

# Aware Prepare Update



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**Welcome** to the **October 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](http://www.NYlearnsPH.com) Learning Management System.

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## ICYMI: Governor - Select Public Health Preparedness & Related Press Releases

Visit <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news> for a full list of press releases and statements from Governor Hochul.

### [Governor Hochul Announces 221 New York State and Local Government Employees Now Deployed to Assist with Hurricane Helene Recovery](#)

Oct 8, 2024 | 01:00 PM EDT

### [Video, Audio, Photos & Rush Transcript: Governor Hochul Delivers Remarks at Temple Israel Center](#)

Oct 7, 2024 | 09:38 AM EDT

### [Governor Hochul Extends Application Deadline for Income Eligible Homeowners to Apply for Emergency Repair Grants for July and August Extreme Weather Events](#)

Oct 4, 2024 | 05:17 PM EDT

### [Ahead of Anniversary of October 7 Attack on Israel, Governor Hochul Directs Flags to Half-Staff and Landmarks to be Lit Yellow in Remembrance of the Victims](#)

Oct 4, 2024 | 04:27 PM EDT

### [Statement from Governor Kathy Hochul](#)

Oct 4, 2024 | 11:49 AM EDT

"We will not tolerate acts of antisemitism or attempts to incite fear. New Yorkers stand united against all forms of hate and violence."

### [Statement from Governor Kathy Hochul](#)

Oct 3, 2024 | 07:23 PM EDT

"New York has been working in close coordination with our port facilities, neighboring states and the federal government, to prepare for a potential strike at facilities from Maine to Texas."

[Governor Hochul Deploys Additional Resources to Support Hurricane Helene Recovery](#)

Oct 3, 2024 | 04:56 PM EDT

[Joint Statement from Governor Kathy Hochul, Governor Phil Murphy, Governor Maura Healey, and Governor Wes Moore](#)

Oct 3, 2024 | 03:41 PM EDT

[Governor Hochul Awards \\$10 Million Through Domestic Terrorism Prevention Grant Program](#)

- [Spanish Translation](#)

Oct 3, 2024 | 01:34 PM EDT

[Governor Hochul Announces \\$25 Million Available for Airport Modernization and Safety Enhancement Projects](#)

- [Spanish Translation](#)

Oct 3, 2024 | 11:02 AM EDT

[Video, Audio & Rush Transcript: Governor Hochul Addresses Public Safety Concerns Following Recent Escalation of Tensions in the Middle East](#)

Oct 2, 2024 | 02:45 PM EDT

[Governor Hochul Celebrates Second Anniversary of State's Expanded Statewide Language Access Policy and Creation of New York State Office of Language Access](#)

- [Spanish Translation](#)

Oct 1, 2024 | 11:06 AM EDT

[Statement from Governor Kathy Hochul](#)

Oct 1, 2024 | 05:50 AM EDT

"Moments ago, the first large-scale eastern dockworker strike in 47 years began at ports from Maine to Texas, including at the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey."

[Governor Hochul Announces Statewide Preparations in Anticipation of Potential Strike Action at U.S. East and Gulf Coast Ports](#)

- [Video, Audio, Photos & Rush Transcript](#)
- [Spanish Translation](#)

Sep 30, 2024 | 11:26 AM EDT

[Governor Hochul Sends 30-Member Incident Management Team to Asheville North Carolina to Assist With Hurricane Helene Recovery](#)

Sep 30, 2024 | 10:54 AM EDT

[Governor Hochul Sends National Guard Soldiers, Helicopters and Generators to Assist with Hurricane Helene Recovery](#)

Sep 29, 2024 | 05:11 PM EDT

[Governor Hochul Announces Nearly \\$90 Million to Replace Lead Service Lines and Protect Drinking Water Across New York](#)

- [Spanish Translation](#)

Sep 27, 2024 | 11:43 AM EDT

[\*\*During Climate Week NYC, Governor Hochul Announces Record Level of Funding Awarded for New York Farms to Address Impacts of Climate Change\*\*](#)

- [\*\*Spanish Translation\*\*](#)

Sep 27, 2024 | 10:47 AM EDT

[\*\*Governor Hochul Deploys Swift Water Rescue Team and Equipment to North Carolina Ahead of Hurricane Helene\*\*](#)

Sep 26, 2024 | 02:49 PM EDT

[\*\*During Climate Week, Governor Hochul Announces \\$7 Million to Support Environmental Education Centers and Disadvantaged Communities\*\*](#)

- [\*\*Spanish Translation\*\*](#)

Sep 26, 2024 | 10:19 AM EDT

[\*\*Governor Hochul Announces 28% Decline in Shootings in Communities Across New York\*\*](#)

- [\*\*Spanish Translation\*\*](#)

Sep 25, 2024 | 10:32 AM EDT

[\*\*Governor Hochul Secures Major Disaster Declaration From President Biden for Communities Impacted by Tropical Storm Debby on August 8-10\*\*](#)

Sep 24, 2024 | 09:54 PM EDT

[\*\*Governor Hochul Announces Nearly \\$90 Million to Support Critical Youth Mental Health Services\*\*](#)

- [\*\*Spanish Translation\*\*](#)

Sep 24, 2024 | 12:42 PM EDT

[\*\*Video, Audio, Photos & Rush Transcript: Governor Hochul Participates in a Concordia Summit Fireside Chat on Youth Mental Health\*\*](#)

Sep 23, 2024 | 07:10 PM EDT

[\*\*Video, Audio, Photos & Rush Transcript: Governor Hochul Participates in a Clinton Global Initiative Fireside Chat on Gun Violence Prevention\*\*](#)

Sep 23, 2024 | 04:28 PM EDT

[\*\*Governor Hochul Announces Statewide Action Following Confirmed Case of Eastern Equine Encephalitis\*\*](#)

- [\*\*Spanish Translation\*\*](#)

Sep 23, 2024 | 02:09 PM EDT

[\*\*Governor Hochul Joins With U.S. Climate Alliance Governors to Announce Climate-Ready Workforce Initiative, Aims to Train 1 Million New Registered Apprentices by 2035\*\*](#)

- [\*\*Video, Audio, Photos & Rush Transcript\*\*](#)

- [\*\*Spanish Translation\*\*](#)

Sep 23, 2024 | 11:01 AM EDT

[\*\*Governor Hochul Requests Major Disaster Declaration from President Biden to Secure Federal Assistance for Communities Impacted by Severe Weather on August 18-19\*\*](#)

Sep 18, 2024 | 04:57 PM EDT

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

October 8, 2024

- [New York State Department of Health and the State University of New York Global Health Institute Announce Public Health Partnership](#)

October 4, 2024

- [New York State Department of Health Encourages New Yorkers to Order Free COVID-19 Tests](#)

October 3, 2024

- [New York State Department of Health Issues Reminder to Protect Against Tick-Borne Illness](#)

October 2, 2024

- [State Department of Health Reminds New Yorkers to Protect Infants Against RSV](#)
- [State Health Department's NY State of Health Announces Approval of State's Innovation Waiver Amendment In Time for 2025 Enrollment Period](#)

September 30, 2024

- [Governor Hochul Announces Statewide Preparations in Anticipation of Potential Strike Action at U.S. East and Gulf Coast Ports](#)
- [New York State Department of Health Recognizes Sepsis Awareness Month With Focus On Children](#)

September 27, 2024

- [Governor Hochul Announces Nearly \\$90 Million to Replace Lead Service Lines and Protect Drinking Water Across New York](#)

September 26, 2024

- [State Department of Health Recognizes National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month](#)

September 24, 2024

- [New York State Department of Health Releases Latest Episode of New York Public Health Now Podcast Focused On Progress Made Combatting the Opioid Overdose Epidemic](#)

September 23, 2024

- [Governor Hochul Announces Statewide Action Following Confirmed Case of Eastern Equine Encephalitis](#)

September 20, 2024

- [Human Case of Eastern Equine Encephalitis Confirmed In Ulster County](#)

September 19, 2024

- [New York State Department of Health Honors Fallen Emergency Medical Providers at EMS Memorial Ceremony](#)

September 18, 2024

- [New York State Department of Health Encourages Nursing Homes to Protect Residents From COVID-19 by Offering the Updated Vaccine](#)

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/](https://health.ny.gov/press/releases/2024/).

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If you have an idea for topics, please let us know: [PublicHealthNowPodcast@health.ny.gov](mailto:PublicHealthNowPodcast@health.ny.gov)

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### [The New York State Commission on National and Community Service's - October 2024 - "What's Getting Done" monthly newsletter.](#)

This issue addresses building sustainable communities, with a word from Commission Chairperson Michael S. Cashman and Executive Director Linda Cohen, also featuring a recap of our programs' 9/11 Day of Service activities, relevant news items, and coverage of AmeriCorps State and National Symposium, as well as program and member highlights, reminders, updates, and more. Also attached is an accessible Word version of the newsletter.

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## Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

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

#### **NEW!** 0517 – 10/03/2024 - [First Marburg Virus Disease Outbreak in the Republic of Rwanda](#)

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is issuing this Health Alert Network (HAN) Health Advisory to inform clinicians and health departments about the Republic of Rwanda's first confirmed outbreak of Marburg virus disease (MVD) with 36 laboratory confirmed cases and 11 deaths reported as of October 2, 2024, including at least 19 cases in healthcare workers. This report summarizes CDC's recommendations for public health departments and clinicians in the United States on case identification and testing and clinical laboratory biosafety considerations. **No confirmed cases of MVD related to this outbreak have been reported in the United States or other countries outside of the Republic of Rwanda to date.** Currently, the risk of MVD in the United States is low; however, clinicians should be aware of the potential for imported cases.

#### **NEW!** 0516 – 09/23/24 - [Prevention Strategies for Mpox, including Vaccinating People at Risk via Sexual Exposure, for U.S. Travelers Visiting Countries with Clade I Mpox Outbreaks](#)

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is issuing this Health Alert Network (HAN) Health Update to provide additional information about the ongoing [outbreak of clade I monkeypox virus \(MPXV\)](#), the virus that causes mpox, in Central and Eastern Africa. This report is an update to HAN [Health Advisory 501](#) issued in December 2023 and HAN [Health Update 513](#) in August 2024. MPXV transmission in countries where the virus is endemic is typically via exposure to infected wildlife with subsequent [person-to-person spread](#) via close contact (including intimate or sexual contact) with a person with mpox, or direct contact with their respiratory secretions (e.g., snot, mucus) or contaminated objects (e.g., bedding). During the global clade II outbreak, human-to-human transmission of mpox has been [predominantly spreading through sexual contact](#). During 2024, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) has reported >21,000 suspected clade I mpox cases, its largest annual number on record. Although the proportion of people impacted in DRC (population >99 million) is relatively low, cases are more widespread than in any previously reported DRC outbreak. Clade Ia mpox cases are impacting the western part of DRC (particularly the rural *Équateur* Province). No cases of clade Ia mpox have been reported outside Central African countries where clade Ia MPXV is endemic. Clade Ib mpox cases are impacting the eastern part of DRC and have been spread through regional travel. Early data indicate that a large proportion of clade Ib mpox

cases among adults has been [associated with sexual contact](#), including via ongoing transmission believed to be occurring in some countries where the virus is not normally found. Travelers to DRC or other countries with sustained spread of clade I mpox, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, should be made aware of activities associated with cases and should be vaccinated with two doses of JYNNEOS if they anticipate certain sexual exposures while traveling. Active monitoring for mpox continues to occur in the United States. Although the United States continues to be affected by an ongoing [global outbreak of clade II mpox](#) that began in 2022, no domestic cases of clade I mpox have been identified in the United States at this time. Continue to follow CDC's [current vaccine guidance](#) to prevent clade II MPXV infection, which continues to circulate in the United States, and will also help protect against clade I MPXV.

### **ICYMI:**

- **0515 – 08/16/2024 - [Increased Oropouche Virus Activity and Associated Risk to Travelers](#)**
  - **0514 – 08/13/2024 - [Increase in Human Parvovirus B19 Activity in the United States](#)**
  - **0513 – 08/07/2024 - [Mpox Caused by Human-to-Human Transmission of Monkeypox Virus in the Democratic Republic of the Congo with Spread to Neighboring Countries](#)**
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## **Other CDC Resources:**

### **NEW!** October 4, 2024

#### **CDC and Global Partners Commit to Collective Action to Combat Antimicrobial Resistance**

In late September 2024, global leaders gathered in New York City for the second United Nations General Assembly High-level Meeting (UNGA HLM) on Antimicrobial Resistance.

Since the first UNGA HLM on Antimicrobial Resistance in 2016, the United States (U.S.) has made tremendous progress toward the goals in the [U.S. National Action Plan for Combating Antibiotic-resistant Bacteria](#). This progress—which could not have been made without dedicated efforts from the U.S. Government and our partners working across One Health—demonstrates what is possible with collective effort toward shared goals and targets. The UNGA HLM provided a platform for CDC and global partners to continue to identify and commit to actions needed to combat antimicrobial resistance.

CDC took the opportunity afforded by the UNGA HLM and surrounding events to share the impact of our investments in:

- Building laboratory and surveillance capacity
- Strengthening infection prevention capacity
- Improving appropriate antibiotic and antifungal use
- Increasing antimicrobial resistance awareness and knowledge
- Advancing innovation and research

The UNGA HLM was also an opportunity to create new connections and strengthen established partnerships with governmental and non-governmental partners across the globe.

## **Highlights from UNGA**

### ***Ensuring Sustainable Access to Effective Antibiotics: The Path from UNGA to Impact***

On September 22, One Health Trust, CDC, and other partners co-hosted a side event where representatives from across the world discussed targets and shared feasible solutions to combating

the growing public health threat of antimicrobial resistance. At the event, Michael Craig, Director of CDC's Antimicrobial Resistance Coordination and Strategy Unit, spoke on a panel that acknowledged the limited consistent global data on knowledge, attitudes, and beliefs about antimicrobial resistance. To address this data gap, CDC is partnering with CDC Foundation and Gallup to develop the Global AMR Monitor which will use the Gallup World Poll to gather representative data on antimicrobial resistance knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors from countries across the world. At the side event, Gallup presented results from the first phase of the Global AMR Monitor, which consisted of in-depth interviews and focus groups with representatives from the general public, doctors, pharmacists, veterinarians, and farmers from the United States, India, and South Africa. The preliminary results highlighted three major themes:

- There are varying levels of antimicrobial resistance knowledge and concern.
- There is a lack of consistency in actions regarding the appropriate use of antibiotics.

There is a lack of awareness or belief that inappropriate use of antibiotics can lead to an emergence of antimicrobial resistance.

The second phase of the Global AMR Monitor project, which is contingent on funding becoming available, will leverage the information gained in the first phase to monitor and track antimicrobial resistance knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors over time and in more than 140 countries.

### *Infection Prevention and Control and Antimicrobial Stewardship: From Policy to Implementation at the Point of Care*

Hosted by Oman and co-hosted by the United States and other countries, this side event focused on increased commitment to infection prevention and control and antimicrobial stewardship programs, highlighting programs that are easy to implement. Leaders talked about cost-effective strategies for antimicrobial resistance control at national, regional, and global levels and how to track progress and facilitate accountability for key priorities of antimicrobial resistance action plans.

CDC's Dr. Dan Jernigan, Director of the National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases, spoke about the United States's experience with infection control and antimicrobial stewardship. He highlighted how CDC provides national leadership in healthcare-associated infection surveillance to improve healthcare quality and safety through the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN). Jernigan also spoke about CDC's work to build infection control and prevention capacity in U.S. health departments, U.S. healthcare facilities, and in partner countries as well. Through monitoring progress in improving infection prevention and control, CDC has seen the impacts these programs can make in protecting patients and improving healthcare quality. Jernigan also spoke about the importance of improving antibiotic use to combat antimicrobial resistance by developing antibiotic stewardship strategies that healthcare facilities can implement in inpatient and outpatient settings.

### *UNGA HLM on Antimicrobial Resistance*

On September 26, global leaders met and adopted the UNGA HLM on Antimicrobial Resistance [political declaration](#), which established global goals, commitments, and targets for combating antimicrobial resistance, including a goal to reduce global deaths associated with bacterial antimicrobial resistance by 10% by 2030. The political declaration identifies specific prevention interventions in health care and communities, including:

- Immunization (reduces infections and antimicrobial use)
- Early and accurate detection of pathogens
- Infection prevention and control
- Water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH)

## CDC Leaders in Action at UNGA

Andi Fristedt, CDC Deputy Director/Chief Strategy Officer, and Dr. Dan Jernigan attend the UNGA High-level Meeting on Antimicrobial Resistance. Andi delivered the U.S. statement on antimicrobial resistance in a multi-stakeholder panel during the HLM on September 26.

Michael Craig joined Dawn Sievert, Senior Science Advisor in the Antimicrobial Resistance Coordination and Strategy Unit, Fernanda Lessa, Chief of the International Infection Control Branch, and Ben Park, Senior Advisor in the Antimicrobial Resistance Coordination and Strategy Unit to discuss how CDC will continue to combat antimicrobial resistance across the world with the help of our global partners.

## Summary of UNGA Outcomes

Through engagements at the UNGA HLM, side events, and meetings with partners, CDC was able to identify the specific and concrete actions each of us will need to take to meet the commitments and achieve the targets outlined in the HLM political declaration. CDC looks forward to continuing our work with domestic and global partners in advancing the newly established commitments and targets under the political declaration.

## **NEW!** October 2, 2024

### Help Spread the Word About Sepsis Year Round

Sepsis is the body's extreme response to an infection and is a life-threatening medical emergency. One in three people who dies in a hospital had [sepsis](#) during that hospitalization. During September's Sepsis Awareness Month, CDC's *Get Ahead of Sepsis* effort shared important information to protect people from sepsis. Explore and share the new resources below and help us continue getting ahead of sepsis!

#### For Healthcare Professionals:

- **Get the latest [Hospital Sepsis Program Core Elements data](#).** Hospitals have made progress in resourcing their sepsis programs. However, they can further strengthen programs to optimize patient care. Read about this data and new opportunities for improving sepsis care and outcomes in a [Safe Healthcare Blog post](#).
- **Order or download [free healthcare professional materials](#)** about sepsis. Share them with your colleagues. These materials include a new [outpatient dialysis provider fact sheet](#).

#### For Patients, Caregivers, & Volunteers:

- **Download and share [free patient education materials](#)** about sepsis. Don't forget the new fact sheet for [people receiving chronic dialysis](#).
- **Order new toolkits for [parents and caregivers of children](#) and [youth coaches, counselors, and other volunteers](#)** to help those who work with children stop an infection before it can lead to sepsis.
- **Learn why CDC is helping to protect children from sepsis** in a new [Safe Healthcare Blog post](#). Anyone can get an infection, and almost any infection can lead to sepsis.

#### For Partners:

**Use our [updated public health partner toolkit](#).** Customize social media messages, graphics, and drop-in articles and share them with your audiences.

## **NEW!** September 18, 2024 – Healthcare Quality Resources

**Core Elements of Hospital Diagnostic Excellence Programs** — Diagnostic Excellence is a critical patient safety issue. Nearly [800,000 Americans](#) die or are permanently disabled by diagnostic error each year, making it the single largest source of serious harm from medical mistakes.

In observance of World Patient Safety Day, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) have released the [Core Elements of Hospital Diagnostic Excellence Programs](#) for hospitals to improve the accuracy and timeliness of a patient's diagnosis to provide better treatment and save lives.

The Core Elements of Hospital Diagnostic Excellence Programs describe the key framework and actions that can be implemented to improve diagnoses for hospitalized patients. These include ensuring that diagnostic tests are ordered, interpreted, communicated, and acted upon appropriately, bringing the nation closer to zero preventable harm. This framework was informed by expert knowledge from the clinical and patient community.

Correct and timely diagnosis can save lives and patients, families, and caregivers play a critical role. A [new patient resource](#) is now available to help facilitate conversations and prompt important questions.

Join us in raising awareness to improve patient safety by reducing diagnostic error.

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***Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) Use of COVID-19 Vaccines for Persons Aged ≥6 Months: Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices — United States, 2024–2025*** — COVID-19 vaccination provides additional protection against severe COVID-19-associated illness and death. Since September 2023, 2023–2024 Formula monovalent XBB.1-strain COVID-19 vaccines have been recommended for use in the United States for all persons aged ≥6 months.

On June 27, 2024, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommended 2024–2025 COVID-19 vaccination with a Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-authorized or approved vaccine for all persons aged ≥6 months. In August 2024, the FDA approved and authorized the Omicron JN.1 lineage (JN.1 and KP.2), 2024–2025 COVID-19 vaccines by Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech (KP.2 strain) and Novavax (JN.1 strain).

The 2023–2024 COVID-19 vaccines provided protection against SARS-CoV-2 XBB-sub lineage strains; however, these strains are no longer predominant in the United States. You can learn more here: [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report](#)

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**World Sepsis Day: Protect Children from Sepsis** — This year for World Sepsis Day, CDC is focusing on protecting children from sepsis. Anyone can get an infection, and almost any infection can lead to sepsis. Some people are at higher risk, including children younger than one. As such, CDC has expanded its suite of educational materials with two new toolkits for [parents and caregivers of children](#) and [youth coaches, counselors, and other volunteers](#).

In the latest [Safe Healthcare Blog](#), find out how you can use this lifesaving information to learn what [sepsis](#) is, the signs and symptoms, and how to act fast, so you can protect children from sepsis.

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**CDC - Project Firstline**

**NEW!** October 7, 2024

**Our diverse partners' efforts show that together, we have the power to stop infections. Check out the latest infection control contributions from our partners:**

**American Academy of Pediatrics: Increasing Immunization Confidence – Virtual Reality Simulation** – Vaccination is an important tool in our infection control toolbox, playing a critical role in slowing and preventing the spread of infections. The American Academy of Pediatrics has launched a FREE, 30-minute [virtual reality training course](#) to help empower pediatricians and their team members to have more effective conversations on vaccination.

“Increasing Immunization Confidence” is an immersive and interactive learning module where participants join a virtual pediatric clinic and engage in immunization scenarios with parents who are hesitant about vaccinating their children and adolescents. With virtual coaching that follows and adapts to your progress, participants will increase their understanding of:

- Establishing a culture that promotes immunization confidence.
- Opening the conversation with a strong recommendation using the presumptive format.
- Responding with empathy to concerns about immunization using motivational interviewing.
- Tailoring communication to different individuals and situations.

The module also includes a refresher on infection prevention and control for your clinic!

### **National Hispanic Medical Association (NHMA) Grand Round Session Recording & Slides**

[The National Hispanic Medical Association](#) hosted two grand round sessions to discuss the significance of infection prevention and control interventions to reduce the spread of infectious diseases in the Latino community. A [recording](#) for the Chicago, IL, session discussing measles and varicella is available, as well as [slides](#) from the Philadelphia, PA, session discussing mpox.

### **South Dakota Project Firstline – New Interactive Learning Resource**

Do you have what it takes to solve the case? South Dakota Project Firstline created a fun and interactive learning resource to help your facility staff put their infection prevention and control knowledge to the test. Checkout the new “[Infection Outbreak Unsolved Case File](#)” game and share with your healthcare colleagues today!

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**ICYMI:** Earn free CE with [CDC Learning Connection's](#) featured trainings!

- [Write Effective Learning Objectives](#) to learn how to create SMART (specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and time-bound) learning objectives using action verbs and the SMART criteria. Earn **FREE CE**.
- [Fostering a Culture of Immunization in Your Practice](#) to learn how healthcare professionals can use practical strategies and resources to create a positive culture of immunization in their clinics. Earn **FREE CE**.
- [Emergency Preparedness for Community Health Workers](#) (CHWs) training, discover how CHWs can prepare for emergencies by collaborating with others and creating a disaster communication plan.
- [Safety Culture in Healthcare Settings](#) training educates learners about identifying hazards and preventing injury and illness in the workplace. **Earn Free CE**.

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

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## **Public Health Communications Collaborative (PHCC)**

## **New! September 26, 2024**

### **Watch: Developing a Response Plan to Misinformation in Public Health**

Thank you to everyone who joined us live for our webinar, *Developing a Response Plan to Misinformation in Public Health*. You can now [watch the webinar](#), view the presentation slides, and download [The Public Health Communicators Guide to Misinformation](#) on the PHCC website.

### **On Our Radar**

- Bilingual Toolkit: [National Hispanic Heritage Month 2024](#) (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Minority Health)
- Resource: [Breathe Easy: 4 Steps to Respiratory Wellness at Work](#) (Health Action Alliance)
- Article: [Florida's New Guidance For COVID-19 Vaccines Stokes Fears Instead Of Saving Lives](#) (Forbes)
- Event: [2024 Public Health Learning Forum: Workforce Development in Action](#) (Public Health Foundation)
- Blog: [Putting the Bright Spots of the COVID-19 Pandemic Response to Use](#) (de Beaumont Foundation)

## **NEW! September 12, 2024**

NEW Resource: The Public Health Communicators Guide to Misinformation

Building continued trust in public health requires us to learn how to identify false narratives and respond with clarity, accurate information, and accessible language. [The Public Health Communicators Guide to Misinformation](#), developed by the Public Health Communications Collaborative in partnership with the Infodemiology Training Program, provides insights into the current misinformation landscape and tools to assess risk and determine how to respond. [Download Your Misinformation Guide](#)

### **Misinformation Alert: What You Need to Know**

On September 12, the Florida Department of Health issued [a statement advising against the use of updated mRNA COVID-19 vaccines](#), contradicting CDC guidance.

**Use [our updated talking points](#) to counteract misleading and false claims about mRNA vaccine safety:**

- There are two types of approved 2024-25 COVID-19 vaccines: mRNA-based and protein subunit-based. Both vaccine types are safe and protect against serious illness, hospitalization, and death from COVID-19.
- The CDC advises that everyone age 6 months and older get an updated COVID-19 vaccine. The FDA has approved mRNA vaccines from Moderna or Pfizer-BioNTech for ages 6 months and older, and the non-mRNA vaccine from Novavax for people ages 12 years and older.
- Vaccination is the safest way to gain protection from COVID-19 because the risk of side effects from a vaccine is much lower than the risk of serious illness after infection.

### [More Updated COVID-19 Vaccine Messaging](#)

### **Download + Distribute: Developing Safe and Effective Vaccines**

To ensure safety and effectiveness, vaccines in the U.S., are rigorously tested and closely monitored by many health experts and organizations, from the first round of testing, to when a vaccine is available to the public, and beyond. Share the [Developing Safe and Effective Vaccines](#) resource and social media graphics with your communities to increase their understanding of the vaccine development process and why this process matters.

## Updated 2024-25 Vaccine Resources

PHCC is here to support your vaccine communications. Explore our:

- Newly tested vaccine messaging to support your 2024-25 vaccine campaigns
- Resources about vaccine development to share with your communities

Reports about trending vaccine narratives

### On Our Radar

- Article: [This city is hailed as a vaccination success. Can it be sustained?](#) (ABC News)
- Article: [This Back-To-School Checklist Can Help Keep Your Child Healthy And Safe](#) (Brian Castrucci, Forbes)
- Resource: [Inclusive Language Playbook: Writing About Disability](#) (CommunicateHealth)
- Podcast: [The Costs of Getting Sick](#) (Contagious Conversations, CDC Foundation)
- Podcast: [When Should I Get My COVID/Flu Shot? And Other Queries To Kick off Respiratory Virus Season](#) (Public Health on Call, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health)
- Blog: [City Residents Support Public Health Approaches to Drug Use, Homelessness: A Messaging Playbook](#) (Big Cities Health Coalition)

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

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## Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA)

**NEW! October 3, 2024 FEMA Establishes National Disaster and Emergency Management University** -- Emergency management is constantly shifting to address the nation's most pressing threats, risks, and hazards from climate change to cyber to pandemic preparedness. To better address these needs, FEMA's Emergency Management Institute (EMI) is creating the National Disaster & Emergency Management University, or NDEMU, to help emergency managers build capacity today to meet the hazards of tomorrow.

NDEMU will offer comprehensive training across the entirety of an emergency manager's career and close an identified gap in mid and advanced career professional development. The new NDEMU will be a three-school institution:

- EMI will continue as a brand within NDEMU to provide foundational training and development for early career emergency managers.
- The School of Disaster Leadership is for mid- and late-career emergency managers seeking professional development and continuing education. It will emphasize leadership development and include programs like the Vanguard Executive Crisis Leaders Fellowship and targeted certificate programs.
- The School of National Resilience will serve as a bridge between the emergency management profession and stakeholders within the field of emergency management. It will include deeper dives into disaster risk reduction for specific sectors such as health, planning, and climate change adaptation.

FEMA continues to provide excellent training through partners such as the [Center for Domestic Preparedness](#), [National Domestic Preparedness Consortium](#), [Naval Postgraduate School](#), and [others](#). We expect NDEMU to help emergency management grow as a profession and ensure the pipeline of future talent has the depth of knowledge needed to face future hazards.

Visit [FEMA National Disaster & Emergency Management University \(NDEMU\)](#) to learn more.

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## Johns Hopkins University - Health Security Decoded

**NEW!** October 3, 2024

**Rwanda experiencing first-ever outbreak of Marburg virus; 36 confirmed cases, including 11 deaths** -- [Rwanda is experiencing its first outbreak of Marburg virus](#), a highly contagious and deadly hemorrhagic fever in the same viral family as Ebola. As of today, the country has reported 36 confirmed cases, including 25 under isolation and 11 fatalities, and more than 300 people are being monitored. The [outbreak was officially declared on September 27](#), following positive test results from the National Reference Laboratory. Cases have been identified in [7 out of Rwanda's 30 districts](#), with more than 70% of confirmed cases involving healthcare workers, particularly those working in intensive care units. Most of the cases have been traced back to 2 health facilities in the capital city of Kigali, although the source remains unclear.

In response to the outbreak, the Rwandan Ministry of Health is collaborating with WHO to implement containment measures. The health ministry has [suspended hospital visits](#), restricted the size of funerals of people suspected to have died of Marburg to 50 people, and outlawed home vigils and open caskets. [Rwanda plans to begin clinical trials of experimental vaccines and treatments](#) over the next few weeks. Currently, [there are no licensed vaccine or specific treatments](#) for Marburg virus. WHO is preparing to send emergency supplies from its response hub in Nairobi, Kenya, to assist in managing the situation.

WHO has assessed the risk level as very high at the national level, high at the regional level, and low at the global level. However, there are [growing concerns about the potential for international spread](#) due to Kigali's role as a regional travel hub. In Germany, 2 people suspected of having Marburg virus have [tested negative](#), authorities said.

**Ghana becomes 16th AU member state to report mpox cases; Africa CDC raises alarm over spread of disease in DRC capital city** -- The second mpox public health emergency in 2 years continues to be a significant public health concern in Africa and globally. As of October 3, a [total of 34,297 suspected cases, including 6,806 confirmed mpox cases, and 866 deaths](#), have been reported across 16 African Union member states this year (Ghana is the latest). Those numbers represent a more than 200% increase in cases reported this year compared with last year. The Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and Burundi accounted for 94.5% of all confirmed cases in the past week (Epi week 38).

A new subvariant, clade 1b, has raised concern due to its rapid spread in eastern DRC, the most affected nation, and neighboring countries, including Burundi. Africa CDC officials are raising the alarm after the DRC capital city of Kinshasa confirmed a case of clade 1b and the number of suspected cases rapidly increase. Outside of Africa, [Sweden](#), [Thailand](#), and [India](#) have each reported cases of clade 1b mpox among travelers. This variant shows increased transmissibility through several types of close contact, and [many of the cases have been among children](#).

In response, the US Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR) last week announced the [US government](#) will [supply 1 million mpox vaccine doses](#) to the international response and has committed to provide at least US\$500 million to support the response in alignment with the [WHO and Africa CDC Joint Response Plan](#). [Vaccination efforts in DRC, while delayed](#), are set to begin first in the eastern regions, with 265,000 doses available for adults. However, challenges persist, including [contact tracing and testing limitations](#) and the need for child-appropriate vaccines.

Additionally, [rumors and misinformation](#) are complicating efforts to educate communities about how to protect themselves and effectively administer vaccines.

Meanwhile, clade 2b mpox, the strain responsible for the 2022 global outbreak, [continues to circulate](#) at low levels worldwide. In New South Wales, Australia, public health officials are urging those at risk of contracting the disease—primarily men who have sex with men and [those who engage in transactional sex and their partners](#)—to get vaccinated. The state has [recorded 433 cases since June 1](#), the largest outbreak since recording its first case in May 2022. Of those, 26 required hospitalization. Notably, nearly 40% of the 433 cases were fully vaccinated, 14% had received one dose of vaccine, and almost half were not vaccinated. Research published today in *JAMA* supports that [protective immunity from vaccination may wane over time](#), possibly necessitating vaccine boosters.

### **Several healthcare workers who cared for Missouri bird flu patient developed respiratory disease symptoms; CDC investigating, maintains risk of person-to-person spread low –**

In our [last issue on September 19](#), we noted that a [household contact of the Missouri case of avian influenza A\(H5\)](#) who had no known interaction with infected animals or birds developed flu symptoms around the same time, but the contact was not tested. Since then, at least 6 healthcare workers who treated the original patient have developed symptoms; only one worker was tested and had negative results for flu A. It is unclear whether the other cases' flu symptoms were related to H5 flu or a different respiratory illness, and the [results of those tests remain unknown](#).

All the healthcare workers, as well as the household contact, provided blood samples for antibody testing. But because of genetic changes in the main protein on the exterior of the virus found in the index case, existing antibody tests are unreliable, and [CDC needs to develop a new test](#). That process may take until mid-October to complete, according to CDC. Missouri is leading the investigation into the potential cluster, with assistance from CDC, and both CDC and state officials have said [they believe the likelihood of any of the index patient's contacts becoming infected is low](#) and maintain there is [no evidence of these cases constituting a cluster](#).

Notably, however, healthcare workers often are considered sentinel cases in previous pandemics, and “if any of those 6 cases are confirmed, then that would definitely increase my level of alarm,” Dr. Caitlin Rivers, director of the [Center for Outbreak Response Innovation \(CORI\)](#) at the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security, said. If any of the cases are confirmed to be H5N1, they [may be the first example of person-to-person transmission](#) in the US.

So far this year, 14 human H5N1 have been reported in the US. [All patients have recovered](#). Most of the patients were agricultural workers who had close contact with infected cattle or poultry. Missouri has not reported any infected cattle herds, but it is unclear whether tests of dairy cows are being performed.

Nonetheless, [concerns about the spread of bird flu](#) becoming more virulent among humans is increasing as the virus continues to infect [birds, cows, other mammalian species, and humans](#). In the US, [255 dairy herds across 14 states](#) have been infected, according to the US Department of Agriculture. Vietnam recently reported the [deaths of 47 tigers, 3 lions, and a panther](#) in private zoos due to H5N1 type A. In an early release research published this week, scientists suggest that [milk and milking procedures, rather than respiratory spread, are likely the primary routes](#) of H5N1 transmission among cattle. However, that route of transmission would not hold true for zoo animals or wild mammals that become infected.

**NEW!** September 19, 2024

## **As mpox outbreak grows in Africa, WHO prequalifies vaccine, Gavi pledges 500K doses, Africa CDC calls on wealthy nations to step up response to ‘rebuild trust’**

The Africa CDC today reported a [“worrying” increase in mpox virus cases](#) on the continent, with 2,912 new cases and 14 deaths recorded in the past week (Epi week 36). Last week, the agency [reported](#) a significant increase in mpox-related deaths, with 107 new fatalities recorded in the previous week (Epi week 35). This brings the total number of cases to more than 29,150 (6,105 confirmed) and associated deaths to 738 for the year. [Fifteen \(15\) African Union member states across all 5 regions](#) of the continent have reported cases. Dr. Jean Kaseya, the agency’s director-general, called the rising toll [“too much” and “not acceptable”](#) and noted that children under age 15 are “disproportionately affected.” The [Democratic Republic of the Congo \(DRC\)](#) is the most affected country, with the [mining town of Kamituga](#) in South Kivu province being the epicenter of the outbreak.

### **WHO prequalifies mpox vaccine**

Last week, WHO [prequalified Bavarian Nordic’s MVA-BN vaccine](#) (also known as Jynneos, Imvanex, and Imvamune), making it the [first mpox vaccine to receive such a listing](#). Prequalification will facilitate the procurement and distribution of the vaccine by organizations such as Gavi and UNICEF, particularly in those low- and middle-income countries that cannot afford to purchase supplies. [WHO recommended](#) that single doses be given in supply-constrained areas instead of the usual 2-dose regimen. The agency also permitted “off-label” use for infants, children, and adolescents, as the vaccine is not yet authorized for individuals under age 18 years, as well as for pregnant and immunocompromised people, if the benefits outweigh risks.

### **Africa CDC calls on wealthy nations**

Questions remain over whether the [estimated 18 million to 22 million doses needed](#) to vaccinate 10 million people over the next 6 months will reach areas in need. DRC has received only 250,000 doses from the EU and US. Japan this week announced it will [donate 3 million doses of KM Biologics’ LC16 mpox vaccine](#) to DRC. Unlike MVA-BN, LC16 is authorized for use in children. Notably, however, health workers will need special training to administer the vaccine, which is done by intradermal scraping. DRC is expected to [begin vaccinations in early October](#), and [Rwanda, which has received 1,000 vaccine doses, began its campaign this week](#). Dr. Kaseya called on [wealthy nations to implement lessons](#) they learned during the COVID-19 pandemic and donate vaccine doses to “rebuild the trust.” He said he is confident [Africa CDC can raise US\\$600 million](#) needed to fight the growing outbreak.

### **Gavi to supply vaccine doses**

Bolstering the sentiment on lessons learned, Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance CEO Dr. Sania Nishtar said the COVID pandemic resulted in [specific instruments that are now being used against mpox](#). Gavi [announced](#) this week it has signed an agreement with Bavarian Nordic to [supply 500,000 doses of MVA-BN vaccine](#) to countries in Africa affected by the outbreak. With up to US\$50 million in full costs—including transportation, delivery, and administration—funded through Gavi’s new [First Response Fund](#), the doses are expected to be delivered this year. Additionally, the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria said this week it will [support DRC with US\\$9.5 million](#) for its emergency mpox response. UNICEF this week [launched an appeal for US\\$58.8 million](#) to address the mpox emergency in 6 African nations where children are most affected.

### **US response**

Leaders from the US National Security Council and the White House Office of Pandemic Preparedness and Response Policy this week held a

global and domestic public health partners, advocacy groups, and community leaders to discuss the mpox outbreaks in DRC and other countries that have never recorded cases. US officials confirmed they are [committed to bringing the outbreak under control](#) and ensuring it does not develop into a pandemic. Health officials from the US HHS and CDC last night [participated in a panel discussion](#) on the mpox emergency hosted by the [Capitol Hill Steering Committee on Pandemic Preparedness & Health Security](#), which is sponsored and managed by the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security (see more below). Additionally, as part of the US response, NIH released an update on its [priorities for mpox research](#).

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## **Capitol Hill Steering Committee event discusses current mpox emergency, Congress's role in responding**

The [Capitol Hill Steering Committee on Pandemic Preparedness & Health Security](#) on September 18 held an event titled, [The Current Mpox Crisis and Congress's Role in Protecting the US from Health Security Threats](#). The panel discussion, moderated by Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security Director Dr. Tom Inglesby, examined the current global mpox outbreak and the US government's response in cooperation with industry and academic partners. Participants in the panel included Phyllis Arthur, Executive Vice President & Head of Healthcare Policy & Programs, BIO; Loyce Pace, Assistant Secretary for Global Affairs, US Department of Health and Human Services; Dr. Athalia Christie, Associate Director for Emergency Preparedness and Response, US CDC; and Dr. Caitlin Rivers, Senior Scholar and Associate Professor, Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security, and Director, [Center for Outbreak Response Innovation \(CORI\)](#).

The Capitol Hill Steering Committee, which is sponsored and managed by the Center for Health Security, is an educational forum to discuss new topics, technologies, and ideas that can improve domestic health security now and in the future. For more information on last night's event and previous sessions, visit <https://centerforhealthsecurity.org/our-work/the-capitol-hill-steering-committee>.

## **[Newsletter Sign Up | Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security](#)**

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## **U.S. Fire Administration - National Fire Academy**

### **NEW! September 4, 2024 NFA Application Period (Sep 15-Oct 15)**

The National Fire Academy application period is here for on-campus courses scheduled from January - March 2025. This application period runs from September 15 - October 15. If you are interested in participating in any upcoming classes, please apply during this timeframe.

Want to learn how to interpret hazardous materials product information to support tactical decision-making? The National Fire Academy (NFA) has immediate openings in [Chemical Hazard Analysis for Risk-Based Response](#) (R0233) held on the NETC campus in Emmitsburg, Maryland. [Click here](#) to access the online application.

Are you looking to lead and manage a special operations program for your community? The National Fire Academy (NFA) has immediate openings in [Special Operations Program Management](#) (R0254) held on the NETC campus in Emmitsburg, Maryland. [Click here](#) to access the online application.

Do you really know what your hazardous materials meters and monitors are really trying to tell you? Spend a week with the National Fire Academy and become a monitoring wizard! The National Fire Academy (NFA) has immediate openings in [Advanced Science of Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction Response](#) (R0655) held on the NETC campus in Emmitsburg, Maryland. [Click here](#) to access the online application.

For help completing your application, contact our Admissions Office, Monday - Friday between 7 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. EST, at 800-238-3358, ext. 1035 or by email at [netcadmissions@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:netcadmissions@fema.dhs.gov).

**ICYMI: August 21, 2024** The U.S. Fire Administration's National Fire Academy is accepting applications for resident courses with vacancies, especially the following course deliveries between Oct. thru Dec:

- [R0314 - Command and Control of Incident Operations](#)
- [R0254 - Special Operations Program Management and Leadership](#)
- [R0393 - Plans Review for Fire and Life Safety](#)
- [R0645 - Leadership in Supervision](#)
- [R0670 - Community Risk Reduction: A Policy Approach](#)
- [R0655 - Advanced Science of Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction Response](#)
- [R0673 - Service Area Risk Reduction](#)
- [R0233 - Chemical Hazard Analysis for Risk-Based Response](#)
- [R0763 - New Executive Chief Officer](#)
- [Click here](#) for the current vacancy listing for ALL resident courses.

How to Apply:

- Students must apply using the electronic application form available on the [NETC Online Admissions Application](#) website.
- Block 3: Student Identification (SID) Number: If you do not already have a FEMA SID, please follow the directions at <https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid>
- All applications require electronic approval from the head of your sponsoring organization.
- Applicants should not make plans to participate in a course until you have been notified in writing by the Admissions Office
- For help completing your application, contact our Admissions Office, Monday - Friday between 7 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. EST, at 800-238-3358, ext. 1035 or by email at [netcadmissions@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:netcadmissions@fema.dhs.gov).

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## Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO)

**NEW! October 3, 2024**

**Disease Forecasting Resources** | Disease forecasting can help public health officials identify trends in how conditions such as COVID-19, influenza, and RSV impact their jurisdictions. ASTHO just released a set of three briefs focusing on **defining disease forecasting and modeling**, **effective communication**, and **benefits for public health planning**. Access each brief now to learn more.

Blog: [How Washington State Leverages Data to Improve Emergency Preparedness | ASTHO](#)

Blog: [Ohio Department of Health Using Partnerships to Improve Public Health Data and Emergency Preparedness | ASTHO](#)

**NEW! September 26, 2024**

**[Public Health Full-Court\(s\) Press](#)**

Judicial decisions impact public health policy. The Supreme Court of the United States recently issued opinions in cases involving social media use, administrative law, and bankruptcy that could

affect public health agencies more broadly, while lower federal courts considered cases about the Affordable Care Act and Title X. Finally, state supreme courts continue to see challenges to state actions taken during COVID-19. Find more details on the legal landscape affecting public health in a new *Health Policy Update*.

BLOG: [How Emergency Preparedness Can Better Protect Children's Health | ASTHO](#)

### **NEW!** September 23, 2024 – Summary of FY25 Continuing Resolution

On Sunday, Sept. 22, Congressional leaders released the text of the Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025, also known as a continuing resolution, to fund the federal government through Dec. 20, 2025. The legislation is expected to be approved by Congress and subsequently signed into law by the President before Sept. 30, avoiding a government shutdown. The bill provides \$27.1 million to address shortfalls in Medicaid funding for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) and extends funding for critical autism-related programs. The [text of the legislation](#) is available for review.

### **Outlook**

The ASTHO government affairs team is optimistic that the bill will be signed into law, and a government shutdown is highly unlikely. We expect negotiations to potentially finalize full-year appropriations for FY25 to not begin until after the conclusion of the November elections.

### **Public Health Provisions**

In addition to extending federal funding through Dec. 20, 2024, the bill includes the following provisions relevant to state and territorial public health:

- Provides \$27.1 million in Medicaid funding for CNMI from Oct. 1, 2022, to Sept. 30, 2024, to address previous shortfalls in funding. The increase in funding applies to services provided in fiscal years 2023 and 2024, even if payments for services are made in fiscal year 2025. Furthermore, these additional funds will not affect calculations of Medicaid funding for CNMI in later years.
- Extends funding for the following programs through Dec. 20, 2024:
  - Developmental Disabilities Surveillance and Research Program
  - Autism Education, Early Detection, and Intervention Program
  - Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee
- [As a reminder](#), funding for the following programs is extended through Dec. 31, 2024:
  - Community Health Centers
  - National Health Service Corps
  - Teaching Health Centers that Operate graduate medical education programs
  - Special Diabetes Program
  - Authority for states and tribes to request temporary reassignment for federally funded personnel
- Extends the continuation of programs under the Compacts of Free Association with the Republic of Palau between Oct. 1 and signing a new federal programs and services agreement.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact [Jeffrey Ekoma](#) on ASTHO's Government Affairs team with any questions.

### **NEW!** September 19, 2024

### [Federal Government Mounts Response to Rising Heat Index](#)

Extreme heat is the leading cause of weather-related deaths in the United States, with rising temperatures increasing health risks. The federal government is responding through new legislation, federal initiatives, and safety regulations to protect vulnerable populations. Key actions include developing emergency plans, boosting resilience, and enhancing workplace safety. Find more details in a new *Federal Health Policy Update*.

REPORT: [Public Health's Role in Mental Health Promotion and Suicide Prevention | ASTHO](#)

**ICYMI: September 12, 2024**

**[Strategic Stockpiling: How New State Policies will Impact Emergency Preparedness](#)**

Stockpiling is critical for public health preparedness, ensuring essential supplies are available during emergencies. The Strategic National Stockpile supports state efforts, but challenges persist. Recent state actions focus on improving policies to enhance response readiness, strengthen federal-state collaboration, and address shortages. Learn more in the latest *Health Policy Update*.

**[Reducing COVID-19 Health Disparities in the Territories and Freely Associated States](#)** | Several ASTHO staff co-authored an article in the *American Journal of Public Health* highlighting the CDC-funded island health equity framework. It identifies important factors that must be taken into account when identifying effective strategies for reducing health disparities in the island areas. The article describes how the framework is being used to build consensus and guide efforts. [Learn more.](#)

BLOG: [Leading Health Security Efforts Through Strategic Collaboration and Innovation | ASTHO](#)

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## American Journal of Public Health (AJPH)

**NEW! November 2024 – Connecting Local Public Health Experiences**

The November issue of *AJPH* features a special section on Notes From the Field highlighting the importance of sharing field experiences that public health practitioners and researchers can reproduce in their own communities. Select articles cover community engagement, migrant health, wastewater monitoring, and vaccine mandates in a university setting. Other articles in this issue address wastewater monitoring in jail settings, nonfatal overdose rates, maternal health equity, and more. [American Journal of Public Health – November 2024 - Volume 114, Issue 11](#)

**NEW! Supplement 7 2024 – CDC's Initiative to Address COVID-19 Health Disparities: Lessons Learned** - This supplement issue of *AJPH* focuses on practices and lessons learned in addressing COVID-19-related health disparities and advancing health equity. Articles address various social determinants of health as they relate to COVID-19 including obstacles such as transportation, language barriers, and environmental conditions, among other factors, that exacerbated COVID-19-related health disparities. Flexible funding from the CDC's COVID-19 Health Disparities Grant gave health departments the tools they needed to establish essential capabilities to address ongoing health disparities and strengthen public health infrastructure. [Read Issue](#)

**ICYMI:**

- [October 2024 - Abortion Access Two Years After Dobbs v Jackson Ruling - Volume 114, Issue 10](#)
  - [September 2024 - COVID-19: Excess Overall Mortality Across US States - Volume 114, Issue 9](#)
  - [August 2024 - Indoor Air Quality and Work Environment – Volume 114, Issue 8](#)
  - [July 2024 – Opioids, COVID-19, & Fatal Overdoses - Volume 114, Issue 7](#)
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## American Public Health Association (APHA)

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## Trust for America's Health

**NEW!** **October 8, 2024** Earlier today, Trust for America's Health released [Pathway to a Healthier America: A Blueprint for Strengthening Public Health for the Next Administration and Congress](#). The report identifies six priority areas and includes policy recommendations that, if adopted, will improve health outcomes and bolster the nation's economic and national security. The report draws a roadmap for policymakers to safeguard the nation's health security by ensuring sustained investment in public health, policy support, and protection from political interference. Join us today for a [livestream](#) of the release event at 2:00 PM EST from the National Press Club, Washington, D.C. This event will feature highlights from the report as well as engaging conversations with expert speakers, including former HHS Secretaries Michael Leavitt and Kathleen Sebelius.

### **NEW!** September 24, 2024

- The Public Health Communications Collaborative (PHCC) has released [The Public Health Communicators Guide to Misinformation](#) in partnership with the Infodemiology Training Program, provides insights into the current misinformation landscape and tools to assess risk and determine how to respond.
  - Each year on the second Thursday of October, Children's Environmental Health Network rallies together with other people working to ensure a healthier, safer, more equitable future for all children and celebrate [Children's Environmental Health Day](#) (CEH Day). Mark October 10th down on your calendar and get ready to celebrate CEH Day as we raise the visibility of children's health issues, celebrate successes in the field, share exciting new initiatives, and discuss new challenges on the road ahead.
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## National Association of Science Engineering and Medicine (NASEM)

### **NEW!** October 2, 2024

#### [Mitigating Arboviral Threat and Strengthening Public Health Preparedness](#)

Arboviruses, or viruses carried by arthropods like mosquitoes or ticks, are responsible for hundreds of thousands of deaths worldwide each year. As the climate changes globally, the geographic distribution of these diseases, including Zika, dengue, chikungunya, West Nile, and yellow fever, are steadily expanding. The National Academies [Forum on Microbial Threats](#) hosted a public workshop in December 2023 to explore avenues of threat reduction from known and emerging arboviral diseases in the context of public health preparedness and capacity building. The workshop featured talks from experts in entomology, public health, ecology, virology, immunology, disease modeling, and urban planning. This proceeding highlights the workshop presentations and discussions.

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## PODCASTS:

### **ICYMI:** AJPH PODCASTS:

- **Public Health Students About Responding to and Preventing War**
  - Podcast: Listen to the [audio](#) | watch the [video](#)

- **Voting Rights are a Political Determinant of Health**
  - Podcast: Listen to the [audio](#) | watch the [video](#)
- **Exploring the Impact of Voting Rights on Public Health**
  - Podcast: Listen to the [audio](#) | watch the [video](#)

**ICYMI:** Johns Hopkins - Center for Health Security podcasts

- [BWC Global Forum, discusses AI and drug discovery](#)
- [Episode 774 - Why We Desperately Need—And Still Don't Have—A Global Pandemic Treaty.](#)

**ICYMI:** County Health Rankings & Roadmaps Podcast

- [Strengthening Democracy For Better Health Series](#)

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

## **October**

### **Evacuation Planning Strategies and Solutions (MGT-461)**

Sponsored by NDPTC

Tuesday, October 8, 2024, 2:00pm - 6:00pm

[Register Here](#)

### **NEW! Pathway to a Healthier America: A Blueprint for Strengthening Public Health for the Next Administration and Congress**

Sponsored by Trust for America's Health's (TFAH)

Tuesday, October 8, 2024, 2-4pm

[Register Here](#)

### **AI to Improve Productivity at Work**

Sponsored by SCCM

Tuesday, October 8, 2024, 2:00pm - 3:00pm

[Register Here](#)

### **Hidden in Plain Sight: Unseen Security Threats May Cost Your Organization**

Sponsored by Becker's Healthcare

Tuesday, October 8, 2024, 2:00pm - 3:00pm

[Register Here](#)

### **NEW! State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC)**

Tuesday, Wednesday October 8-9, 2024, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Location:** NYS OEM; 1220 Washington Ave., Building 22; Albany, NY 12226 on the State Campus

[Register Here](#)

### **Are You Actively Prepared? Large Scale Exercise Planning Lessons Learned**

Sponsored by AHEPP

Wednesday, October 9, 2024, 12:00pm - 1:00pm

[Register Here](#)

### **Flooding Hazards: Science & Preparedness (AWR-362)**

Sponsored by NDPTC

Wednesday-Thursday, October 9-10, 2024, 2:00pm - 6:00pm

[Register Here](#)

### **HCV7 - Hospital Incident Command System**

Sponsored by CDP

Thursday, October 10, 2024, 1:00pm - 3:00pm

[Register Here](#)

### **LEV2 - The Right to Protest and Law Enforcement Response (AWR-936-V2)**

Sponsored by CDP

Thursday, October 10, 2024, 1:00pm - 2:00pm

[Register Here](#)

### **NEW! Health Literacy Month kick off “Health Equity in Our Programs”**

Sponsored by the New York State Department of Health, Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities Prevention (OMH-HDP)

Thursday, October 10, 2024, 1:00pm - 2:30pm

[Register Here](#)

### **NEW! CDC COCA Call: Updates on Diagnostic Testing & Outpatient Treatment for COVID-19 & Influenza**

Sponsored by CDC

Thursday, October 10, 2024, 2-3pm

[Register Here](#)

### **Man vs. Machine**

Sponsored by NYS Vital Signs Academy

Thursday, October 10, 2024, 6:30pm - 7:30pm

[Register Here](#)

### **MGT-484 Nature-Based Solutions for Mitigating Hazards**

Sponsored by NDPTC

Friday, October 11, 2024, 2:00pm - 6:00pm

[Register Here](#)

### **9th Annual New York State Healthcare Facilities Conference: Rewiring Healthcare Facilities**

Performance and Outcomes

Sponsored by ASHE

Sunday-Tuesday, October 13-15, 2024,

[Register Here](#) | Turning Stone Casino - Verona, NY

### **4 DAY HAZWOPER For The First Receiver Operations Level TtT**

Sponsored by OHEP

October 14-15, 2024, 8:30am - 4:30pm via Zoom Webinar

November 19-20, 2024, 8:30am - 4:30pm at 120 Corporate Woods Suite 350 – Rochester, NY 14623

[Register Here](#)

### **Using Plain Language to Improve Health Literacy**

Sponsored by MARPHTC-PITT

Tuesday, October 15, 2024, 12:00pm - 1:00pm

[Register Here](#)

**NEW! Addressing the Impact of Weather on Rural Health**

Sponsored by ASPR TRACIE

Tuesday, October 15, 2024, 2-3pm

[Register Here](#)

**Community Planning for Disaster Recovery (AWR-356)**

Sponsored by NDPTC

Tuesday-Wednesday, October 15-16, 2024, 1:00pm - 5:00pm

[Register Here](#)

**Basic Emergency Operations Center Functions**

Sponsored by DHSES

Wednesday, October 16, 2024, 8:00am - 4:00pm

[Register Here](#) | Oswego County EMO, Fulton, NY

**NEW! Active Shooter Guidance**

Sponsored by FEMA Region 2

Wednesday, October 16, 2024, 10:30am-12pm

[Register Here](#)

**NEW! 2024 APIC and NHSN Fall Session: Infection Prevention at Home and Abroad**

Sponsored by the Association for Professionals in Infection Control & Epidemiology & National Healthcare Safety Network

Wednesday, October 16, 2024, 9-11:30 am. | If you are having issues with registration, please direct questions to [learning@APIC.org](mailto:learning@APIC.org). | **Registration information:**

1. Click <https://education.apic.org/products/apic-and-nhsn-ipc-at-home-and-abroad>.
2. Click the orange "You Must Log in to Register" button.
3. Log in or create a new account.
4. On top menu, Click on Store.
5. Click Webinars.
6. In the search field, type NHSN.
7. Identify APIC and NHSN: IPC at Home and Abroad, featuring the NHSN logo as the image.
8. Add items to your order, go to checkout, and confirm to complete the registration process.

**NYS Vital Signs EMS Conference**

Sponsored by NYS BEMS

Wednesday-Sunday, October 16-20, 2024

[Register Here](#) | Rochester, NY

**AWR213 - Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience Awareness,**

Sponsored by TEEEX

Wednesday-Sunday, October 16-27, 2024, 9:00am - 1:00pm

[Register Here](#)

**LEV3 - Social Media Strategies for Law Enforcement (AWR-936-V3)**

Sponsored by CDP

Thursday, October 17, 2024, 1:00pm - 2:00pm

[Register Here](#)

**NEW! CDC COCA Call: Resurgence of New World Screwworm in the Americas: What Healthcare Providers Need to Know**

Sponsored by CDC

Thursday, October 17, 2024, 2-3pm

[Register Here](#)

**NEW! Did That Kid Just Pass Out? A Discussion of Pediatric Syncope**

Sponsored by NYS Vital Signs EMS Academy

Monday, October 21, 11am-12pm

[Register Here](#)

**MGT-384: Preparing for Cyber Attacks and Incidents**

Sponsored by FLRTC, DHSES, and TEEEX

Monday-Tuesday, October 21-22, 2024, 8:00am - 5:00pm

[Register Here](#)

**K0419: Shelter Field Guide Training for State and Local Communities**

Sponsored by FEMA NETC

Monday-Tuesday, October 21-22, 2024, 10:00am - 3:00pm

[Register Here](#)

**NEW! Radiological Disaster Response in the US: Insights from REAC/TS and RITN**

Sponsored by American Burn Association

Tuesday, October 22, 2024, 3-4pm

[Register Here](#)

**NEW! Navigating the Evolving Cyber Threat Landscape**

Sponsored by FEMA Region 2

Monday, October 23, 2024, 1-2:30pm

[Register Here](#)

**NEW! Health Equity in Emergency Preparedness and Response**

Sponsored by CDC's Office of Health Equity (OHE)

Monday, October 23, 2024, 3-4pm

[Register Here](#)

**NEW! Cyber Safety for Seniors Webinar**

Sponsored by FEMA Region 9

Monday, October 23, 2024, 6-7pm

[Register Here](#)

**Public Health Risk Communications**

Sponsored by DHSES and Cornell

Wednesday-Thursday, October 23-24, 2024, 9:00am - 4:00pm,

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

**Community Planning for Disaster Recovery (AWR-359)**

Sponsored by NDPTC

Wednesday-Thursday, October 23-24, 2024, 1:00pm - 5:00pm

[Register Here](#)

**NEW! You Are the Help Until Help Arrives**

Sponsored by FEMA Region 2

Thursday, October 24, 2024, 9:30am-12pm

[Register Here](#)

## **Compassion Fatigue: Considerations for Recognition and Management Among Public Health Providers**

Sponsored by MAROHTC-PITT

Thursday, October 24, 2024, 1:00pm - 2:00pm

[Register Here](#)

## **LEV4 - Law Enforcement Response to Recent Protest Movements: Key Findings and Lessons Learned (AWR-936-V4)**

Sponsored by CDP

Thursday, October 24, 2024, 1:00pm - 2:00pm

[Register Here](#)

## **When the Bite is Worse than the Bark**

Sponsored by NYS Vital Signs EMS Academy

Thursday, October 24, 2024, 6:30pm - 7:30pm

[Register Here](#)

## **Active Threat Integrated Response and Train the Trainer (PER-340-1)**

Sponsored by DHSES

Monday-Thursday, October 28-31, 2024, 32 Hours

[Register Here](#) | MCC Public Safety Training Center, Rochester, NY

## **Newborn Care and Resuscitation**

Sponsored by NYS Vital Signs EMS Academy

Monday, October 28, 2024, 10:00am - 11:00am

[Register Here](#)

## **NEW! Advanced Burn Life Support Course**

Sponsored by University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry, Rochester, NY

Monday, October 28, 2024, 7:30am-4:00pm

[Website](#) | SAVE-THE-DATE for next course on December 16, 2024.

[Register Here](#)

## **Pediatric Stroke Symptoms: Not Just for Adults**

Sponsored by NYS Vital Signs EMS Academy

Tuesday, October 29, 2024, 6:00pm - 7:00pm

[Register Here](#)

## **Winter Weather Hazards: Science and Preparedness**

Sponsored by NDPTC

Thursday-Friday, October 31 - November 1, 2024, 1:00pm - 5:00pm

[Register Here](#)

## **LEV5 - Understanding Crowd Dynamics for Mitigation and De-escalation of Large-scale Events (AWR-936-V5)**

Sponsored by CDP

Thursday, October 31, 2024, 1:00pm - 2:00pm

[Register Here](#)

## **November**

**NEW! Pediatric Emergency Assessment, Recognition & Stabilization (PEARS)**

Sponsored by FLRTC

Friday, November 8, 2024, 9:00am - 3:30pm

Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center, 621 Tenth Street, Niagara Falls, NY 14302

Enroll in LMS Course: [OHEP-WRHTC-PEARS-BP1](#)

**NEW! Pediatric Emergency Assessment, Recognition & Stabilization (PEARS)**

Sponsored by FLRTC

Wednesday, November 13, 2024, 9:00am - 3:30pm

St. Joseph's Hospital, 555 St. Joseph's Blvd., Elmira, NY 14901

Enroll in LMS Course: [OHEP-WRHTC-PEARS-BP1](#)

**NEW! Tribal Preparedness Webinar**

Sponsored by FEMA Region 9

Wednesday, November 13, 2024, 6:30-7:30pm

[Register Here](#)

**NEW! CERT Promising Practices Webinar**

Sponsored by FEMA Region 10

Thursday, November 14, 2024, 9-10pm

[Register Here](#)

**NEW! New York Responds Incident Management System Training (NYR)**

Sponsored by the NYS Office of Emergency Management (OEM)

November 19, 2024, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: NYS OEM; 1220 Washington Ave., Building 22; Albany, NY 12226 on the State Campus

[Register Here](#)

**NEW! State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC)**

Sponsored by the NYS Office of Emergency Management (OEM)

November 20-21, 2024, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: NYS OEM; 1220 Washington Ave., Building 22; Albany, NY 12226 on the State Campus

[Register Here](#)

**NEW! Third Thursday Tips: Shelter in Place (2:00 p.m. ET)**

Sponsored by FEMA Region 10

Thursday, November 21, 2024, 2-3pm

[Register Here](#)

**NEW! New York Responds Refresher Training for NYS Agencies**

Sponsored by the NYS Office of Emergency Management (OEM)

Friday, November 22, 2024, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Virtual

[Register Here](#)

**NEW! New York Responds Refresher Training for County Personnel**

Sponsored by the NYS Office of Emergency Management (OEM)

Friday, November 22, 2024, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Virtual

[Register Here](#)

**December**

**NEW! New York Responds Incident Management System Training (NYR)**

Sponsored by the NYS Office of Emergency Management (OEM)

Tuesday, December 3, 2024, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Virtual

[Register Here](#)

**NEW! State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC)**

Sponsored by the NYS Office of Emergency Management (OEM)

Wednesday – Thursday, December 4-5, 2024, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Virtual

[Register Here](#)

**NEW! New York Responds for County Personnel**

Sponsored by the NYS Office of Emergency Management (OEM)

Friday, December 6, 2024, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Virtual

[Register Here](#)

**NEW! Third Thursday Tips: Home Hazard Hunt**

Sponsored by FEMA Region 10

Thursday, December 19, 2024, 2-3pm

[Register Here](#)

## **New & OnDemand Content - NYLearnsPH.com**

**NEW! Developing a Response Plan to Misinformation in Public Health**

Sponsored by Public Health Communications Collaborative

Recorded September 25, 2024

Enroll in LMS Course: [PHCC-20240925](#)

**NEW! Crisis Management: Critical Thinking in Crisis Preparation**

Sponsored by South Central Partnership

Self-Paced Course | Enroll in LMS Course: [SCP-0191](#)

**Climate Change and Flooding Risk: How Local HDs and Communities Can Prepare**

Sponsored by Region 2 Public Health Training Center

Self-Paced Course | Enroll in LMS Course: [Req2PHTC-Flooding](#)

**A Systems Approach to Reduce Gun Violence**

Sponsored by Region 2 Public Health Training Center

Self-Paced Course | Enroll in LMS Course: [Req2PHTC-GunViolence](#)

**[HTC Webinar Series - BP5\(2023-2024\) PROGRAM: Sessions 1-11](#)** –Enroll and complete all 11

parts to receive a program certificate on the NYSDOH LMS!

**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](#)

**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: Meets BP-5 (2023-2024) & 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](#)

### **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](#) 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](#)

### **Secrets of Governmental Job Search: How to Apply for Local & State Health Department Jobs**

Sponsored by Region 2 Public Health Training Center

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

## **Additional Training of Interest - (On Demand)**

**NEW!** [Introduction to Energy Systems \(ESS\) Course code Q0757](#)

Sponsored by The National Fire Academy | self-study course

**NEW!** [Poison Prevention in the Home Online Training](#) This online training teaches key messages about poison prevention in the home. A certificate will be emailed after completion of training & test.

**Also see:** [Poison Prevention Community Education Programs - NYC Health](#)

**NEW!** [Expanding Hospital Bloodstream Infection Surveillance: Re-evaluating Infection Prevention Strategies in PIV Surveillance and Hospital-Onset Bacteremia and Fungemia](#)

Sponsored by VuMedi | Recorded September 30, 2024

**NEW!** [Project 2025 vs. The Public's Health: What is Project 2025? What is Their Blueprint to Reduce or Eliminate the Impact of Government Agencies on Vaccine Recommendations?](#)

Sponsored by VuMedi | Recorded September 10, 2024

**NEW!** [Emergency Use Authorization for Updated COVID Vaccine, West Nile Virus and Mpox Updates, Incidence of Mental Illness - Patients Vaccinated vs. Unvaccinated Against COVID-19](#)

Sponsored by VuMedi | Recorded September 3, 2024

**NEW!** [Advancing Data Sharing to Strengthen One Health Effectiveness: Relevance and Intersections with Climate Change: A Webinar](#)

Sponsored by National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) | Recorded August 29, 2024

**NEW!** [Advancing Infectious Disease Diagnostics: Opportunities and Challenges](#)

Sponsored by VuMedi | Recorded August 27, 2024

**NEW!** [Vaccines for Adults: COVID, RSV, Influenza and More](#)

Sponsored by VuMedi | Recorded August 23, 2024

**NEW!** [Monkeypox Declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern by the WHO, Public Health Policies and Research Needed for Long COVID, and Why Use of a Single Monoclonal Antibody Against SARS-CoV-2 Will Result in Circulation of Resistant Viral Variants](#) | Sponsored by VuMedi | Recorded August 20, 2024

**NEW!** [Review of CDC COVID-19 Vaccine Safety Research and Communications: Open Session](#)

Sponsored by NASEM | Recorded August 7, 2024

**NEW!** [ASTHO Communications Trainings](#) | Three training videos covering media interview best practices, space preparation and interview tactics, and digital strategies. Each video is 12-minutes long and features tips and tricks to prepare for and guide any media interview or media strategy.

**NEW!** [Prepare Your Clinics and Patients for Fall and Winter Respiratory Virus Season](#)

Sponsored by Project Firstline | Recorded Aug 6, 2024 | Free Continuing Education (CE)

**NEW!** [Oversight and Food Safety Concerns Posed by Heritable Genetic Modification in Food Animals: A Workshop](#)

Sponsored by NASEM | Recorded July 23, 2024

**NEW!** [Strengthening Indigenous America: Building Resilience through Disaster Preparedness, Response, and Recovery: A Workshop](#)

Sponsored by NASEM | Recorded July 8-9, 2024

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

## [Dealing with Stress in Disasters: Building Psychological Resilience](#)

Sponsored by Boston University School of Public Health | on-line course

## [Public Health Prepared Training Catalog](#)

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

**The National Center for Disaster Preparedness** through its FEMA training grants, will be offering the following free upcoming trainings. The training hosts are in the locations below; however, learners throughout the FEMA regions are welcome to attend.

### **NEW!** [Live Virtual Learning \(October 2024 - February 2025\)](#)

- **October 9, 2024 - Texas, FEMA Region 6**
  - [MGT-487: Mass Care Shelter and Relocation Coordination](#)
- **October 29, 2024 - Illinois, FEMA Region 5**
  - [PER-406: Mass Care Shelter and Relocation Capacity Building](#)
- **January 15 and 16, 2025 - Alaska, FEMA Region 10**
  - [PER-406: Mass Care Shelter and Relocation Capacity Building](#)
- **January 22, 2025 - Texas, FEMA Region 6**
  - [PER-406: Mass Care Shelter and Relocation Capacity Building](#)
- **February 25 and 26, 2025 - Minnesota, FEMA Region 5**
  - [PER-419: Understanding Climate Change and Social Vulnerability for Disaster Management](#)

### **NEW!** [Instructor-led In-Person or Hybrid Learning \(October - November 2024\)](#)

- **November 12, 2024 - Cheyenne, Wyoming, FEMA Region 8, Hybrid - Virtual and In-Person Delivery**
  - [MGT-488: Pandemic Planning Emergency Management and Public Health Coordination](#)

### **Self-Paced Hospital Radiological Emergency Operations Series**

Sponsored by NCDP Counterterrorism Operations Support —CTOS

- **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**

[Register Here](#)