miscarriage (also known as spontaneous abortion, or loss of a pregnancy before 20 weeks' gestation). These findings reinforce the safety of COVID-19 vaccination among pregnant people.

Vaccination continues to be the most effective way to prevent severe illness from COVID-19. People who are pregnant should [stay up to date](#) with their COVID-19 vaccines. CDC will continue to monitor COVID-19 vaccine safety and provide updates as needed to guide vaccination recommendations.

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Public Health Communications Collaborative (PHCC)

ICYMI: The End of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Declaration

On May 11, the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE) declaration officially ended. Among other policy implications, the end of the PHE impacts health policy measures associated with the public's access to COVID-19 testing and treatment.

Use PHCC's [messaging resource](#) to help keep your community informed about what the end of the PHE means for your constituents, for questions to consider when communicating about COVID-19 and the end of the PHE, and additional resources. As always, [PHCC would love to hear from you](#) with insights from the field. Don't hesitate to reach out with the questions you're hearing from your constituents or learnings about messaging that is proving to be effective. [Read our Latest Resource](#)

Additional Resources on the End of the PHE Declaration

In addition to the resources highlighted in our latest messaging guidance on the end of the PHE, we've compiled the following resources to help you communicate what the end of the PHE does and *doesn't* mean for your community:

- [End of the Federal COVID-19 Public Health Emergency \(PHE\) Declaration](#): CDC
- [COVID-19 Public Health Emergency \(PHE\)](#): U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- [What the end of the COVID-19 public health emergency means for you](#): Public Good News
- [Timeline of End Dates for Key Health-Related Flexibilities Provided Through COVID-19 Emergency Declarations, Legislation, and Administrative Actions](#): Kaiser Family Foundation
- [Understanding the end of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency status](#): NPR Milwaukee

On the PHCC Radar:

Blog: [A monumental moment: End of international emergency](#) (Your Local Epidemiologist)

Advisory: [The Healing Effects of Social Connection](#) (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: Office of the U.S. Surgeon General)

Blog: [I am struggling with my mental health and what I am doing isn't working.](#) (Those Nerdy Girls)

Resource: [Achieving Environmental Health Equity: The Need and Opportunities for Public Health Action](#) (APHA)

Blog: [May is Better Sleep Month](#) (NPHIC)

ICYMI:

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

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

Johns Hopkins COVID-19 Resources

End to COVID-19 pandemic emergency phase brings focus on preparedness, response efforts for future health threats

The COVID-19 pandemic's impacts, [in the US](#) and globally, will be felt for years to come. Though the global COVID-19 emergency has officially ended, [SARS-CoV-2 continues to kill](#) at least 1 person every 4 minutes, and [questions remain](#) about how to move forward living with a dangerous virus, especially for vulnerable people and countries with less or no access to vaccines and treatments. Meantime, the world must also [prepare for the threat of new variants or other pathogens with even deadlier potential](#), WHO Director Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said recently at the World Health Assembly, calling on nations to be “ready to answer decisively, collectively, and equitably.”

Discussions about how to [ensure equitable access](#) to [medical countermeasures](#) during future pandemics are underway, as are [negotiations of a wide-reaching treaty](#) laying out new rules for dealing with pandemics. A draft document sent to member states and nongovernmental organizations this week included feedback from previous versions, as well as a clause calling on [countries with greater “capacities and resources”](#) to bear a “commensurate degree” of responsibility in global health threat preparedness and response efforts. Separately, [discussions are underway](#) to [reform the 2005 International Health Regulations](#) (IHR), which describe countries' obligations during public health events that have the potential to cross borders. Both the pandemic treaty and IHR amendments are on track to be [presented at next year's World Health Assembly](#).

In related news, the [co-chairs of the Independent Panel for Pandemic Preparedness and Response](#) and [more than 15 scientists and public health experts](#) called on G7 leaders to make specific commitments to pandemic preparedness and response at their summit in Hiroshima, Japan, last weekend. In their [communiqué](#), the leaders committed to “further enhancing political momentum toward more coordinated and sustained leader-level governance for health emergency prevention, preparedness and response (PPR) that ensures legitimacy, representation, equity, and effectiveness,” and recognized the importance of the WHO pandemic negotiations to break the cycle of panic and neglect.

Additionally, efforts to [track and anticipate the next outbreak](#) from an unknown pathogen, sometimes referred to as [Disease X](#), are ongoing. The WHO on May 20 [launched the International Pathogen Surveillance Network \(IPSN\)](#), a platform using technology to map out the genetic code of disease-causing organisms that will connect countries and regions with an aim of improving systems for collecting and analyzing samples. Though many countries scaled up their genomics capacity over the past 3 years, the IPSN will allow nations to [more efficiently share data](#) and use it to drive public health decision-making.

US debt ceiling negotiations consider takeback of unused COVID-19 emergency relief funds

The United States is rapidly approaching the date at which the government can no longer pay its bills, with Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen setting a fast-approaching [June 1 deadline](#) to avoid a potential debt default. Debt ceiling negotiations are zeroing in on several key issues, including [remaining COVID-19 relief funds](#). The potential for the redistribution of unused COVID-19 emergency money is an item of contention between US House Democrats and Republicans. Though President Joe Biden has said he is willing to consider a takeback of the remaining funds, many [congressional Democrats worry about the consequences](#) such an action would have for public health initiatives the money is intended to support, including efforts to develop vaccines and therapeutics for future SARS-CoV-2 variants and to fortify medical supplies for the Strategic National Stockpile, among others. House Republicans argue that the remaining US\$30 billion of the total US\$4.6 trillion of pandemic-related funding should be put toward

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raising the nation's debt limit because [the COVID-19 pandemic emergency is over](#). [While it seems likely](#) that the Biden administration and House Democrats will cede some of the funding, the unspent COVID-19 funds are only a drop in the bucket, dwarfed by the more than US\$31 trillion in debt the nation owes.

WHO advisory group recommends updating COVID-19 vaccines to include XBB subvariant; US FDA set to discuss vaccine composition in June

The WHO Technical Advisory Group on COVID-19 Vaccine Composition (TAG-CO-VAC) last week released new [recommendations for updating the antigen composition of COVID-19 vaccines](#). Current vaccines based on the index SARS-CoV-2 virus offer broad protection against severe disease; however, experts are recommending that [new vaccines tailored only to the Omicron XBB.1 subvariant](#), which is now the most commonly circulating strain, will improve durability and breadth of protection. Some COVID-19 vaccine producers, including Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, Novavax, and others, have [already begun research and development](#) on vaccines targeting currently circulating variants like XBB.1.

The [US FDA is set to meet in mid-June](#) to discuss next-generation vaccine composition and rollout ahead of cold and flu season in the fall. Using the influenza vaccination as a model for future COVID-19 vaccination strategies, the FDA will likely move toward recommending [once-a-year COVID-19 boosters](#) that are updated annually to match the most widespread circulating SARS-CoV-2 variant or variants. Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna are already [innovating new approaches for their vaccines](#) against COVID-19, including combination shots that could protect against multiple viral threats.

Pandemic worsened racial/ethnic disparities in health, highlighting need to confront structural inequities

Over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic, racial disparities in cases and deaths have widened and narrowed, but overall, Black, Hispanic, and American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) people in the US have [borne the heaviest health impacts of the pandemic](#). New findings renew concerns over these disparities:

- [Research from KFF](#) released earlier this week found [widening racial disparities in US life expectancy from 2019 to 2021](#), noting the trend was largely driven by COVID-19 mortality. Researchers said life expectancy declined 2.7 years overall, with decreases of 2.1 years for Asian people (85.6 to 83.5), 2.4 years for White people (78.8 to 76.4), 4 years (74.8 to 70.8) for Black people, 4.2 years (74.8 to 70.8) for Hispanic people, and 6.6 years (71.8 to 65.2) for AIAN people.
- A study published in [JAMA](#) last week examined excess deaths and years of potential life lost for the Black population of the US, compared to the White population, from 1999 to 2020. Researchers found that Black Americans have suffered 1.63 million excess deaths and more than 80 million years of potential life lost compared to White Americans. These disparities seemed to be improving until they stalled and then worsened in 2020. Heart disease was the leading cause of excess mortality.
- Black adults are more likely than White adults to suffer from [high blood pressure](#) (56% vs 48%, respectively) and less likely to have the condition under control with medication (25% vs 32%, respectively). This disparity, which is expected to worsen in the coming decades, further exacerbates COVID-19 racial disparities, as high blood pressure is listed as a contributing factor in 21.4% of COVID-related deaths among Black patients and 15.5% of COVID-related deaths among White patients.

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With the end of the public health emergency in the US ushering in the termination of several policies implemented during the COVID-19 pandemic meant to help people access care, including continuous enrollment for Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), many fear [these health disparities could widen even further](#). Federal, state, and local governments must work to raise awareness of health disparities and focus on implementing solutions that include [confronting structural inequities](#) affecting health insurance coverage and access to care, as well as other socioeconomic factors that impact health.

China experiencing new wave of COVID-19 cases due to XBB subvariants; authorities working to update vaccines

Chinese authorities are working to develop, approve, and distribute vaccines updated for the XBB subvariants, which are driving a [new wave of COVID-19 cases](#). Authorities have approved 2 new vaccines for the subvariants, with the approvals of 3-4 more expected soon. The wave of new infections is [expected to peak in June](#), with up to 65 million cases per week under the worst-case scenarios. China last faced a surge in cases over the 2022-23 winter after dropping its "zero COVID" policy, causing as much as 85% of the population to become infected. Although officials believe this wave will be less severe, public health experts are stressing the need for an [aggressive vaccine booster program](#) and ample antiviral supplies to prevent a spike in deaths, particularly among the elderly population. While some hospitals have advised precautions, and some concerts and other events have been [canceled without explanation](#), most residents are continuing life as usual.

Research into new monoclonal antibody therapies moving forward but threatened by lack of long-term investments

Treatment with a monoclonal antibody (mAb) within 2 days of a COVID-19 diagnosis [reduced the risk for hospitalization or death by almost 40%](#), according to one study. With the emergence of the Omicron variant, however, the [US FDA withdrew the emergency use authorizations](#) (EUAs) for 5 mAbs because they are ineffective due to mutations in SARS-CoV-2. Now, researchers are working to redesign antibody treatments to target parts of the virus that are less prone to mutation, [Science](#) reports. One approach involves creating antibody-like compounds that can bind to multiple sites on viral proteins simultaneously, making it harder for the virus to evade treatment. Other strategies include targeting conserved regions of the spike protein that have not changed among variants and modifying the structure of antibodies to enhance their potency.

But with the US emergency declaration expired, concerns over waning interest and lack of investment in research threaten the development of these new therapies. In April, President Biden's administration launched a US\$5 billion [Project NextGen](#) to help commercialize vaccines, mAbs, and other therapeutics, but that funding could fall victim in ongoing debt ceiling negotiations (see story above). What is clear is that long-term investments are needed for COVID-19 therapy research and development, especially for people who are immunocompromised, about 3% of the US population.

What we're reading

ORIGIN INVESTIGATIONS [The Atlantic](#) looks at the state of current scientific investigations into the origin of SARS-CoV-2, including how prior beliefs can affect data interpretation and lead researchers into heated battles. All evidence and options remain on the table, however, "the world probably won't ever get data that will conclusively end the debate."

Johns Hopkins COVID-19 Resources (Continued)

US FEDERAL PRISON RESPONSE In an analysis of nearly 1,500 pages of data, obtained through multiple Freedom of Information Act requests, [STAT provides a detailed look](#) at the US federal prison system's COVID-19 response, finding many prisons implemented substandard mitigation measures throughout the pandemic, including facilities meant to take care of the sickest incarcerated people. The article highlights 4 shortcomings, such as delays in vaccinating high-risk residents, failures to provide widespread screening testing, a lack of reliable data from the Bureau of Prisons on testing activities, and low rates of vaccine booster administration among prison populations.

AFRICA'S TRUST [Devex](#) examines the structural and systemic issues that led to a further erosion of trust among African nations during the COVID-19 pandemic and how efforts moving forward might help improve that trust. The article features comments made by Dr. Ayoade Alakija, the WHO's special envoy for the ACT-Accelerator, who spoke on the sidelines of the World Health Assembly.

WORLD HEALTH STATISTICS REPORT The COVID-19 pandemic is estimated to have resulted in nearly 15 million excess deaths in 2020 and 2021, with each resulting in an average loss of more than 22 years of life, or more than 330 million years of life lost globally, according to the WHO's [2023 World Health Statistics report](#). Though global life expectancy increased from 67 years in 2000 to 73 years in 2019, progress against many global health indicators began to slow or stagnate beginning in 2015, prior to the pandemic. The [pandemic set things back even further](#), however, overwhelming health systems and badly disrupting essential health services, the report notes. The WHO warned of the growing threats of noncommunicable diseases (NCDs), air pollution, and antimicrobial resistance but also highlighted successes, such as reductions in exposure to many health risks—including tobacco use, violence, and unsafe water and sanitation—as well as declines in new HIV infections and HIV-related deaths. Global life expectancy at birth is projected to reach 77 years by 2048, according to the report.

CANINE OLFACTORY DETECTION A meta-analysis of 27 studies published in the [Annals of Epidemiology](#) adds to the evidence that [dogs are able to detect SARS-CoV-2 in humans](#). According to the analysis, dogs have a high sensitivity of more than 80% and specificity of more than 90% in detecting SARS-CoV-2 in humans through scent. The studies tested dogs on their capacity to detect SARS-CoV-2 in various samples such as sweat, saliva, masks, and urine. In 6 studies with high-quality data, the sensitivity ranged from 82% to 97% and specificity from 83% to 100%. The researchers suggest that canine detection can be beneficial in public spaces and events, providing a relatively cost-effective testing strategy alongside other measures in controlling pandemics.

ICYMI: "THE BAT LANDS" In the first of a graphically rich [5-part series](#), *Reuters* examines areas of the world where bat habitat is being threatened by agriculture, extractive industries, infrastructure, and other development, creating ["jump zones"](#) where there is an increased risk of a bat-borne pathogen spilling over to the human population. According to the [analysis](#), these areas cover 6% of Earth's land mass, and more than 1 of every 5 people on the planet lives in an area at highest risk of bat disease zoonosis. The other 4 parts examine the [spread of the Nipah virus](#), how China's efforts to expand its economic reach are [driving deforestation and increasing the risk](#) of bat zoonotic diseases, research into bats and their habitats in the [vast Amazon rainforest](#), and efforts to [manage bat-human interactions](#) and invest in more monitoring and preparedness.

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American Public Health Association (APHA)

Check out highlights from the May issue of *The Nation's Health* and read the full issue [online](#).

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- [Public parks provide opportunities to improve public health](#) - While there is no one-stop shop for fitness and well-being, public parks come close, offering a place to nurture both. In a new report released Wednesday, the Trust for Public Land shared ways health supporters and policymakers can boost park use by promoting the health benefits of nature and green spaces.
- [Social media linked with mental health harm to children, teenagers](#) - Social media can pose a “profound risk” to the mental health and well-being of children and teenagers, according to a new advisory from the U.S. surgeon general. The May 23 advisory recommends that parents, policymakers and technology companies take “immediate action to protect kids now.”

American Journal of Public Health (AJPH)

[June 2023 – Volume 113, Issue 6 Work \(aphapublications.org\)](#)

Work-Related Inequities Before and Since COVID-19

The June issue of AJPH features a special section on the occupational dimension of public health. Select articles cover mortality inequities in the United States, workers' risk for COVID-19 by occupation and industry, and work as a fundamental determinant of health. Other articles in this issue address topics such as substance use among Asian Americans, rural-urban differences in vaccination rates and the public health workforce, decreasing survey response rates, and more.

Featured Articles:

- [To EHB-1638 or Not to EHB-1638? For Immunization Policymakers, That is the Question.](#) Targeted immunization bills that eliminate non-medical vaccine exemptions for specific vaccines (e.g., MMR) may improve public health, although they come with ethical limitations and unintended consequences.
- [State Policy Removing the Personal Belief Exemption for Measles, Mumps, and Rubella \(MMR\) School Immunization Requirement, Washington State, 2014–2022](#) Promising practices collected from over 100 high-throughput COVID-19 vaccination sites across the United States might help planning and implementation of current and future COVID-19 and other vaccine preventable disease vaccination operations.
- [Mortality Inequities: Power, Theory, and Data Considerations](#) | Jahn and Hernandez | Am J Public Health | May 18, 2023
- [Stratified Simple Random Sampling Versus Volunteer Community-Wide Sampling for Estimates of COVID-19 Prevalence](#) | Keith et al. | Am J Public Health | May 18, 2023
- [CRISPR in Public Health: The Health Equity Implications and Role of Community in Gene-Editing Research and Applications](#) | Subica | Am J Public Health | May 18, 2023

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

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Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO)

States Support Postpartum Health with Medicaid Expansions

The importance of postpartum care is crucial for the long-term health of both the birthing parent and baby. Health insurance coverage, particularly Medicaid, plays a significant role in improving maternal health outcomes by providing access to care before, during, and after pregnancy.

Recent federal legislation allows states to expand Medicaid coverage to 12 months postpartum.

Several states have already implemented this expansion, with more following closely behind.

Read more in this week's *Health Policy Update*.

[States Support Postpartum Health with Medicaid Expansions | ASTHO](#)

Turning the River Around at the Public Health TechXpo and Futures Forum | This week's premier event in Chicago has brought together leaders in public health, such as Commissioner Allison Arwady of the Chicago Department of Public Health who shared how the city tackled infectious diseases by reversing the flow of the Chicago River. This bold approach became a symbol of what public health can achieve and represents the inspiring energy of TechXpo. The event, alongside the other meetings ASTHO is hosting in Chicago, catalyzed critical connections and imparted attendees with important insights for their work. [Learn more here.](#)

Applications Open June 6 for New Public Health Leadership Grant Opportunity | Applications for the 2023-24 cohort of Public Health Regenerative Leadership Synergy (PHEARLESS), a grant and leadership enhancement opportunity based on regenerative leadership principles, will open next month. This program empowers teams of community and public health leaders to transform systems and create equitable communities. [Learn more about this opportunity here.](#)

JPHMP: Practicing Disability Inclusion in Health Agencies | Discover how to create an empowering, inclusive workplace and community that uplifts individuals with disabilities. ASTHO's Adrianna Evans, director of preparedness and disability integration, emphasizes the vital role of collaboration with the disability community to achieve true health equity in this fresh piece in the *Journal of Public Health Management & Practice*. This article provides actionable recommendations for building a foundation of accountability, trust, and understanding. [Read more here.](#)

[Technology, Workforce, Infrastructure Solutions Focus of U.S. Public Health Leaders Meeting](#)

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ASTHO Experts Present on Policy Considerations for Reducing Congenital Syphilis | ASTHO's Julia Greenspan, director of Infectious Disease Infrastructure and Policy, and JoAnne McClure, senior analyst of State Health Policy, presented on escalating Congenital Syphilis cases at the STDEngage conference in New Orleans this week hosted by the National Coalition of STD Directors. Their insights stressed the urgent need for policy changes and groundbreaking interventions. Attendees learned regional best practices to implement strategies at the state and local levels. [Read more here.](#)

ASTHO CONVENES PUBLIC HEALTH LEADERS IN CHICAGO | Next week is ASTHO's Public Health *TechXpo and Futures Forum*—one of the preeminent events addressing the future of public health infrastructure, workforce, data modernization, and health equity—but it's not the only event happening in Chicago. Along with the *TechXpo and Futures Forum*, the second [Diverse Executives Leading in Public Health \(DELPH\)](#) cohort will be celebrating their graduation, and recipients of the [Public Health Infrastructure Grant \(PHIG\)](#) will be meeting to exchange innovative ideas and experiences. There will also be a critical focus on leadership with the Executive Leadership Forum (ELF) assembling public health leaders from across the nation, and the [ASTHO Leadership Institute \(ALI\)](#) gathering state and territorial health officials. Stay tuned for further updates.

Blog: [Dengue Preparedness in the U.S. Territories and Freely Associated States](#) | ASTHO

Blog: [Four Questions with Public Health Communications Expert Kimberly Henderson](#) | ASTHO

Blog: [Centralizing Grant Management Functions: Puerto Rico's Work and Vision](#) | ASTHO

Blog: [The World That Should Be: Closing Remarks from ASTHO's 2023 Health Equity Summit](#)

Blog: [The Pillars of Future Public Health Leadership](#) | ASTHO

Blog: [Connection, Innovation, & Transformation at Public Health TechXpo & Futures Forum](#)

Blog: [Why Louisiana Doesn't Certify Community Health Workers](#) | ASTHO

Blog: [School-Based Strategies are Crucial to Supporting Adolescent Girls' Mental Health](#)

In the News: [R.J. Reynolds sues California to protect 'crisp' cigarettes from flavor ban](#)

In the News: [Major Food Industry Groups Urge Congress to Change FDA Authorities, Budget](#) | Food Safety (food-safety.com)

Report: [Making a Connection Between Health in All Policies & State Health Improvement Plans](#)

ICYMI: Blog: [Accessible Community Design to Support Physical Activity and Outdoor Recreation for People of All Ages and Abilities](#) | ASTHO

ICYMI: Blog: [How Community Health Workers Are Impacting Rural Communities](#) | ASTHO

ICYMI: Blog: [Leveraging Data Linkage to Address Adverse Childhood Experiences](#) | ASTHO

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Community Commons (CC)

- [Parks for All People: Addressing Legacies of Racism, Displacement, and Exclusion in National Parks](#)
- [Infectious Diseases](#)
- [To Build a Healthier City, Begin at the Sidewalk](#)
- [No Justice, No Peace of Mind and Body: The Health Impacts of Housing Insecurity for Black Women](#)
- [People Living in Poverty](#)
- [An Interactive View of the Housing Boom and Bust](#)
- [The U.S. Census Sees Middle Eastern and North African People As White. Many Don't.](#)
- [Centering and Celebrating Culture in Public Health](#)
- **ICYMI:** [Centering and Celebrating Culture in Public Health](#)
- **ICYMI:** [Autism - Community Commons](#)
- **ICYMI:** [Taking Action to End Gun Violence: Our Top Tools, Resources, Stories, and Data](#)
- **ICYMI:** [NPHW Toolkit | PHERN \(communitycommons.org\)](#)
- **ICYMI:** [Exploring Community-led Racial Healing Models to Deepen Partnerships between Community Development and Healthcare - Build Healthy Places Network](#)
- **ICYMI:** [Three Keys to Cross-Sector Age-Friendly Care](#)
- **ICYMI:** [Data Sharing - Community Commons](#)
- **ICYMI:** [All of Us Research Hub \(researchallofus.org\)](#)
- **ICYMI:** [Reflecting on My Mom's Death: Moving Toward A More Complex Understanding of Health, Disability, And Dying - Community Commons](#)
- **ICYMI:** [Health Data Resources - Community Commons](#)

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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.

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Council of Linkages Between Academia and Practice

• **Domain Definitions Updated for the 2021 Core Competencies** [Following the release of the 2021 Core Competencies for Public Health Professionals](#) (Core Competencies), the Public Health Foundation (PHF) has been working to develop new resources and tools to support public health professionals and organizations in using the newest version of the Core Competencies. Most recently, the domain definitions, [Core Competencies for Public Health Professionals: Domains](#), have been updated for the newest version of the Core Competencies. This tool describes the eight domains used to organize the Core Competencies representing skill areas within public health. Visit the [Core Competencies for Public Health Professionals: Domains](#) webpage to access the updated tool and share any questions with Mayela Arana at marana@phf.org.

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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! 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](#)

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Trust for America's Health (TFAH)

[Pain in the Nation 2023: The Epidemics of Alcohol, Drug, and Suicide Deaths](#)

Increases occurred among all ages, races, and geographic groups, but were particularly high for youth suicides and overdoses among certain populations of color.

The rate of U.S. deaths due to alcohol, drugs, and suicide climbed 11 percent in 2021, according to [Pain in the Nation 2023: The Epidemics of Alcohol, Drug, and Suicide Deaths](#), a new report released today by Trust for America's Health (TFAH).

A record 209,225 Americans lost their lives due to alcohol, drugs or suicide last year, and these deaths are part of a two-decade trend of sharply increasing fatalities due to substance misuse and suicide in the U.S. The 2021 data showed such deaths were up across the U.S. population, with the largest increases occurring among certain populations of color as well as people living in the South, West, and rural regions of the country. The report includes recommendations for steps federal, state, and local policymakers should take to begin to reverse the deaths of despair crisis.

Key Findings:

- Drug overdose deaths increased by 14 percent between 2020 and 2021, with larger increases among Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders, American Indian/Alaska Native people, and among youth and older adults. For the year, drug overdose rates were highest among adults ages 35 to 54, males, Black people, and young adults ages 18 to 34.
- Alcohol-induced deaths increased by 10 percent between 2020 and 2021, with the highest increases among Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders, Latino people, and American Indian/Alaska Native people.
- Suicide mortality increased by 4 percent between 2020 and 2021, with the highest increases among American Indian/Alaska Native people and Black people.
- Over the last decade, alcohol, drug, and suicide deaths among youth ages 10 to 17 increased by 65 percent. American Indian/Alaska Native and LGBTQ youth are most at risk for poor mental health and suicidal behaviors.

Recommendations:

- **Invest in Prevention:** Support programs and conditions that promote health, prevent adverse childhood experiences and provide trauma-informed services, prioritize student mental health, and strengthen crisis intervention programs, including the 988 crisis lifeline.
- **Prevent Substance Misuse and Overdose:** Back syringe service programs, increase availability of naloxone and fentanyl test strips, and expand funding for prevention programs for youth through the Drug-Free Communities Support Program.
- **Transform Mental Health and Substance Use Care:** Increase access to mental health and substance use healthcare by fully enforcing the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act, integrating mental health and substance use treatment with other healthcare services, and expanding culturally and linguistically appropriate care for populations of color and other underserved populations.

TFAH's media contact: Rhea Farberman, 202-864-5941, RFarberman@TFAH.org

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- The Food Research & Action Center's latest publication, [Community Eligibility: The Key to Hunger-Free Schools, School Year 2022–2023 report](#), found that during the 2022–2023 school year, 40,235 schools adopted the provision, which allows high-need schools to offer breakfast and lunch to all students at no charge. The report recommends taking three important steps to increase the number of schools adopting community eligibility: lower the eligibility threshold from 40 percent to 25 percent so more high-need schools are eligible; raise the multiplier that determines the federal reimbursement from 1.6 to 2.5 to make it more financially viable; and create a statewide community eligibility option to support states that are enacting [Healthy School Meals for All legislation](#).
- The National Alliance to Impact the Social Determinants of Health has published an [issue brief](#) which looks at progress in addressing social needs and SDOH over the past 5 years and lays out a vision for the next five years.
- Children's Environmental Health Network recently released its [2022 Annual Report](#). The resources track's the organizations work related to education, advocacy, clean air and water, health equity, and climate justice amongst other topics in the past year.
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- The U.S. Surgeon General released a new advisory on [Social Media and Youth Mental Health](#). This Advisory describes the current evidence on the impacts of social media on the mental health of children and adolescents. According to the resource, social media use among young people is nearly universal, with up to 95% of teenagers, and even 40% of children aged 8-12, on social media. Despite this widespread use among children and adolescents, there is not yet enough evidence to determine if social media use is sufficiently safe for them—especially during adolescence, a particularly vulnerable period of brain development.
- Recently, the White House [announced](#) new actions to address the Nation's mental health crisis as part of [Mental Health Awareness Month](#). These actions include \$200 million to scale up 988 suicide and crisis lifeline and new resources for school-based mental health services.
- CDC has released a [pre-solicitation notice on SAM.gov](#) from the Office of Readiness and Response. In December 2022, through Section 2231 of the federal authorization for fiscal year 2023, the CDC was directed to support not fewer than 10 Centers for Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response that are equally distributed among the geographical regions of the U.S. (referred to as the “network of centers”). To prepare for the establishment of this network of centers, CDC will be releasing a call for proposals to establish regional entities to develop five-year work plans that prioritize efforts to implement evidence-informed or evidence-based practices to improve public health preparedness and response, including reducing the transmission of emerging infectious diseases.

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Trust for America's Health (TFAH, Continued)

- Yesterday, the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals issued a stay in the Braidwood Management Inc. v. Becerra case, which challenges coverage of preventive services under the Affordable Care Act. This update means that the federal government can continue enforcing the preventive services requirement while the 5th Circuit considers the Department of Justice's motion for a stay pending appeal. For a more in depth summary of the case, please see this explainer from [Kaiser Family Foundation](#).
- The Office of Climate Change and Health Equity (OCCHE) has released a new resource, [Protecting Vulnerable Patient Populations from Climate Hazards: A Referral Guide for Health Professionals](#). This resource is intended to inform education and referrals in clinical settings for patients who are vulnerable to climate change's health impacts, and can be used by health and human services providers to address climate-related threats to their clients' well-being.

TFAH ICYMI:

- [EPA: Climate Change and Children's Health and Well-Being in the United States Report](#)
- [Social Connection — Current Priorities of the U.S. Surgeon General \(hhs.gov\)](#)
- [Climate Change and Human Health \(nih.gov\)](#)
- [Accelerating the Development and Uptake of Rapid Diagnostics to Address Antibiotic Resistance: Proceedings of a Workshop |The National Academies Press](#)
- [State Report Cards — Policy Center for Maternal Mental Health - Formerly 2020 Mom](#)
- The [Congressional District Health Dashboard](#) and the [City Health Dashboard](#)

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Public Health Institute

[Advancing Health, Racial Equity for Black Women, Babies & Birthing People](#) – Racism and toxic stress are root causes for racial disparities in birth outcomes. PHI's Cherished Futures for Black Moms and Babies is centering the lived experiences of Black women and birthing parents to address this ongoing maternal mortality crisis, bringing together decision-makers from local hospitals, public health departments, health plans and Black women community leaders to identify and put into action systems-change solutions at clinical, institutional and community levels. Today, about 45% of all hospital births in LA County are delivered by members who have participated in Cherished Future cohorts.

[Improving Health Outcomes & Access to Care for Children with Cancer](#) – Each year, about 13,500 children and adolescents are diagnosed with cancer. PHI's Children's Oncology Group (COG) brings together more than 10,000 experts in childhood cancer at more than 200 institutions in the U.S., Canada, Australia, New Zealand and Saudi Arabia. Each year, 80-90% of all children and adolescents diagnosed with cancer are cared for at COG member institutions and enrolled in one of COG's nearly 100 active research clinical trials. Thanks to their findings, COG research has turned children's cancer from a virtually incurable disease 50 years ago, to one with a combined 5-year survival rate of 80% today.

[Addressing Refugee Mental Health Among Afghan Youth](#) – PHI's SEHAT Initiative (SI) focuses on improving the humanitarian and health care needs of refugees. Mental health support is especially difficult for young refugees. "Children's brains are not fully developed, and they are not as resilient as their adults and they cannot process what is going on," shares PHI's Dr. Mohammed Sediq in *Comstock Magazine*.

Public Health Institute (continued)

News Articles from PHI:

PHI's CA Bridge Serves as Best Practice Model for Substance Use Navigators – Substance Use Navigators (SUNs) help to ensure that any patient who comes to an emergency room can get treatment for substance use—a condition that kills over 100,000 Americans each year. SUNs meet people where they are, building trust and addressing fears and concerns, and ultimately acting as patient advocates and recovery coaches. They also connect patients with outpatient treatment and community partners, so that they're supported with resources and care at every step in their recovery journeys. PHI's CA Bridge has been an early leader of the SUN program and has been providing guidance to Premier Health in Ohio. [Read more in Dayton Daily News →](#)

Free Access to COVID Home Tests Works, Yet Some Face Challenges – A new "Secret Shopper" report from PHI's Safely Opening Schools analyzes the effectiveness of the January 2022 federal emergency measure that requires health insurers to provide up to 8 free COVID-19 home tests a month for insured Californians. The report finds that most people who knew about their right-to-access were able to receive free tests, but many remain unaware. While the program ended earlier this month for traditional Medicare fee-for-service recipients, many people with private insurance can still access free tests until November. Medi-Cal will continue offering it, and Medicare Advantage plans and some private plans may vary. [See the press release →](#)

Challenges AAPI Youth Face in Accessing Mental Health Services – A growing number of young people are reporting mental health symptoms, and many Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) youth face barriers and challenges when accessing mental health care and services. "[AAPI] youth don't really grow up with that understanding of what mental health really is and how to access help, and how to talk about [mental illnesses] because it doesn't come up in conversations in families," said Ellen Chang with PHI's Lotus Project. [Read the full article →](#)

Black Churches Help Provide End-of-Life Care - Planning for dying and death is a conversation most Americans avoid. Due to longstanding and ongoing discrimination and racism in healthcare, Black communities may miss out on the benefits that advance care planning can provide—from giving patients a stronger voice to relieving stress on family members. PHI's County Care Alliance's Advanced Illness Care program partnered with Black churches to change this in the Bay Area—and now, recently expanded to Los Angeles. [Read the article →](#)

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Region V Public Health Training Center

- **BLOG: [Civic Health Matters to Health and Equity](#)** By Carrie Carroll, MPA, *Sustainability Strategy Leader, University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute(UWPHI)*. The UWPHI's 2023 County Health Rankings shows how public health and health care can nurture civic health.
- **BLOG: [A Win in Promoting Public Health Among Journalists](#)** By Shandy Dearth, MPH, Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health, Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis
A school of public health created a public health fellowship specifically for local journalists to offer insight into how public health operates and the challenges most often seen in Indiana when trying to strengthen public health.
- **BLOG: [A Step Forward: Anti-Racist Training in Public Health](#)** By Serena McCovery, MBA, National Network of Public Health Institutes. *By promoting a better understanding of microaggressions, bias, and diversity, public health practitioners can create more equitable workplaces and ultimately improve the health outcomes of the communities they serve.*

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New York Academy of Medicine (NYAM)

[Age-Friendly: Go Local Awardees Announced in Partnership With the Health Foundation of Western & Central New York](#)

- The Age-Friendly: Go Local initiative launched in 2022 supports neighborhood-level groups and organizations in building equitable communities through locally focused healthy aging projects.

[New Data: IMAGE:NYC, the Interactive Map of Aging Updated](#)

- The Center for Healthy Aging, in partnership with CUNY Mapping Service, has recently updated [IMAGE:NYC, the Interactive Map of Aging](#) with the latest Neighborhood Tabulation Area boundaries based on data from the 2020 census. The map includes new and updated data on aging services, health facilities, voter information, and other sociodemographics, along with new features such as a wider display and updated print options. Please check out the map, share it with your colleagues, and email us at imagenycmap@nyam.org to learn more or schedule a free training on how to use the map.

[New Work: Supporting Diversity in the Public Health Workforce](#)

- NYAM's Center for Evaluation and Applied Research (CEAR) has a new collaboration with the [National Hispanic Health Foundation](#) to support and evaluate *Recruiting and Retaining a Diverse Public Health Workforce Program*, an initiative to identify and promote innovative approaches to diversifying the public health workforce. CEAR will support the development and testing of a recruitment campaign that will use these new approaches.

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National Coordinating Center for Public Health Training (NCCPHT)

RESOURCE: PH-HERO Workforce Resource Center

The Public Health – **Hope, Equity, Resilience, and Opportunity (PH-HERO)** initiative is designed to address workforce burnout, moral injury, and aid in overall retention and recruitment efforts to support a culture of well-being and resilience within state and territorial public health agencies. PH-HERO is building upon the best available evidence for designing thriving workplaces using a trauma informed approach and equity framework.

After analysis of the existing research, assessment of needs and readiness, PH-HERO is working with five pilot state health agencies. Through a facilitated process, the pilot sites identified their workforce well-being priority actions and are participating in training from ASTHO and key partners, coaching, resource sharing, peer learning, and providing feedback. ASTHO has developed the **PH-HERO Workforce Resource Center**, a curated collection of workforce well-being resources to take action to support the public health workforce.

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Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB)

21st Century Learning Community Convening - 18 States and Counting

Last week, representatives from the [21st Century Learning Community](#) (21C) gathered in person and virtually to discuss the current status of public health transformation, share strategies and innovations amongst the learning community, and develop actionable strategies in areas related to public health systems and infrastructure. Specifically, participants:

- Shared advocacy and communications strategies.
- Dove into innovations and challenges related to the public health workforce.
- Led conversations around evaluation, performance management, quality improvement tools & more.
- Made connections with colleagues across the country.

Stay tuned for an overview of what we learned and how it can be applied to your work.

[Read about the 21C Learning Community](#)

PODCASTS

- **Region V Public Health Training Center – Ideas for Practice Podcast**
 - **NEW!** [Power and Power Analysis in Public Health](#)
- **County Health Rankings and Roadmaps - [In Solidarity](#) podcast** is back!
- **[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:**
 - [Youth Engagement Mini-Series: RCC GameChangers](#)
 - [Part 1: An Interview with Youth Activists](#)
 - [Part 2: A Coalition's Honest Journey to Centering Youth Voices](#)
- **American Journal of Public Health Podcast:**
 - **ICYMI:** [AJPH 4/2023: "VACCINATING AMERICA: THE INSIDE STORY"](#)
- **Public Health Institute Podcast:**
 - [Podcast: Flipping the Table – Food, Farming and Future series \(phi.org\)](#)
- **Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health [Public Health on Call](#) podcast**
- **["Conversations with CEI" Podcast:](#)**
 - **NEW!** [Talking to patients about Lenacapavir \(Sunlenca\); the new long-acting injectable medication for HIV - Conversations with CEI | Podcast on Spotify](#)
 - [Providing Affirming Care to Transgender Youth](#)
- **NEW Episodes!** THIS WEEK ON [PUBLIC HEALTH REVIEW MORNING EDITION](#)
 - [431: Harmful Nicotine Formulas, Wildfire Smoke Bloggers](#)
 - [430: Pandemic Recovery Tips, Data Modernization Partnerships](#)
 - [429: New Fall Prevention Guide, Debt Debate Drags On](#)
 - [428: FDA Meets on Drug Shortages](#)
 - [427: PH Equity Corps Experience, Academy to Eliminate Structural Racism](#)
 - [426: Medicaid for Post-Partum People, Women's Health Policy Statement](#)
 - [425: Data Tune-Up, ASTHO Media Playbook](#)
 - [424: People Power, Movement on Spending Bills](#)
 - [423: Teaching AI Inclusion, Adjusting COVID Stats](#)
 - [422: Loneliness Report, In-Person or Telemedicine Care](#)
 - [421: Talking TechXpo, Maternal Mortality Help](#)
 - [420: Maternal Mortality Disparities, Risk Appropriate Care Could Help](#)
 - [419: ASTHO's NC Amicus Brief, PAHPA Hill Hearing](#)
- **[ASTHO's PUBLIC HEALTH REVIEW PODCAST](#)**
 - **NEW!** [Improving Access to Risk Appropriate Care and Maternal Health Outcomes through Provider Engagement](#)
 - [Reducing STI Stigma Through Inclusive Care Strategies](#)
 - [Bridging the Gap: Ensuring Vaccine Equity for Native Communities](#)
 - [Connecting Climate Change and Health Equity in Public Health Agencies](#)

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.

June 2023

NEW! Virtual Briefing on Mental Health and Substance-Use-related Effects of Violence

Sponsored by The National Health Collaborative on Violence and Abuse

Thursday, June 1, 2023, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Health Literacy Webinar Series

Sponsored by The National Network of Public Health Institutes

June 1st, 8th, and 15th, 2023 2-3pm

[Register Here](#)

HIV 101 & Ending the HIV Epidemic in the United States

Sponsored by ASTHO

Jun 01 - 07, 2023

[Register Here](#)

NEW! National Minority Quality Forum Webinar: Sustainable Health Care Quality and Equity - Lupus Chats

Sponsored by National Minority Quality Forum

Friday, June 2, 2023, 12-1pm

[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](#)

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

[Register Here](#)

Systems Alignment to Optimize Health Services for Youth Experiencing Homelessness

Sponsored by Systems for Action

Wednesday, June 7, 2023, 12 - 1p.m.

[Register Here](#)

NEW! AFA Fireside Chat: Managing Neuropsychiatric Symptoms

Sponsored by Alzheimer's Foundation of America

Wednesday, June 7, 2023, 1-1:30pm

[Register Here](#)

Community Participation and Power

Sponsored by Mid-Atlantic Regional PHTC

Wednesday, June 7, 2023, 1-3pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Improving Population Health Through Multisector Collaboration

Sponsored by the Population Health Innovation Lab (PHIL), a program of the Public Health Institute

Part 1 Recorded May 31, 2023

Part 2, June 7, 2023, 2-3pm

Part 3, June 15, 2023, 2-3pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Green Schoolyards as a Climate Change and Health Solution

Sponsored by the Texas Children in Nature Network

Workshop is offered twice on June 7th, 3:00 and 8:00pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Strengths-based Leadership: Creating Workplaces that Work

Sponsored by Region IV Public Health Training Center

Thursday, June 8, 2023, 8:45am-12pm

[Register Here](#)

Cutting-edge Management of Hidradenitis Suppurativa (HS) in Primary Care

Sponsored by Clinical Directors Network, Inc. (CDN)

Thursday, June 8, 2023, 12-1pm

This webinar is pending for 1.0 Prescribed CME/CNE credits by AAFP

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Care Connection Webinar: Addressing Behavioral & Psychological Symptoms of Dementia

Sponsored by Alzheimer's Foundation of America

Thursday, June 8, 2023, 1-2pm

[Register Here](#)

Save the Date! Second Health Equity Council meeting of 2023

Sponsored by The Office of Mental Health

Friday, June 9, 2023, 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at 2 locations:

- New York State Department of Health, Empire State Plaza, Conference Room 5, Albany, NY
- Rochester Western Region Office, 1565 Jefferson Rd, Suite 120, Henrietta NY 14623

Registration information will be shared soon! If you cannot attend in person, but wish to participate remotely, the webcast information will be provided soon. **Questions:** omhhd@health.ny.gov.

Take a Break: Social Support for the Public Health Workforce

Sponsored by Mid-Atlantic Regional PHTC

Friday, June 9, 2023, 12-1pm

[Register Here](#)

Principles of Adult Education

Sponsored by Mid-Atlantic Regional PHTC

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

[Register Here](#)

Connections at the Capitol

Sponsored by Coalition to End Social Isolation and Loneliness, Humana's Far from Alone Campaign
Tuesday, June 13, 2023, 4:30-6:30pm U.S. Capitol Visitor Center in Washington, D.C. or virtually

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Public Health Policy 101: Creating Change at the Local Level

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

Wednesday, June 14, 2023 1-2pm

[Register Here](#)

APHA's Policy Action Institute

Sponsored by APHA

June 15-16, 2023, 9am-5:30pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! June 2023 AFPHS Training – Collecting, Analyzing, & Translating Data

Sponsored by Trust for America's Health

Thursday, June 15, 2023, 3-4pm

[Register Here](#)

Trans 101: Creating a Safe and Affirming Environment for Transgender Consumers

Sponsored by The State of New York Office of Mental Health (OMH)

Thursday, June 20, 2023, 10-11:30am | LMSW and LCSW: 1.5 contact hour

If you are located outside New York City: [Click Here to Register](#)

- ***If you're located outside New York City and have 20+ staff interested in participating,*** please email gracegerber@rainbowheights.org to ensure all staff attend the desired date.
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NEW! The Future of Public Health with Dr. Sandro Galea

Sponsored by County health Rankings & Roadmaps

Thursday, June 20, 2023, 3-4pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! The Ecosystem of Health Equity Measures: A Workshop

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

Wednesday, June 21, 2023, 11:30am - 7:30pm | Oakland, CA and virtual

[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*

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

[Register Here](#)

Partnerships for Progress: An Intro to the Vaccine Equity Project

Sponsored by ASTHO's Vaccine Equity Project

Wednesday, June 21, 2023, 1 – 2:30 p.m.

[Register Here](#)

NEW! AFA Fireside Chat: Helping Caregivers Address Neuropsychiatric Symptoms

Sponsored by Alzheimer's Foundation of America

Wednesday, June 21, 2023, 1-1:30pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! From Crisis to Care: Trauma-Informed Treatment Strategies for Supporting Afghan Refugees

Sponsored by The Lotus Project

Wednesday, June 21, 2023, 1:30-3pm

[Register Here](#)

The Aspen Ideas: Health Conference

Sponsored by Aspen Institute

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

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Persuasive Communication: Influencing Patients, Partners and the Public

Sponsored by Region IV Public Health Training Center

Thursday, June 22, 2023, 9:15am-12:30pm

[Register Here](#)

Equity Impact Reviews

Sponsored by Mid-Atlantic Regional PHTC

Thursday, June 22, 2023, 1-3pm

[Register Here](#)

Searching for a Septic Arthritis Solution using a Novel Diagnostic Tool

Sponsored by bioMérieux

Thursday, June 22, 2023, 2-3pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Examining the Working Definition for Long COVID

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

June 22, 2023 | 1 - 6 p.m.

June 23, 2023 | 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

[Register Here](#)

HIV Primary Care & Prevention Conference: Innovative Strategies in HIV Care and Prevention

Sponsored by CEI

Friday, June 23, 2023, 8:30-3:30 PM

[Register Here](#) | Questions? Contact Phoebe.Rosenheim@mountsinai.org

Sepsis Alliance Symposium: Precision Sepsis Care

Sponsored by Sepsis Alliance Institute

Friday, June 23, 2023, 12:00 - 4:30 pm

[Register Here](#) | 3.6 RN CE Contact Hours, 3 Participation Credits for other attendees

Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice: Strategic Directions

Sponsored by Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice

Friday, June 23, 2023, 12:30-2:30pm

[Register Here](#) | Contact Mayela Arana at marana@phf.org

NEW! Two-Part Workshop Series Exploring the Science on Measures of Body Composition, Body Fat Distribution, and Obesity

Sponsored by The National Academies' Roundtable on Obesity Solutions

Monday, June 26, 2023, 10:00AM - 3:15PM

[Register Here](#)

• [View Part 1 of the Workshop - Recorded April 4, 2023](#)

Defining and Evaluating In-Home Drug Disposal Systems for Opioid Analgesics

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

June 26, 2023, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

June 27, 2023, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

[Register Here](#)

Our Nations, Our Journeys 2023: Healing from the Opioid Epidemic through Strengths-based Approaches and Data Sovereignty

Sponsored by Seven Directions & NNPHI

June 27-29, 2023

[Register Here](#)

Trans 101: Creating a Safe and Affirming Environment for Transgender Consumers

Sponsored by the NYS Office of Mental Health's Office of Diversity and Inclusion

Thursday, June 29, 2023, 10-11:30am | 1.5 Contact Hours for MSW and LCSW

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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](#)

2023 NACCHO360 Conference, Elevating Public Health Practice for Today and Tomorrow

Sponsored by NACCHO & PHF

July 10-13, 2023, Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel in Colorado

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Cutting Through the Chaos: Reframing Public Health

Sponsored by Dialogue4Health Web

Tuesday, July 11, 2023, 1:30-3pm

[Register Here](#)

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](#)

NEW! Developing a Multidisciplinary and Multispecialty Workforce for Patients with Cancer, from Diagnosis to Survivorship

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

July 17, 2023 | 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. & July 18, 2023 | 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

[Register Here](#)

NEW! SEP-1 and Value-Based Purchasing: What You Need to Know to Prepare

Sponsored by Wolters Kluwer

Tuesday, July 18, 2023, 2-3pm

[Register Here](#)

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

Sponsored by *Systems for Action Individual Research Project*

Friday, July 19, 2023, 12 - 1p.m

[Register Here](#)

Fostering a Culture of Continuous Quality Improvement

Sponsored by Mid-Atlantic Regional PHTC

Tuesday, July 25, 2023, 9:30–10:45am

[Register Here](#)

August 2023

2023 National Sexual Assault Conference® Registration Opens in Mid-May!

Sponsored by ValorUS

NSAC 2023 will be held in-person in San Francisco, CA, August 22-24.

[Conference FAQs](#)

New & OnDemand Content - NYLearnsPH.com

NEW! Network Commons: Exploring Community-led Racial Healing Models

Sponsored by Build Healthy Places Network

Recorded on April 13, 2023

Enroll in LMS Course: [BHPN-20230413](#)

NEW! May 2023 AFPHS Training Complementing Existing Health Promoting Programs

Sponsored by Age-Friendly Public Health Systems (AFPHS)

Recorded on May 19, 2023

Enroll in LMS Course: [AFPHS-202305](#)

NEW! April 2023 AFPHS Training - Coordinating Existing Services & Supports

Sponsored by Age-Friendly Public Health Systems (AFPHS)

Recorded on April 20, 2023

Enroll in LMS Course: [AFPHS-202304](#)

NEW! March 2023 AFPHS Training - Connecting & Convening

Sponsored by Age-Friendly Public Health Systems (AFPHS)

Recorded on March 20, 2023

Enroll in LMS Course: [AFPHS-202303](#)

NEW! February 2023 AFPHS Training - Create & Lead Change

Sponsored by Age-Friendly Public Health Systems (AFPHS)

Recorded on February 20, 2023

Enroll in LMS Course: [AFPHS-202302](#)

NEW! January 2023 AFPHS Training - Reframing Aging: Harnessing the Power of Our Words

Sponsored by Age-Friendly Public Health Systems (AFPHS)

Recorded on January 20, 2023

Enroll in LMS Course: [AFPHS-202301](#)

Four-part Grant Writing Series from NYSACHO:

The New York State Association of County Health Officials (NYSACHO) recently hosted a Grant Writing Webinar Series, designed for local health departments to support them in applying for grant opportunities. This four-webinar series covers effective grant seeking strategies, tips for successfully applying to grants from SAMHSA, HRSA, and foundation funders. Each webinar is approximately 60-minutes.

Grant Writing Webinar #1: Effective Grant Seeking Strategies to Build Impactful Programs

- **Enroll in LMS Course:** [NYSACHO-GRANT-1](#)

Grant Writing Webinar #2: Successful Grant Seeking Strategies for SAMHSA Grants

- **Enroll in LMS Course:** [NYSACHO-GRANT-2](#)

Grant Writing Webinar #3: How to Win Funding from HRSA

- **Enroll in LMS Course:** [NYSACHO-GRANT-3](#)

Grant Writing Webinar #4: Successful Strategies for Attaining Foundation Grants

- **Enroll in LMS Course:** [NYSACHO-GRANT-4](#)

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](#)

Public Health Live! Adult Immunization Recommendations And Strategies To Improve Coverage Rates

Sponsored by UAlbany SPH

Recorded on March 29, 2023

Enroll in LMS Course: [UASPH-PHL202303](#)

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](#)

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](#)

Additional Training of Interest

NEW! Around the Table with Climate & Health Champions: 2023 Series Kick Off Event: Tell the Story

Sponsored by The New York Academy of Medicine

Recorded May 25, 2023

[View Here](#)

NEW! Navigator Focused Series: Reducing Stigma and Changing Culture

Sponsored by CA Bridge

Recorded May 25, 2023

[View Here](#)

NEW! The power of narrative to influence civic health

Sponsored by County Health Rankings & Roadmaps

Recorded May 23, 2023

[View Here](#)

NEW! Infection Prevention and Control Post COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

Sponsored by CDC Project Firstline

Recorded May 16, 2023

[View Here](#)

NEW! Modern Slavery and the Environment

Sponsored by UCTV

Recorded May 5, 2023

[View Here](#)

NEW! Congressional Briefing: Unveiling the New Maternal Mental Health State Report Cards and Policy Roadmap

Sponsored by Policy Center for Maternal Mental Health

Recorded May 4, 2023

[View Here](#)

[Webinar slides](#)

NEW! Better Data for More Equitable Public Health Research

Sponsored by Research!America

Recorded May 3, 2023

[View Here](#)

NEW! Low Back Pain Relief: What You and Your Doctor Should Know

Sponsored by UCTV

Recorded April & May 2023

[View Here](#)

NEW! Synthetic Human Embryos and Organs

Sponsored by UCTV
Recorded April 28, 2023

[View Here](#)

NEW! 14th Annual History of Medicine Night Part I

Sponsored by The New York Academy of Medicine
Recorded April 10, 2023

[View Here](#)

NEW! 14th Annual History of Medicine Night Part II

Sponsored by The New York Academy of Medicine
Recorded April 10, 2023

[View Here](#)

NEW! STOP THE BLEED® Training Course

Sponsored by CDC The Stop the Bleed Coalition
Online Course

[View Here](#)

NEW! Health Literacy

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Online Course

[View Here](#)

NEW! Infection Control Practices in Dialysis Settings

Sponsored by Sepsis Alliance
Online Course | RN CE Contact Hours Available

[View Here](#)

NEW! Environmental Management of Pediatric Asthma

Sponsored by CDC TRAIN
Online Course | RN CE Contact Hours Available

[View Here](#)

NEW! Hepatitis B Online

Sponsored by Sepsis Alliance
Online Course | RN CE Contact Hours Available

[View Here](#)

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

Sponsored by Sepsis Alliance
Online Course | RN CE Contact Hours Available

[View Here](#)

NEW! Sepsis in Children with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities: Case Reviews

Sponsored by Sepsis Alliance

Online Course | RN CE Contact Hours Available

[View Here](#)

Project Public Health Ready (PPHR)

Sponsored by NACCHO

Online course

[View Here](#)

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

Sponsored by Region V Public Health Training Center

Self-paced training

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Using PH WNS Data to Enhance Your Workforce Development Planning

Sponsored by The Region V Public Health Training Center

Self-paced training

[View Here](#)

CARTA: Artificial Intelligence and Anthropogeny

Sponsored by UCTV - University of California Television

Recorded May 7, 2023

[View Here](#)

Maternal Mental Health Report Cards

Sponsored by The Policy Center for Maternal Mental Health

Recorded May 4, 2023

[View Here](#)

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

Sponsored by Trust for America's Health

Recorded May 3, 2023

[View Here](#)

Asthma Care Coverage in 2023

Sponsored by the American Lung Association

Recorded May 2, 2023

[View Here](#)

Methamphetamine Update

Sponsored by CA Bridge

Recorded April 25, 2022

[View Here](#)

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

Sponsored by The Lotus Project

Recorded April 25, 2022

[View Here](#)

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

Sponsored by Colorado Safe Routes to School

Recorded April 25, 2023

[View Here](#)

Reimagined in America Series: Transforming Communities through Nature

Sponsored by The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Archived Episodes 1-14

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

Sponsored by Systems for Action

Recorded April 20, 2023

[View Here](#)

Project Firstline Session: Various Variants

Sponsored by HANYS

Recorded April 13, 2023

[View Here](#)

Public Health Students of African Descent (PHSAD) - 36th Annual Health Equity Conference

Keynote

Sponsored by University of Michigan School of Public Health

Recorded April 1, 2023

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A Look Inside Life-Saving Overdose Prevention Centers

Sponsored by Drug Policy Alliance

Posted March 30, 2023

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CEI announces the availability of new online accredited courses:

- [Creating an LGBTQ+ Affirming Practice for People who Use Drugs](#)
- [Body Fat Changes with Aging in People with HIV: Implications for Healthspan and Lifespan](#) [course provided by Physicians' Research Network (PRN)]
- [Update on Inflammation, Aging, and CMV Co-Infection in Treated HIV](#) [course provided by Physicians' Research Network (PRN)]

and a new Learning Module:

- [ECHO: Non-Infectious Genital Dermatoses](#)

Visit ceitraining.org today to sign-up for other training opportunities: live and online trainings, webinars, preceptorships, HIV, STD and Drug User Health ECHO sessions.



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

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

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

NEW! Title: [Evaluating and Supporting Patients with Long COVID in Returning to Work](#)

Date: Thursday, June 15, 2023

Time: 2:00–3:00 P.M. ET [Free Continuing Education](#)

NEW! Title: [Mpox Update: Stay Up to Date on Testing, Treatment, and Vaccination](#)

Date: Thursday, May 18, 2023

NEW! Title: [Updated Recommendations for COVID-19 Vaccine Use](#)

Date: Thursday, May 11, 2023

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

Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2023

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

Date: Thursday, February 23, 2023

2020 (Current) Versions of Mandated Continuing Ed Programs (CEPs) for

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Designed specifically for PHEds, PHN2s and SPHNs working at NYS Local Health Departments (LHD)

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Questions?: Email edlearn@health.ny.gov or call 518-473-4223 and speak with Tom Reizes or Abbey Greenbaum.

The **Strategic Skills Training Series** developed by the **Region 2 PHTC** aims to help prepare public health practitioners to develop the practices and competencies associated with being a Chief Health Strategist. The modules in this series use the community health improvement planning process to introduce you to the basics of the four strategic skills areas. The first set of modules have been developed at the introductory level; subsequent parts of the series build on these foundational modules.

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

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

Region 2 PHTC – Recent Log-in2Learn Webinars:

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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-L2L202301](#)