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Welcome to the **June 2024** issue of the Aware Prepare (AP) Update. The AP is your monthly guide to upcoming trainings related to preparedness, readiness, and response. These trainings may be provided in one or more of the following formats, including: live webcasts, webinars and in-person training; archived webcasts, webinars and On-Demand eLearning on the www.NYlearnsPH.com Learning Management System.

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[Governor Hochul Unveils Application Guidelines for More Than \\$11 Million in ConnectALL Funding to Expand Broadband Access Ahead of Application Launch Later This Month](#)

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[Governor Hochul Announces \\$10 Million Grant Funding to Support Efforts to Reduce Domestic Terrorism and Targeted Violence](#)

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[On the Two-Year Anniversary of Tops Shooting, Governor Hochul Highlights Resources to Address Trauma and Mental Well-Being in East Buffalo](#)

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[Governor Hochul and National Weather Experts Recognize Hurricane Preparedness Week in New York State](#)

- [Spanish Translation](#)

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ICYMI: NYSDOH - Select Public Health Preparedness & Related Press Releases

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- [New York State Department of Health and Office for the Aging Hold Town Hall At LGBT Community Center In New York City to Receive Public Input On Master Plan for Aging](#)
- [Governor Hochul Encourages New Yorkers to Be “Air Quality Aware” This Summer](#)

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- [Governor Hochul Issues Proclamation Designating June as Gun Violence Awareness Month in New York State](#)
- [New York State Department of Health Issues Public Health Alert for Carfentanil Detected In Drug Samples From Central New York](#)

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- [New York State Department of Health Recognizes National Gun Violence Awareness Month](#)

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- [Governor Hochul Announces Agreement With Kaleida Health and Brooks-TLC Health Systems to Build New Hospital in Chautauqua County](#)
- [Media Advisory: New York State Drinking Water Quality Council to Meet on June 17, 2024](#)
- [Air Quality Health Advisory Issued for Long Island Region](#)

May 31, 2024

- [New York State Department of Health to Celebrate Pride Month At Events Across New York State](#)

May 29, 2024

- [New York State Department of Health and New York State Office for the Aging Hold Town Hall Meetings In Western New York On Master Plan for Aging to Receive Public Input](#)

May 24, 2024

- [State Department of Agriculture Shares USDA Recommendations to Minimize Influenza Transmission at Dairy Cattle Livestock Exhibitions](#)

May 23, 2024

- [Governor Hochul Highlights Over \\$120 Million for Local Water Infrastructure Projects Across New York State](#)
- [New York State Department of Health Encourages New Yorkers to Follow Safety Precautions Memorial Day Weekend](#)

May 22, 2024

- [New York State Department Of Health and Office For The Aging Hold Town Hall In New York City To Outline the Master Plan For Aging and Receive Public Input](#)
- [Air Quality Health Advisory Issued for Lower Hudson Valley Region](#)

May 21, 2024

- [New York State Department of Health Recognizes National EMS Week](#)
- [New York State Department of Health Announces Awards From Opioid Settlement Fund to Organizations to Advance Harm Reduction Objectives to Priority Populations](#)

For a full listing of all NYSDOH Press Releases from 2024 including the many updates with respect to ongoing air quality issues statewide, visit: health.ny.gov/press/releases/2024/.

New York Public Health Now Podcast

ICYMI: New York Public Health Now Podcast: [The NYC Care Model: Dr. Ted Long Discusses Providing Universal Access to Primary Care in New York City](#) MAY 01, 2024, SEASON 2 EPISODE 9

In the season 2 finale of New York Public Health Now, Commissioner McDonald and Executive Deputy Commissioner Morne welcome Dr. Ted Long from NYC Health + Hospitals to discuss expanding access to primary care through the NYC Care program.

Dr. Long views healthcare as a basic human right and shares how the NYC Care program provides universal healthcare access regardless of ability to pay and immigration status, with positive health outcomes including improved control of chronic conditions like diabetes and high blood pressure.

If you have an idea for topics, please let us know: PublicHealthNowPodcast@health.ny.gov

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Health Alert Network (HAN)

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

NEW! 0508 – 05/20/2024

[Meningococcal Disease Cases Linked to Travel to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia \(KSA\): Ensure Pilgrims are Current on Meningococcal Vaccination](#)

0507 – 04/23/2024

[Adverse Effects Linked to Counterfeit or Mishandled Botulinum Toxin Injections](#)

0506 – 04/05/2024

[Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza A\(H5N1\) Virus: Identification of Human Infection and Recommendations for Investigations and Response](#)

NEW! June 7, 2024 **ESSENTIALS FOR TEACHING INFECTION CONTROL**

The [American Hospital Association](#), in partnership with CDC's Project Firstline and the [League for Innovation in the Community College](#), developed Essentials for Teaching Infection Control, a free [five-video series](#) and [instructor's manual](#) to help teach or enhance existing infection control curricula. The full series of informative videos is now available!

Stories of Care podcasts are presented by AMA and CDC's Project Firstline:

- In the episode, "[Fighting Stigma Associated with Infectious Diseases](#)" of the Stories of Care podcast by AMA and CDC's Project Firstline, infectious diseases physician Dr. Hardy, shares his firsthand experience with the HIV epidemic and mpox outbreak, which disproportionately affected the gay and bisexual community. For highlights from the episode, you can also read this [listicle](#) discussing the impact stigma can have on patient care, particularly when it comes to infectious diseases.
 - In the episode "[The Long Road: LTACHs and IPC Challenges](#)" of the Stories of Care podcast by AMA and CDC's Project Firstline, Dr. Lewis emphasizes the need for relationship building, as well as dialogue and resource advocacy to strengthen infection prevention in long-term acute care hospitals. Listen in to discover more about his views on improving communication and collaboration in health care.
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May 30, 2024 Healthcare Quality and Worker Safety Information

Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) — Early Safety Findings Among Persons Aged ≥60 Years Who Received a Respiratory Syncytial Virus Vaccine — United States, May 3, 2023–April 14, 2024 — A new *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR)* highlights safety findings for two respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccines licensed in May 2023 by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for adults 60 years and older.

Early findings from reports made to the [Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System \(VAERS\)](#) and [V-safe](#) suggest that the safety of GSK and Pfizer RSV vaccines is consistent with vaccine safety data seen in clinical trials among adults 60 years and older, including the observance of a higher-than-expected number of verified cases of Guillain-Barré syndrome (GBS). In February 2024, based on these early data, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and CDC determined

that the benefits of RSV vaccination, in terms of preventable hospitalizations and deaths, outweigh the potential risk for GBS, especially among older adults at increased risk of severe RSV disease.

CDC currently recommends clinicians discuss RSV vaccination with their patients 60 years and older about whether they would benefit from RSV vaccination. You can learn more here: [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report \(MMWR\)](#).

***In Case You Missed It* The Global AMR Diary to Ignite Awareness and Catalyze Action to Shape Policy and Saves Lives** — The Partnership to Fight Infectious Disease (PFID) and a collective of influential global health leaders, including public and private health organizations, recently announced the launch of [The Global AMR Diary](#), an online platform created to raise awareness of the escalating crisis of antimicrobial resistance (AR or AMR) through the power of storytelling.

The Global AMR Diary launch date of May 7 was chosen to coincide with the publication of [Diary of a Dying Girl](#), by Mallory Smith, who died from a superbug infection in 2017. Her deeply personal writings provide a powerful narrative arc, illustrating the devastating impact of antimicrobial resistance through the intimate lens of her day-to-day struggles. [The Global AMR Diary](#) seeks to leverage the emotional and impactful narrative of Mallory's life to encourage more patients, families, and healthcare professionals to document their personal encounters with antimicrobial resistance.

Individuals are invited to share their stories with #GlobalAMRDiary to amplify their voices and experiences. To contribute and read other stories, please visit: [Global AMR Diary](#).

Earn free CE with April [CDC Learning Connection](#) featured trainings!

- Climate change is a cross-cutting public health issue. Learn how climate change impacts the health of local communities and how public health departments can address it with CDC's [Climate and Health](#) training.
- Federal funding can be difficult to navigate. Take this CDC [Federal Grants Management](#) training to learn about federal grants and cooperative agreements and how to manage them.

[Sign up](#) for the CDC Learning Connection newsletter to stay informed about quality public health trainings from CDC and partners.

Public Health Communications Collaborative (PHCC)

NEW! June 6, 2024

Register for Upcoming Webinar: [“Engaging the Media to Amplify Public Health Messaging.”](#) on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, at 1:30 pm. Learn more about:

- Understanding the journalistic approach and how public health priorities get media coverage.
- Handling media interviews, including preparing talking points, staying on message, and navigating tough questions.

Building and maintaining relationships with journalists to become a trusted source.

The CALM Approach to Communicating in Times of Uncertainty

Communicating in uncertain times can be challenging, especially if you are a public health communicator. That's why we developed the [CALM Approach to Communicating in Times of Uncertainty](#). Download this new resource and use it to proactively connect with your audience, acknowledge what you know and what you don't, prioritize individual choice, and maintain consistency, composure, and commitment in your messaging.

[Download the CALM Approach](#)

Business Leaders: Protect Your Employees' Health and Wellness This Summer

Extreme heat directly impacts people's health and productivity. According to the Health Action Alliance, while 62% of U.S. workers are concerned about the climate's impact on their health (or have already been affected), only 17% of business leaders feel prepared to address the problem. Get ahead of the heat by joining the Health Action Alliance for [a virtual summit](#) on Wednesday, June 12 at 1:00 pm ET / 10:00 am PT. Through interactive discussions with a distinguished panel of health and science experts and business leaders, you'll learn more about the impact of extreme heat on employee health and leave the summit with actions you can take to protect your workforce during the hot summer months.

[RSVP to the Summit](#)

On Our Radar

- Article: [US 'Underprepared' for Bird Flu Outbreak, Epidemiologists Warn](#) (Newsweek)
- Resource: [Extreme Heat Safety Social Media Toolkit](#) (Ready.gov)
- Blog: [Find the Trusted Messengers](#) (Your Local Epidemiologist)
- Event: [The 8th Annual National Summit for Health Communication](#) (Society for Health Communication)
- Blog: [To Improve The Public Health Workforce's Mental Health, We Must Look Upstream](#) (de Beaumont) Blog: [Infusing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Into State Public Health Agencies](#) (ASTHO)
- Article: [What the Pandemic Can Teach Us About Building a Resilient Public Health Workforce](#) (Deloitte)
- Article: [What to Know About COVID FLIRT Variants](#) (Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health)
- Podcast: [How to Build a Resilient Public Health Workforce](#) (America Dissected)
- Podcast: [Moving Forward: Battling Disparities and Inequities in Public Health](#) (This is Public Health)

More from PHCC

- Communications Tool: [The Public Health Communicators Guide to Accessible Social Media](#)
- Talking Points and Answers to Tough Questions: [H5N1 Bird Flu](#)
- Communications Tool: [Culturally Driven Public Health Communications](#)
- Communications Tool: [Plain Language for Public Health](#)
- Communications Tool: [Plain Language for Public Health Checklist](#)
- Messaging Resource: [Building Trust in Public Health](#)
- Webinar: [Developing and Producing Videos to Expand Public Health Messaging](#)
- [Answers to Tough Questions About Public Health](#)

To get the latest updates, misinformation alerts, and resources from the Public Health Communications Collaborative and our partners, visit our [website](#).

Healthcare Quality Resources

RESOURCE LIBRARY

[Understanding The Joint Commission Standards](#) Learn about key changes to the infection control requirements established by The Joint Commission, strategies for implementation, and resources and tools to empower your organization to be ready for the new standards by July 1, 2024.

Johns Hopkins University - Health Security Decoded

June 6, 2024 [US H5N1 dairy herd outbreak grows; mass die off of sea mammals shows evidence of virus mutations enabling efficient mammal-to-mammal transmission, preprint study shows](#)

Following last week's [confirmation of a third human case](#) of highly pathogenic avian influenza A (HPAI) H5N1 in a [US dairy farm worker](#), news media have covered several developments related to H5N1:

- On June 5, [Iowa](#) became the [10th US state](#) to report an outbreak of H5N1 in a dairy herd. Iowa only last week reported its first recent detection of the virus in a flock of more than 4 million egg-laying hens. Genetic analysis showed that virus is the same clade—2.3.4.4b—that is infecting dairy cattle. The US has confirmed H5N1 outbreaks in [at least 84 herds in 9 other states](#) since March 25.
- The [White House has not yet reached out](#) to Capitol Hill lawmakers for additional resources to address the growing outbreak. [Some experts fear the US government is making mistakes](#) in its response, specifically by not conducting more widespread testing of cattle and humans with direct contact with infected animals. Federal officials say the [risk to the general public is low](#), but public health scientists are concerned that the [virus could evolve](#) to [efficiently spread](#) among humans.
- [Many questions remain to be answered](#) surrounding what is happening on affected dairy farms, among cows and workers and with the virus itself. The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), part of the US NIH, this week released its [research agenda for H5N1](#), focusing on 4 objectives, including understanding the virus's biology, developing prevention strategies, advancing therapeutics, and supporting diagnostics.
- The US government is working with influenza pandemic preparedness partners to [fill and finish nearly 5 million doses of an avian flu vaccine](#), which will be completed later this summer. In related news, [Finland is preparing to offer vaccination](#) against another avian flu strain, H5N8, to a limited population including poultry farmers, veterinarians, fur farm workers, and researchers who work with the virus.
- A national wastewater surveillance system this week launched a [dashboard](#) to track H5 avian influenza data. When it launched on June 3, WastwaterSCAN showed [detections in about a dozen locations](#), mainly in Texas and

- [Milk from cows infected with avian flu](#) contains enormous amounts of viral particles, which can survive for hours in splattered milk, new preprint data show. The findings provide additional evidence that milk and milking equipment likely are driving transmission among cows, to other animals, and possibly to humans. In studies, when mice consumed infected raw milk, they showed signs of illness, suggesting the consumption of [raw milk could pose a risk of H5N1 transmission to people](#). Experts urge the public to consume only milk that has undergone pasteurization, which [inactivates influenza A viruses including H5N1](#) and is a cornerstone of food safety. Nevertheless, lawmakers in several states are in the process of moving legislation that would [legalize the commercial sale of raw milk for human consumption](#) within their borders.
- The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) is allowing the [bulk testing of milk supplies](#) before gaining approval to ship cows across state lines. The move is aimed at expanding testing and lowering the economic burden for farmers, but some experts warn bulk tests may be insufficient.
- The USDA listed [data showing 11 house mice infected](#) with H5N1 in New Mexico—where several dairy herds are infected with the virus. The concern is that [mice live in close proximity to humans](#) and could pose a risk of transmission.
- The 2022-2023 mass die off of South American elephant seals due to H5N1 occurred because the [virus acquired nearly 20 mutations](#) that allowed it to spread more efficiently among mammals and cause more severe disease, according to a [preprint study](#). The research team's combined ecological and phylogenetic data support the first evidence of multinational mammal-to-mammal transmission of H5N1 viruses ever observed. They also found evidence suggesting the virus jumped from sea mammals back into birds. The findings support concerns that H5N1 viruses are [becoming more flexible and adapting to mammals](#).

WHO member states approve critical amendments to International Health Regulations, extend negotiations on pandemic agreement

On June 1 at the 77th World Health Assembly (WHA) in Geneva, WHO member states [approved wide-ranging and critical amendments to the International Health Regulations \(IHR\)](#), which were last changed in 2005. The IHR is a legally binding global treaty that obligates countries to monitor for potential disease outbreaks and public health emergencies of international concern, requiring them to detect, assess, and report such threats to WHO. The amendments aim to strengthen global preparedness, surveillance, and response to public health emergencies, including pandemics. [Key changes](#) include:

- Introducing a [definition of "pandemic emergency"](#) to trigger enhanced international collaboration for widespread outbreaks that have or are at risk of becoming a pandemic or causing significant health, social, or economic disruptions.
- Establishing a commitment to solidarity and equity on strengthening access to medical countermeasures and their financing, including the establishment of a Coordinating Financial Mechanism.
- Creating a States Parties Committee and National IHR Authorities to facilitate implementation, coordination, and cooperation among countries.

The amendments are seen as fortifying the cornerstone of international health law and providing a foundation for finalizing the separate pandemic agreement. Member states agreed to prolong the pandemic agreement negotiations for

2025 WHA or earlier. Sticking points in those talks continue to be centered around a [pathogen access and benefits sharing \(PABS\) mechanism](#).

US FDA advisory committee recommends updated COVID shots target JN.1 Omicron subvariant; US sees slight uptick in COVID activity, driven by JN.1 offshoots

The US FDA's vaccine advisory committee this week [unanimously voted](#) to recommend updating COVID-19 vaccines to [target only the JN.1 Omicron subvariant](#) for the 2024-2025 season. While JN.1 is no longer the dominant variant—having been [overtaken by its offshoots including KP.2, KP.3, and KP.1.1](#), the so-called [“FLiRT” variants](#)—the independent advisors reasoned that a JN.1 vaccine would still provide robust [protection against the closely related circulating variants](#), based on [available data](#). The endorsement would [allow Novavax to offer its protein-based vaccine](#) alongside the mRNA shots from Pfizer and Moderna, providing an option for individuals who are unable or unwilling to receive mRNA vaccines. The manufacturers said they could have their respective JN.1 vaccines ready by August or earlier. The FDA is expected to [formally recommend](#) a variant target for vaccine makers in the coming weeks, and then the US CDC’s immunization advisory panel will [determine who should get another vaccine](#). The indicators CDC uses to track COVID-19 activity, including wastewater data, show [small increases from very low levels](#), which experts say is expected as the [virus continues to circulate](#) and evolve. [Symptoms remain the same](#): congestion, sneezing, headaches, fatigue, muscle aches, nausea, or vomiting.

May 30, 2024 Officials announce third human case related to avian flu outbreak in dairy cows; US government close to finalizing deal to fund late-stage trial of mRNA vaccine

A third human case related to the ongoing H5N1 avian influenza outbreak among dairy cows has been detected in a Michigan dairy farm worker, state health authorities confirmed today. The individual—who, notably, had [respiratory and eye symptoms](#)—was in close contact with infected cows. The person worked on a different farm from the one where another previously infected worker was identified. The presence of respiratory symptoms increases the possibility of onward transmission, although there are [still no signs of human-to-human transmission](#) related to these cases.

Last week, the US CDC said it is [preparing for the “possibility of increased risk to human health”](#) from highly pathogenic avian influenza A(H5N1). Since first being detected in dairy cows in March, the [virus has infected](#) at least 67 herds in 9 US states (Texas, New Mexico, Kansas, Colorado, Idaho, South Dakota, Michigan, Ohio, North Carolina) and 3 dairy farm workers exposed to sick cows in 2 states (Texas, Michigan).

[Genetic analysis](#) of the HPAI A(H5N1) virus isolated from the first human case in Michigan shows one notable change that is known to be associated with viral adaptation to mammalian hosts. That change—which results in enhanced viral replication and disease severity in research involving mice—has been detected in 99% of dairy cow sequences. The remainder of the genome was also very closely related to cow sequences, [suggesting cow-to-human transmission](#). So far, genomic analysis of both human cases supports CDC’s assessment that the human health risk remains low.

Experts believe the [case count of infected humans](#) is almost certainly higher and expect more cases to be identified as surveillance expands (as happened today). Dairy and other farm workers are at the highest risk of infection; however,

farms are not facilitating precautions such as [using personal protective equipment \(PPE\)](#). A [preprint study](#) published last week found [H5N1 can persist and remain infectious](#) for long periods of time in unpasteurized milk on milking equipment.

Gaining cooperation and trust from frontline farm workers—and facilitating access to testing—is vital to better [understanding of how and when spillover](#) infections occur. Last week, the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) [expanded financial support](#) for dairy farms to develop and implement biosecurity plans, including screening milk supplies; pay for veterinary costs related to animal testing; compensate eligible farms for lost milk production; and [pay farm workers](#) who agree to give blood and nasal swab samples to CDC. Experts say incentives like these can help, but a core piece of the response should include finding, equipping, partnering with, and supporting people who can act as [trusted messengers](#) within these communities.

The [best defense against avian influenzas](#) is the development of effective vaccines, according to a [new review](#). The US government is [nearing a deal](#) to fund a late-stage clinical trial of [Moderna's mRNA avian flu vaccine \(mRNA-1018\)](#). An announcement on the funding, which would come from the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA), could be announced as soon as June and likely would include a promise to purchase doses. The US government is working to [fill and finish about 4.8 million doses](#) of CSL Seqirus's avian flu vaccine and is also in ongoing discussions with Pfizer. [European officials are in talks](#) to acquire CSL's vaccine. Results from a [promising preclinical study](#) of an investigational mRNA vaccine targeting the H5N1 clade widely circulating were [published last week](#).

Other recent developments related to H5N1 include:

- Mice that were fed raw milk from dairy cows infected with H5N1 became severely ill, with [high levels of virus in their respiratory organs](#), according to a [study](#) published last week. The research demonstrates that consuming raw/unpasteurized milk contaminated with H5N1 [poses an infection risk to humans and other mammals](#).
- [Traces of H5N1 were detected](#) in muscle tissue samples taken from a culled dairy cow during routine food safety testing. While the [meat did not enter the food supply](#), this marked the first time the virus has been found in beef from an infected animal, raising potential food safety concerns. All meat should be [cooked properly](#), health authorities urge.
- The detection of HPAI avian flu at a major egg farm in Iowa is leading to the [culling of 4.2 million chickens](#). Since the US HPAI outbreak began in 2022, [more than 92 million birds have been killed](#) in efforts to stop the virus from spreading. Iowa accounts for around 12% of the nation's egg-laying hens. Experts have raised concerns that widespread [impacts on egg supplies could harm influenza vaccine production](#), which uses egg-based manufacturing.
- Alpacas on a farm in Idaho were confirmed to be infected with H5N1, marking the [first detection](#) of the virus in this species. [Poultry on the farm were previously infected](#) with the virus.

World Health Assembly working to decide timeline, process for ongoing pandemic agreement negotiations after failing to reach deadline, to reach consensus on IHR amendments

After more than 2 years of negotiations, [WHO member states failed to reach consensus](#) on several critical issues in the

began on May 27. While most of the draft text is agreed upon, divergent views remain, particularly on the proposed [pathogen access and benefits sharing \(PABS\) mechanism](#), which aims to ensure that the sharing of pathogen data would enable equitable access to any resulting medical countermeasures. Another [area of contention is financing](#), including whether to establish a dedicated fund or use existing resources such as the [Pandemic Fund](#).

But hope is not lost. [WHO Director-General Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus](#), [Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention Director-General Dr. Jean Kaseya](#), and [US officials, including Secretary of Health and Human Services Xavier Becerra](#), all expressed optimism that member states will eventually reach an agreement.

The [timeframe for doing so, however, is undetermined](#). The Africa region expressed its desire to reach consensus by the end of this year at a special meeting of the WHA, while the US and others pushed for an [extension of negotiations for at least 1 year](#) to address “[complex technical issues](#).” Notably, if former President Donald Trump wins the US presidential election in November, [his administration very likely will not support](#) any ongoing negotiations and would [again withdrawal from WHO](#).

The draft agreement negotiations have been [plagued by vast amounts of misinformation and disinformation](#), including false claims that the treaty would give WHO authority to impose lockdowns or force vaccinations. In many countries, including the US and UK, discussion surrounding the treaty have [become politicized](#) over [unfounded concerns about threats to national sovereignty](#); however, the draft text reaffirms states’ sovereignty “in addressing public health matters” and “over their biological resources.”

Parallel negotiations to update the [International Health Regulations \(IHR\) appear to be moving forward](#). Several western nations, including France, Norway, Ireland, and the US, called for a deal on IHR amendments to be reached this week. The [IHR updates include proposed additions and revisions](#) to issues pertaining to defining and communicating health emergencies, obligations regarding “health products,” financing, and implementation and compliance. Because the IHR updates include mention of a pandemic agreement, and vice versa, some nations, including Uganda and Tanzania, are pushing for both the IHR updates and pandemic agreement to be handled together.

A [new WHA drafting committee](#) met this week to determine a process for adopting both measures and could report back to the WHA as soon as today.

[New webpage outlines Center for Health Security’s work on intersection of AI, biotechnology](#)

The convergence of artificial intelligence and biotechnology (AIxBio) has the potential to yield extraordinary benefits as well as serious risks. A new webpage presents the [Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security’s work on AIxBio](#), including reports, policy documents, event summaries, and news.

AI technologies could revolutionize how healthcare is organized and delivered, how medicines and vaccines are developed, how diseases are diagnosed, and the speed with which new outbreaks are detected. However, new AI models could also increase the risk of high-consequence accidents or misuse of biology and the life sciences. Therefore, balancing the potential benefits of AI in public

health, biosecurity, and healthcare and the narrow subset of high-consequence dual-use risks is crucial.

By conducting research and providing evidence-based recommendations, the Center for Health Security hopes to assist policymakers and other stakeholders address these challenges proactively, enabling the world to harness the full potential of AI in biotechnology while safeguarding against potential threats to health security. Visit Here: <https://centerforhealthsecurity.org/our-work/aixbio>

May 23, 2024 - Second human case of H5N1 linked to outbreak among US dairy cows reported in Michigan; federal officials, other groups announce efforts to produce vaccines, expand surveillance

A [second human case](#) of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) A(H5N1) associated with the ongoing multistate outbreak among dairy cows has been [identified in Michigan](#). The first case was reported in Texas in April. The Michigan case, a farmworker who had [regular contact with dairy cows](#) infected with H5N1, marks the [third human H5N1 case ever reported in the US](#). Michigan, 1 of 9 US states reporting outbreaks in dairy cows, has [reported the most herd outbreaks \(19\) of any state](#).

The patient experienced a mild eye infection, similar to the Texas case, and has recovered. An initial nasal swab collected from the patient tested negative, but an eye swab tested positive for H5N1. The negative nasal sample [reduces but does not eliminate](#) the likelihood of respiratory route transmission, a US CDC official said.

Risk assessment for general public remains low

The [risk to the general public remains low](#), according to the CDC; however, the agency recommended people with exposure to infected or potentially infected cows, poultry, or other animals take recommended precautions and [report any symptoms, even if mild](#), to local health officials.

Additional genetic sequencing and analyses of the clinical specimen from the Michigan case are underway. Those tests will look for any changes to the virus that could alter the CDC's risk assessment. Tests on the viral sample from the dairy farmworker in Texas showed the virus had mutated to become [better adapted to mammalian cells](#). It is possible that the virus developed that specific mutation only in that case, but experts remain concerned and agree that the virus is inching toward becoming more transmissible among humans.

*"It's [likely that there will be several cases](#) that emanate from exposure to infected cows and their milk amongst farmworkers." – **Center for Health Security Senior Scholar Dr. Amesh Adalja***

Stepped up surveillance needed to fill gaps

[Gaps in data](#) about where animal—and possibly more human—infections are happening have been apparent since US authorities [first reported the outbreak in late March](#), an estimated 4 months after researchers say the virus jumped from a wild bird to a single dairy cow. Since then, the virus has been detected in 52 herds in 9 states. But many experts say a [dearth of epidemiological and genetic data](#) is hampering an

The CDC this week asked state and local health authorities to [maintain high levels of influenza surveillance](#) efforts through the summer to watch for any signs of human-to-human H5N1 transmission, which so far has not been detected. US states and territories [abilities to detect and monitor people exposed](#) to H5N1 and deploy treatments or vaccines, as needed, vary widely, according to the results of a survey published in [JAMA](#).

Also this week, [KFF released a report](#) on the [demographics of farmworkers](#), showing a significant number are uninsured, live in lower-income households, and are more likely to have lower English proficiency than other workers. These challenges complicate efforts to lower exposure risk and health threats posed by H5N1 among dairy farmworkers but could be mitigated by using tailored outreach approaches.

Wastewater monitoring for H5 influenza to scale up

Notably, dairy, poultry, and [egg producers](#) have already felt the [economic consequences](#) of the H5N1 outbreak, hence [widespread reluctance](#) among dairy farms to test their cows and workers. However, this reluctance is contributing to a lack of knowledge about the outbreak. Wastewater surveillance can help gain a better picture of where and how much a virus is spreading to provide a type of early warning system, but there are [varying levels of resolution](#).

The recently launched [CDC wastewater monitoring dashboard](#) provides the broadest view, detecting influenza A, which covers a wide range of flu viruses including H5N1, H2N3, and [H1N1](#). WastewaterSCAN, a disease surveillance partnership among Stanford University, Emory University, and Verily Life Sciences, uses the next level of focus to look for the H5 gene. That team is [scaling up its H5-specific testing of sewage samples across 190 sites in 36 states](#). Finally, the Texas Epidemic Public Health Institute (TEPHI)—which [first detected H5N1 in Texas wastewater on March 4](#)—is taking a granular approach, watching specifically for H5N1 and any potential genome mutations.

Other efforts are looking into the possibility of [analyzing commercially purchased milk products](#) to check for the presence of H5N1 RNA. So far, [no viable virus](#) has been found in retail milk samples, according to the US FDA.

Federal officials move forward to produce H5 vaccine doses

Officials with the HHS Administration for Strategic Preparedness & Response (ASPR) said they are moving forward with a plan to [fill and finish 4.8 million doses of H5N1 vaccine](#), in case it is needed. The vaccine, which will take a couple months to put into multidose vials, is from the National Pre-Pandemic Influenza Vaccine Stockpile.

Officials are also in talks with makers of messenger RNA (mRNA) vaccines about potentially manufacturing newer H5 vaccines that could be tested and stockpiled. Additionally, the CDC is providing \$8 million to determine if either of the [2 currently available best-but-not-perfectly matched candidate vaccine viruses \(CVVs\)](#) would be effective or if new CVVs need to be developed.

If mass vaccination is needed, the US government estimates it could produce and distribute more than 100 million doses of vaccine within 3-4 months through existing partnerships with flu vaccine makers. But doing so

inhibit seasonal flu vaccine production. Federal officials also have [requested information](#) from companies that could develop and produce [bovine vaccines against H5N1](#).

For more information on risk assessment and medical countermeasures, check out the [Center for Outbreak Response Innovation's \(CORI\) H5N1 Scenario-Based Human Health Risk Assessment and Factsheet on Novel Highly Pathogenic Influenza A \(H5N1\) Medical Countermeasures](#).
[Newsletter Sign Up | Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security](#)

U.S. Fire Administration - National Fire Academy

NEW! June 6, 2024 - NEW online, self-study course at The National Fire Academy

The National Fire Academy announces the release of a new, on-line, self-study course, *Chemical and Physical Properties Terms* (course code Q0259). This course provides an overview of chemical and physical properties and their impact on emergency response. It serves as a stand-alone course and can support hazardous materials operation and technician training.

Q0259 is a pre-course requirement for participants taking *Chemical Hazard Analysis for Risk Based Response (R0233)*. [Apply on-line now](#). This course takes approximately 2 hours to complete and can be taken in segments at the students' convenience.

Course Vacancies June 2024

The U.S. Fire Administration's National Fire Academy is accepting applications for course vacancies – resident and on-line virtual. [Click here](#) to see a complete list of vacancies for courses scheduled for June 2024.

- Courses designated with R will be conducted on the NETC Campus in Emmitsburg, Maryland.
- Courses designated with S will be conducted on-line virtually via ZOOM.

How to Apply:

- Students must apply using the electronic application form available on the [NETC Online Admissions Application website](#).
- All applications require electronic approval from the head of your sponsoring organization.
- Applicants should not make plans to participate in any course until you have been notified in writing by the Admissions Office. (Please add NETC-AdmissNotifications@fema.dhs.gov to your "safe senders" list to ensure you receive notifications pertaining to your application.

Due to high demand, course vacancies can quickly fill. If interested, apply soon!

CDC EPIC

NEW! June 4, 2024 Disability and Disaster Preparedness

Disasters can have a bigger impact on people with disabilities. By creating a disaster preparedness plan, practicing it regularly, and keeping an emergency supply kit, caregivers can help build disaster resilience for their care recipient.

Know the risks. The first step is to identify risks the person in your care is most likely to face and barriers to taking safety actions. By understanding risks and barriers, caregivers can identify and address gaps that impact emergency preparedness for the person in their care. Consider these questions:

- How does my care recipient best understand and respond to information? How does this change in stressful or unfamiliar situations?
- Do we need assistive technology to meet daily activity needs?
- How do I inform first responders or emergency response personnel about the communication needs of my care recipient?^[i]

^[i] Content adapted from [FEMA Disaster Preparedness Guide for Caregivers | ready.gov](#)

Plan for your care recipient's needs. Know what to do if resources become limited or unavailable:

- Keep a list of names and phone numbers of doctors, pharmacists, and family members and others who support you.
- Write down and keep the web address and passwords for any health portals needed for communication with healthcare providers.
- Make sure your care recipient wears medical alert tags or bracelets (full name, contact number for family member/caregiver, and allergies).

Check your emergency kit. In addition to having basic survival supplies such as food and water, a caregiver's emergency kit should provide for their care recipient's individual needs:

- Keep extra sets of batteries if medical or other assistive devices need batteries.
- Have at least a 3-day supply of medicine. If medications need to be kept cold, have a cooler and ice packs available.
- Take pictures of settings on medical devices or equipment in case they need to be reset after a loss of electrical power.

Ways to Get Help

Learn about tools and systems to help you overcome barriers that could cause risk to your care recipient:

- **Emergency prescription laws:** Each state has different laws that authorize pharmacies to refill prescriptions early in the event of a declared emergency. [Learn the laws in your state.](#)
- **If you don't have insurance:** [The Emergency Prescription Assistance Program \(EPAP\)](#) helps people in a federally identified disaster area who do not have health insurance to get the prescription drugs, vaccinations, medical supplies, and equipment they need.
- **Smart911:** Sign up for [Smart911](#) so that you can provide important information to first responders that will help police, fire, and emergency services locate and help you in an emergency.
- **Power restoration:** If your care recipient relies on electricity for medical devices or assistive technology, ask your electricity supplier how to get on a priority restoration list or if they can provide battery backups.

Meet an Expert

Shannon Griffin-Blake

Chief Disability Officer, Office of Health Equity, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

What key advice do you have for caregivers for people with disabilities?

People with disabilities have had to be self-advocates. They identify ways to adapt, succeed, and even survive in social and physical environments that are not well designed for their needs. Caregivers can help by allowing the person with the disability to express their own needs as able, and then determine ways to provide further support.

What do you wish people knew about people with disabilities?

For many, the environments where people with disabilities live, learn, work, and play are bigger challenges than the actual disability. The attitudes of others and non-inclusive surroundings create limits for their personal independence, health outcomes, and overall success.

What is the biggest challenge facing disability inclusion work in Emergency Response?

“Nothing about us without us” is a motto within the disability community. We must authentically engage and involve people with disabilities about their emerging needs across all phases of emergency response. People with disabilities are the true experts.

Additional Resources

- [People with Disabilities | Ready.gov](#)
- [Children with Special Healthcare Needs in Emergencies | CDC](#)
- [Disability & Health Emergency Preparedness | CDC](#)
- [Disability & Health Information for Family Caregivers | CDC](#)

American Journal of Public Health (AJPH)

NEW! July 2024 – Opioids, COVID-19, & Fatal Overdoses

The July issue of *AJPH* features a special section on opioids, COVID-19, and fatal overdoses. Select articles cover federal impacts on buprenorphine prescribing, fatal overdose rate trends in Mexican cities, drug mortality among Black Americans, and state COVID-19 policies and drug overdose mortality among working-age adults. Other articles in this issue address racial and ethnic inequities in pregnancy-associated death, LGBTQIA+ youth mental health disparities, 100 years of APHA’s Public Health Education and Health Promotion section, and more.

[Read Issue](#)

NEW! June 2024 - Excess Mortality During COVID-19: Methods and Uses

The June issue of *AJPH* features a special section on excess mortality during COVID-19. Select articles cover excess mortality calculations to assess the impact of COVID-19 and excess fatal overdoses in the United States during COVID-19. Other articles in this issue address Veterans Affairs

programs and homelessness, traffic safety reform, causes of death in the presence of law enforcement, and more.

READ HERE: [American Journal of Public Health - June 2024 - Volume 114, Issue 6](#)

NEW! **Student Think Tank Podcast: Pitching the Future of Public Health (Part 1)**

This episode is part of "Forging Radical Hope," a special podcast series from the 2024 *AJPH* Student Think Tank. In the first episode, Think Tank members Sam Mendez (Harvard University) and Jennifer Wells (University of North Florida) interview Kathleen Patti, an MPH student at the University of North Florida, who shares her visionary ideas on the future of sexual health education. Kathleen emphasizes the importance of enhancing interpersonal communication and understanding personal boundaries to improve sexual health outcomes. **Podcast: Listen to the [audio](#) | watch the [video](#)**

NEW! **The Future of the IOM Report: Then and Now**

Participant: Michael McGinnis, MD, MPH, Executive Director at National Academy of Medicine

Hosts: Alfredo Morabia and Vickie Mays (AJPH)

This podcast addresses critical questions, such as: How was public health before 1988 and what triggered the writing of the report? How important was the ongoing AIDS pandemic in this process? Is the report a milestone, marking a shift in US public health? Can we compare the failure of the public health response to the Swine Flu threat in 1976 with the success of the response to COVID-19? Do we need a new National Academy of Medicine (NAM) report on the Future of Public Health? **Podcast: Listen to the [audio](#) | watch the [video](#)**

ICYMI:

- **May 2024 - [American Journal of Public Health - May 2024 - Volume 114, Issue 5](#) Revisiting the 1988 Future of Public Health: Progress and Limitations**
- **April 2024 - [American Journal of Public Health - April 2024 - Volume 114, Issue 4](#) - Injury and Deaths from Shootings by US Police**

American Public Health Association (APHA)

Stay up on what's happening with [Public Health Newswire](#) from *The Nation's Health*.

ICYMI:

- **[Half of states aren't ready for disasters, report says](#)** Despite the many lessons of the COVID-19 pandemic, fewer than half of U.S. states are highly prepared to respond to public health emergencies, according to a new report from Trust for America's Health. See if your state made the top tier.
- **[APHA summit addresses climate change, environmental justice](#)** Topics included the ways food production, health care and transportation intersect with climate, health, equity and community.

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Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO)

ICYMI - NEWS RELEASES:

April 15, 2024 - [ASTHO Meets with CDC to Discuss Avian Influenza Preparedness](#)

April 11, 2024 - [ASTHO Announces Alliance Designed to Weave Health Equity into Emergency Response](#) | ASTHO and CDC's Office of Health Equity announced the Power of Partnerships Health Equity Alliance. This alliance aims to prioritize health equity in emergency responses by facilitating strategic discussions between government and community leaders.

4/11/24 - [Climate for Health Ambassadors Training](#)

ASTHO is excited to partner with ecoAmerica to provide [Climate for Health Ambassadors Training](#) to our state and territorial health agency members and their staff at no cost—equipping them with specific resources and tools to address the impacts of climate change in their jurisdiction.

PODCASTS:

- [Public Health Review | ASTHO](#)
 - [The Call to Join Public Health | ASTHO](#)
- [Public Health Review Morning Edition \(astho.org\)](#)
- *AJPH Podcast: Front Lines of the War Against COVID-19: A Conversation with Dr. Jerome Adams.* Podcast: Listen to the [audio](#) | watch the [video](#)
- [Fighting Stigma Associated with Infectious Diseases](#) Stories of Care podcast by AMA and CDC's Project Firstline
- [The Long Road: LTACHs and IPC Challenges](#) Stories of Care podcast by AMA and CDC's Project Firstline

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

June 2024

CTI-120 (2024-2025) HERDS Data Entry & Reports Training

Sponsored by Commerce Training Institute (CTI)

June 12, 2024, 9-10am

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

NEW! New Budget Period 1 (BP1) 2024-2025 Hospital Deliverable Review Webinar

Sponsored by NYSDOH OHEP

June 12, 2024, 9:00am - 10:30am

[Register Here](#)

NEW! When Twitter Turns Against the Hospital: Managing Security Events Through HICS

Sponsored by AHEPP

June 12, 2024, 12-1pm

NEW! Animal Sheltering During Disasters

FEMA Region II

June 12, 2024, 1:00pm - 2:30pm

[Register Here](#)

Psychological First Aid (PFA) LIVE VIRTUAL (Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP)

LHD Core Deliverable C-16)

Sponsored by NYSDOH, IDMH

Friday, June 14, 2024, 9:30am-11am

Enroll in LMS Course: [OHEP-BP5-PFA](#)

NEW! New Budget Period 1 (BP1) 2024-2025 Hospital Deliverable Review Webinar

Sponsored by NYSDOH OHEP

Friday, June 14, 2024, 12:00pm - 1:30pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Advanced Burn Life Support (ABLS) Course

Sponsored by Clark Burn Center

Monday, June 16, 2024, 7:30am - 4:30pm

[Register Here](#) | Upstate Medical Center, Syracuse, NY

NEW! Advanced Burn Life Support Course (ABLS)

Sponsored by Kessler Burn Center

June 17, 2024, 7:30am - 4:30pm

[Register Here](#) | University of Rochester

NEW! AWR-219C: Site Protection Through Observational Techniques

Sponsored by LSU NCBRT

June 17-18, 2024, 9:00am - 1:00pm

[Register Here](#) | Access Code: NCBRT219

NEW! Special Needs Population Considerations During Emergency Response

Sponsored by CDP

June 18, 2024, 9:00am - 10:00am

[Register Here](#)

NEW! CTI-300: Integrated Health Alerting Network System (IHANS) Training & Certification

Sponsored by NYSDOH CTI

Tuesday, June 18, 2024, 9:00am - 12:00pm

Enroll in LMS Course: [CTI-300](#)

NEW! How to Get Hired at a State or Local Health Department – Part IV: New York Department of Health

Sponsored by Region 2 Public Health Training Center

Tuesday, June 18, 2024, 11:30am-1pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! National Resource Hub: OneResponder Updates

Sponsored by FEMA

Tuesday, June 18, 2024, 1:00pm - 2:00pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Conflict Transformation and Difficult Conversations

Sponsored by MARO HTC

Tuesday, June 18, 2024, 1:00pm - 2:30pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! National Resource Hub: OneResponder Updates

Sponsored by FEMA

Thursday, June 20, 2024, 1:00pm - 2:00pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Social Media Tools & Techniques

Sponsored by NDPTC

Thursday, June 20, 2024

1:00pm - 5:00pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! CTI-502: eFINDS

Sponsored by NYSDOH CTI

Monday, June 24, 2024, 2:00pm - 3:00pm

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

NEW! Pharmacotherapy Debates in Pre-Hospital Critical Care

Sponsored by NYS Vital Signs EMS Academy

Tuesday, June 25, 2024, 11:00am - 12:00pm

[Register Here](#)

JUNE 2024: HPP 5 Year Project Period, a Look Back and the Way Forward

Sponsored by WR HTC (FLRTC)

Tuesday, June 25, 2024, 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Enroll in LMS Course: [OHEP-HTC-BP5-S11-062024-WR](#)

NEW! The anatomy of a breach: How health systems can shrink cybersecurity risks

Sponsored by Becker's Healthcare

Tuesday, June 25, 2024, 1:00pm - 2:00pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Public Health Risk Communications

Sponsored by DHSES

June 26-27, 2024, 9:00am - 4:00pm

[Register Here](#) | SPTC - Oriskany, NY

NEW! Deep Dive: Brain Death

Sponsored by SCCM

Wednesday, June 26, 2024, 12:00pm - 4:00pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! CTI-700: Data Entry NICS Manual Reporting

Sponsored by NYSDOH CTI

Wednesday, June 26, 2024, 2:00pm - 3:00pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Hurricane Preparedness for the Whole Community

Sponsored by FEMA Region II

Wednesday, June 26, 2024, 3:00pm - 4:00pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Frontline Immunity: Allergy Alert

Sponsored by NYS Vital Signs EMS Academy

Thursday, June 27, 2024, 6:30pm - 7:30pm

[Register Here](#)

July 2024

NEW! HHS/ASPR Project ECHO Clinical Readiness Rounds

Sponsored by HHS/ASPR

July 2, 2024, 12:00pm - 1:00pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Biological Incidents Awareness (AWR-118)

Sponsored by NCBRT

July 8-11:00am - 3:00pm; July 9-11:00am - 2:00pm

[Register Here](#) | Access Code: NCBRT118

Strengthening Indigenous America: Building Resilience through Disaster Preparedness, Response, and Recovery (A Workshop)

Sponsored by the National Academies Forum on Medical and Public Health Preparedness for Disasters and Emergencies

July 8th - 9th

[Register Here](#)

NEW! eFinds TtT

Sponsored by URM C FLRTC

Wednesday, July 10, 2024, 9:30am - 2:00pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Climate Adaptation Planning for Emergency Management (AWR-347)

Sponsored by NDPTC

July 29-30, 2024, 8:00am - 12:00pm

[Register Here](#)

Campus Emergencies Prevention, Response and Recovery (MGT-324C)

Sponsored by NCBRT

July 29 - July 30, 2024, 11:00am - 3:00pm

[Register Here](#) | Access Code: NCBRT324

NEW! E0388: Advanced Public Information Officer

Sponsored by FEMA/EMI

July 29 - Aug 2, 2024

[Register Here](#) | NETC - Emmitsburg, MD

NEW! Decontamination

Sponsored by DHSES

July 30, 2024, 4 Hours

[Register Here](#) | Corning City Fire Dept.

Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) (L-146)

Sponsored by Office of Emergency Management

July 30-31, 2024, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

- **Location:** 107th Attack Wing Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station, Bldg 902/Rm 205; 9965 Blewett Ave, Niagara Falls, NY 14304
- **Questions:** Office of Emergency Management—Training and Exercises Section, (518) 292-2351, OEM.Training@dhses.ny.gov
- **Review Link:** [OHEP Guide to Registering for NYS DHSES and FEMA EMI Course Offerings](#)

[Register Here](#) | **Pre-Requisite:** [An Introduction to Exercises \(IS-120\)](#), Prerequisite must be filled before a student can submit their request to attend this course.

New & OnDemand Content - NYLearnsPH.com

NEW LMS PROGRAM! You can now view the entire [HTC Webinar Series - BP5\(2023-2024\) PROGRAM: Sessions 1-11](#) on the NYSDOH LMS and register for the recorded sessions that interest you! Enroll and complete all 11 parts to receive a program certificate!

NEW! 2024 Western Region Health Coalition Emergency Management Seminar: Healthcare Readiness and Response to HAZMAT Events

Sponsored by WRHC

Recorded May 14, 2024

Enroll in LMS Course: [OHEP-WRHTC-WRHEMS2024-HAZMAT](#)

NEW! How to Get Hired at a State or Local Health Department – Part II: New York Local Health Departments

Recorded March 19, 2024

Enroll in LMS Course: [Reg2PHTC-Hired-NY-Local](#)

Live Event Coming Soon! How to Get Hired at a State or Local Health Department – Part IV:
New York Department of Health

Tuesday, June 18, 2024, 11:30-1pm

Enroll in LMS Course: [Reg2PHTC-Hired-NY-State](#) | [Register Here for June 18 Webinar](#)

NEW! Online Trust and Public Health: Communicating in a Digital World

Sponsored by Public Health Communications Collaborative

Recorded January 29, 2024

Enroll in LMS Course: [PHCC-20240129](#)

NYSDOH Disaster Mental Health Annual Webcast - RECORDING (HPP Del 4) – Disaster Response and Disaster Mental Health in New York State: Back to Basics

Sponsored by NYSDOH OHEP, OMH & IDMH at SUNY New Paltz

Recorded May 3, 2024

Enroll in LMS Course: [OHEP-BP5-HPP4](#) | **Note: This Course Meets the Requirements for BP-5 (2023-2024) Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) Deliverable 4**

Using Data Visualization in Public Health Communications

Sponsored by Public Health Communications Collaborative

Recorded March 21, 2024

Enroll in LMS Course: [PHCC-20240321](#)

Preparing For Measles: Review of POD Operations – 2024

Sponsored by OHEP

Recorded March 15, 2024

Enroll in LMS Course: [ClinOps-202403](#)

BPR-6 Population Data Systems to Improve Planning Training Webinar

Sponsored by OHEP

Recorded March 7, 2024

Enroll in LMS Course: [OHEP-BP5-BPR6](#)

Log-In2Learn: Flourishing through Adversity: How Can Stress and Emotional Experiences Make Us Resilient and Avoid Burnout

Sponsored by Region 2 Public Health Training Center

Recorded February 6, 2024

Enroll in LMS Course: [Reg2PHTC-L2L202402](#)

Guidance to Complete ServNY Notification Drill (LHD BP-5 BPR-8)

Sponsored by NYSDOH OHEP

Enroll in LMS Course: [OHEP-BP5-BPR8](#)

OHEP-BP5-BPR5 WEBINAR: BPR-5 Medical Countermeasure (MCM) Point of Dispensing (POD) Access and Functional Needs (AFN) Annual PHEP Exercise/Real Event

Sponsored by NYSDOH OHEP

Recorded September 19, 2023

Enroll in LMS Course: [OHEP-BP5-BPR5](#)

**The 2023 Western Region Healthcare Coalition Emergency Management Webinar Series:
Trauma Management for Rural EMS and Community Hospitals (TRAUMA REACH 2023)**

Sponsored by WR RTC

Recorded April 25-26, 2023

Enroll in LMS Course: [WRHEPC-TREACH2023-ONLINE](#)

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

Sponsored by WR HTC (FLRTC)

Recorded on March 15, 2023

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

- Enroll in Part I LMS Course: [RTC-BP3-S6-122021-WR](#)

Cyber Security Response in Healthcare: Emergency Management's Role

Sponsored by MARO HTC

Recorded on February 16, 2023

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

Psychological First Aid

Sponsored by NYSDOH OHEP

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

Evidence-Based Approaches for Post-Disaster Mental Health Disorders

Sponsored by South Central Partnership

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

Addressing Human Trafficking in Healthcare Settings

Sponsored by Region V Public Health Training Center

Free CE and Certs: 1.75 Nursing Contact Hours | 1.75 CHES Category I CECH

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

Additional Training of Interest - (On Demand)

NEW! New First Receiver Training - Check out the CNY HTC's new offering - an 8 episode video series on first receiver decontamination! [Register Here](#)

This video series can be used as 4 hours of instruction for the OSHA mandated 8 hours of education required by hospital staff in their initial year OR as 4 hours toward yearly re-certification. This video series should be used in addition to site specific training and hands on PPE practice.

Comms Crash Course: Developing and Producing Videos to Expand Public Health Messaging

Sponsored by PHCC

Wednesday, May 1, 2024 | [View Here](#)

Health in All Policies: Examples from Practice

Sponsored by Region V Public Health Training Center

Self-paced | 1.0 CHES Category I CECH | *Up to 1.0 CPH Recertification Credits – Pending* |

Free to enroll. CE and a certificate of completion available for \$3

[Enroll Here](#)

AWR-410-W | Hospital Radiological Emergency Operations: Hazards and Countermeasures

AWR-411-W | Hospital Radiological Emergency Operations: Personal Protective Equipment

AWR-412-W | Hospital Radiological Emergency Operations: Pre-Arrival and Recovery

AWR-350-W | Hospital Radiological Emergency Operations: Hospital Operations Plan

Sponsored by Counterterrorism Operations Support —CTOS

Self-Paced Online | [Register Here](#)

The Action Collaborative on Disaster Research: Symposium on Disaster Data Science

Sponsored by NASEM | Recorded April 2, 2024 | [View Here](#)

Communicating Science Clearly

Sponsored by CDC | On Demand | [View Here](#)

Dealing with Stress in Disasters: Building Psychological Resilience

Sponsored by Boston University School of Public Health | [View Here](#)

[Public Health Prepared Training Catalog](#)

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

Psychological First Aid: Building Resiliency for "Us" and "Them"

Sponsored by The Region 6 Public Health Training Center | [View Here](#)

First Responder Preparedness Course Bundle

Sponsored by The Region 6 Public Health Training Center | [View Here](#)

Environmental Health in Disasters Course Bundle

Sponsored by The Region 6 Public Health Training Center | [View Here](#)

CDC's Project Firstline

Trainings and Courses

- [Project Firstline Micro-Learn Trainings](#)
- [Updated Antibiotic Stewardship Training Courses.](#)

Webinars E.L.M.

- [Sepsis Webinar Series](#)
- [Infection Prevention and Control Post-COVID 19 Public Health Emergency Town Hall](#)
- [CDC and AMA Fireside Chat](#)
- [AMR Exchange](#)

National Center for Disaster Preparedness (NCDP)

To learn more and register for trainings, visit their training portal at

Live Virtual Learning (June 2024)

- **June 25, 2024 - Puerto Rico, FEMA Region 2 - *Delivered in Spanish***
 - [PER-406 Cuidado en Masa: Fortalecimiento de Capacidades para Refugios y Reubicación](#)

Instructor-led In-Person or Hybrid Learning (June 2024)

- **June 25, 2024 - Sinton, TX, FEMA Region 6, Hybrid - Virtual**
 - [MGT-477: Roles for State, Tribal, and Territorial Governments in the Implementation of Disaster Housing Programs](#)