

Aware Prepare Update



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Welcome to the **February 2023** issue of the Aware Prepare (AP) Update. The AP is your bi-monthly guide to upcoming trainings related to preparedness, readiness and response. These trainings may be provided in one or more of the following formats, including: live webcasts, webinars and in-person training; archived webcasts, webinars and on demand e-learning much of which can be accessed through the NYS Department of Health's (NYSDOH's) [NYLearnsPH.com](https://www.health.ny.gov/learning/management_system/) Learning Management System (LMS). Questions or submissions, email: edlearn@health.ny.gov

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Visit the New York State Department of Health's (NYSDOH) dedicated Webpages:

- **MPOX Webpage:** [health.ny.gov/monkeypox](https://www.health.ny.gov/monkeypox/)
- **Polio and immunization Webpage:** [health.ny.gov/polio](https://www.health.ny.gov/polio/)
- **COVID-19 Resources Webpage:** <http://coronavirus.health.ny.gov>

Feeling stressed by the COVID-19 epidemic? You are not alone. Call the NYS Emotional Support Helpline 7 days a week, 8am-10pm at 1-844-863-9314.

[Video, Audio, Photos & Rush Transcript: Governor Hochul Announces Highlights of FY 2024 Executive Budget](#)

Feb 01, 2023 | 03:16 PM EST

Earlier, Governor Hochul outlined her Fiscal Year 2024 Executive Budget.

[Governor Hochul Announces Highlights of FY 2024 Executive Budget](#)

Feb 01, 2023 | 02:39 PM EST

Governor Hochul outlined her Fiscal Year 2024 Executive Budget.

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

Jan 31, 2023 | 01:38 PM EST

Governor Hochul updated New Yorkers on the state's progress combatting COVID-19 and outlined basic steps they can take to protect against the spread of viral respiratory infections during the winter season.

[Governor Hochul Announces Completion of More Than 1,000 Joint Counter Terrorism Exercises Across New York State in 2022](#)

Jan 26, 2023 | 08:49 AM EST

Governor Hochul announced the State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services' Office of Counter Terrorism conducted training exercises at more than 1,000 locations statewide in 2022.

[Governor Hochul Announces More Than 8,000 Public Safety Professionals From New York State and Beyond Completed Training at the State Preparedness Training Center in 2022](#)

Jan 25, 2023 | 01:11 PM EST

Governor Hochul announced that the State Preparedness Training Center in Oriskany trained more than 8,000 local, state and federal public safety professionals from a variety of disciplines and agencies, including law enforcement, the fire service, and emergency management, from across New York State and beyond in 2022.

[B-roll, Video, Audio, Photos & Rush Transcript: Governor Hochul Announces Expansion of the Capital Region Crime Analysis Center and Highlights State of the State Proposals to Increase Funding for Local Law Enforcement Agencies](#)

Jan 24, 2023 | 02:46 PM EST

Earlier, Governor Hochul announced the expansion of the Capital Region Crime Analysis Center in Albany, one of 10 centers in a state-supported network providing critical crime analysis, information, and investigative support to help law enforcement agencies more effectively solve, reduce, & prevent crime.

[Governor Hochul Announces Expansion of the Capital Region Crime Analysis Center and Highlights State of the State Proposals to Increase Funding for Local Law Enforcement Agencies](#)

Jan 24, 2023 | 12:19 PM EST

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[Governor Hochul Announces State Cancer Prevention Efforts to Protect Firefighters and Their Families During Firefighter Cancer Awareness Month](#)

Jan 18, 2023 | 12:07 PM EST

Governor Hochul announced the State's Office of Fire Prevention and Control will begin new outreach efforts to help protect New York's firefighters and their families from the threat of cancer.

ICYMI: STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PRESS RELEASES

January 30, 2023

- [New York State Department of Health: Flu Cases Decline for Sixth Consecutive Week But Still Widespread](#)

January 26, 2023

- [New York State Department of Health Reminds Homeowners to Test for Radon During National Radon Action Month](#)

January 24, 2023

[NYSIF Releases Report on Long-Term Impacts of COVID-19](#)

January 23, 2023

- [New York State Department of Health Reminds New Yorkers to Stay Vigilant As Flu Remains Widespread, Even Though Cases Are Trending Down](#)
- [New York State Department of Health Announces Wastewater Surveillance Expansion and Increased Disease Monitoring Capabilities](#)

January 19, 2023

- [New York State Department of Health Highlights Urgent Need for Blood Donations During National Blood Donor Month](#)

January 17, 2023

- [New York State Department of Health Reminds New Yorkers That Flu Is Still Widespread and Urges Vaccination](#)

###

ICYMI: Administration for Strategic Preparedness & Response

Biden Administration announces COVID-19 winter preparedness plan

Administration to focus efforts on making vaccinations, testing, and treatments even more widely available and accessible as COVID-19 cases increase

- [Fact Sheet: Biden Administration Announces COVID-19 Winter Preparedness Plan | White House](#)
- [COVID.gov/tests - Free at-home COVID-19 tests](#)

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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

CDC Health Alert Network

ICYMI: [2022 HAN Messages | Health Alert Network \(HAN\)](#)

- **December 22nd:** [0484 – Increase in Pediatric Invasive Group A Streptococcal Infections](#)
- **December 20th:** [0483 – Important Updates on COVID-19 Therapeutics for Treatment and Prevention](#)
- **December 14th:** [0482 – Interim Guidance for Clinicians to Prioritize Antiviral Treatment of Influenza in the Setting of Reduced Availability of Oseltamivir](#)

The latest [CDC Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report \(MMWR\)](#) features the articles:

- [Laboratory-Confirmed COVID-19 Case Incidence Rates Among Residents in Nursing Homes by Up-to-Date Vaccination Status — United States, October 10, 2022–January 8, 2023](#)
- [Information for Persons Who Are Immunocompromised Regarding Prevention and Treatment of SARS-CoV-2 Infection in the Context of Currently Circulating Omicron Sublineages — United States, January 2023](#)

Public Health Communications Collaborative (PHCC)**Messaging on the Safety Signal for Pfizer's Bivalent COVID-19 Vaccine**

Last Friday, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced that a [vaccine safety monitoring system](#) called the Vaccine Safety Datalink picked up a “safety signal” possibly linking Pfizer's COVID-19 bivalent vaccine with an increased risk of stroke in people 65 and older. Since then, federal health officials have thoroughly reviewed the data (from the Datalink system and other safety monitoring systems) and concluded it's very unlikely that there's a true clinical risk of stroke associated with Pfizer's vaccine. But with confusing media coverage and misinformation, questions about vaccine safety continue to circulate.

We've updated our [Answers to Tough Questions](#) to help you answer questions about this issue. Here are topline messages from our updated messaging guidance:

- After extensive review of the latest vaccine safety data, federal health officials have said it's very unlikely that there's a true clinical risk of stroke associated with Pfizer's COVID-19 booster.
- The safety system that monitors COVID-19 vaccine safety is the most extensive in U.S. history.
- The COVID-19 vaccines and updated boosters are safe. Getting vaccinated and boosted remains our best defense against serious illness and hospitalization due to COVID-19.

For additional resources, you can use our [Talking Points on Vaccine Safety and Effectiveness](#) to help you address vaccination misinformation in your community and underscore the importance of staying up-to-date on COVID-19 vaccination.

PHCC Misinformation Alerts

As vaccine misinformation continues to spread, use our [Misinformation Alerts](#) to help combat misinformation. Developed through automated media monitoring and manual review by public health data analysts at the Public Good Projects, the [Misinformation Alerts](#) identify misinformation circulating on social media and in the news (such as false claims about football player [Damar Hamlin's recent cardiac arrest](#)). The alerts are categorized as low, medium, or high risk and offer guidance on how to respond with messaging that's focused on the facts. To help counter misinformation in your community, you can also use our [“Building Bridges”](#) resource to learn how to stay grounded in core messages and build trust with fact-based messaging.

On the PHCC Radar:

- Resources: [“Let's RISE” Initiative to Promote Routine Immunizations](#) (CDC)
- Blog: [COVID-19 vaccines and sudden deaths: Separating fact from fiction](#) and [accompanying video](#) (by Dr. Katelyn Jetelina and Dr. Kristen Panthagani)
- Article: [The Way Forward for Public Health](#) (U.S. News & World Report)
- Podcast: [Contagious Conversations: Creatively Combating Antimicrobial Resistance](#) (CDC)
- Blog: [Why Declaring Racism a Public Health Emergency Matters](#) (NPHIC)

Recently Updated Areas of the PHCC Website:

- 🧠 ICYMI: Check out our [new video](#) about where PHCC started and where we're going (and please share with your network!)
- [Toolkit: Children and COVID-19 Vaccination](#)
- [Toolkit: At-Home COVID-19 Testing](#)
- To get the latest updates, misinformation alerts, and resources from the Public Health Communications Collaborative and their partners, visit their [website](#) and follow them on Twitter at [@PH_Comms](#) and [LinkedIn](#).
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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) (continued)

CDC Releases Two Respiratory Disease Dashboards

COVID-19, influenza, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) can cause severe disease resulting in preventable deaths, thousands to hundreds of thousands of hospitalizations, and millions of illnesses each year in the United States. This combined disease burden can impose a strain on healthcare systems during periods of intense circulation or cocirculation. We know that access to timely data is critical for understanding trends in virus circulation, estimating disease burden, and responding to outbreaks. While CDC tracks COVID-19, flu, and RSV hospitalizations through sentinel surveillance systems, until now, there has not been one place to find integrated data on all three viruses.

The first CDC Dashboard is the [Respiratory Virus Hospitalization Surveillance Network \(RESP-NET\)](#) interactive dashboard comprising data from three networks that conduct population-based surveillance for laboratory-confirmed COVID-19, influenza, and RSV-associated hospitalizations among children and adults. The networks gather data from acute care hospitals in select counties in 13 states covering more than 29 million people and include an estimated 8-10 percent of the U.S. population.

RESP-NET interactive dashboard can be used to follow trends and see comparisons of COVID-19, influenza, and RSV-associated hospitalization rates in different demographic groups including by age, sex, and race and ethnicity, and across seasons. The dashboard is updated weekly.

The second is a [dashboard](#) that provides a view of emergency department visit data for multiple respiratory diseases tracked by the National Syndromic Surveillance Program (NSSP). NSSP is a collaboration between CDC, federal partners, state and local health departments, and academic and private sector partners to collect, analyze, and share electronic data received from multiple health care settings. Data are monitored for a subset of emergency departments across the United States. By tracking symptoms of patients in emergency departments—before a diagnosis is confirmed—public health can detect unusual levels of certain respiratory illnesses, which can serve as an early warning system for troubling increases or outbreaks.

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CDC EPIC - Emergency Partners Information Connection

Take 10 and Connect: Taking breaks throughout the day may help relieve stress, ease tensions, or lessen worry. But we often don't take breaks. Even [10 minutes is enough](#) to improve your mental health.

Connecting with others can help us cope with stress and become more resilient. Here are some ways to reduce stress by connecting with others:

- Reach out to your community, family members, or friends. Talk with someone you trust about your feelings or any concerns.
- Make time for cultural, spiritual, or religious activities.
- Volunteer with organizations that interest you. Giving back to others can help you too.
Get outside with others, connect with nature, and explore green spaces.

Prepare for Mental Health: 2022 was full of public health emergencies, including Hurricanes Fiona and Ian; over 1,000 confirmed tornadoes; mpox; and the triple threat of flu, RSV, and COVID-19. Disasters can be stressful and take a toll on mental health. Many of us make resolutions for the New Year, lose weight, work out more, read more, learn a new skill. Why not make one of your resolutions to be ready? Taking steps to prepare for an emergency can help ease your mind and preserve your emotional well-being.

CDC EPIC - Emergency Partners Information Connection (continued)

It is natural to feel stress, anxiety, grief, and worry during and after a disaster. Everyone reacts differently, and your own feelings will change over time. Notice and accept how you feel. Taking care of your emotional health during an emergency will help you think clearly and react to the urgent needs to protect yourself and your family. Self-care during an emergency will help your long-term healing. Involve your entire family in planning and practicing how to stay healthy, informed, calm, and connected during an emergency. Create an [Emergency Action Plan](#). Review your plan every six months and update it as necessary; for example, if you move, change jobs, add to your family (i.e., a child or a pet), or experience another significant life event.

How to Help Children Process an Emergency: Regardless of your child's age, he or she may feel upset or have other strong emotions after an emergency. Some children react right away, while others may show signs of difficulty much later. How children react or common signs of distress can vary according to age. Knowing [how to help children cope after an emergency](#) can help them stay healthy in future emergencies.

Setting a good example for your children by managing your stress through healthy lifestyle choices, such as eating healthy, exercising regularly, getting plenty of sleep, and avoiding drugs and alcohol, is critical for parents and caregivers. When you are prepared, rested, and relaxed, you can respond better to unexpected events and can make decisions in the best interest of your family and loved ones.

Many resources are available to help children and their families start a conversation and help navigate through a mental health struggle. CDC's [How Right Now](#) online guide can help kids identify how they're feeling at any given moment and points them to resources for handling emotions like fear, grief, anger, and sadness. It has links to advice, hotlines, and support groups. There's also a section with ideas for practicing gratitude, which is a great way to reduce stress and boost your physical and emotional well-being.

[Coping After a Natural Disaster: Resources and Information for Teens](#) provides information, coping tips, and stories from other teens who have lived through a natural disaster. **Here are additional resources:**

- [Coping with a Disaster or Traumatic Event](#)
- [Mental Health Apps | VA App Store](#)
- [Taking Care of Your Mental Health](#)

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CDC Radiation and Health - RADON

As part of National Radon Action Month, CDC hosted its third Radon Awareness Week from January 23–27. Here is what CDC shared on this year's theme "The 5 Ws of Radon: What's Your Radon Story?"

1. Who is affected by radon?

Anyone can develop lung cancer from long-term exposure to high radon levels.

[Radon](#) is an odorless, invisible radioactive gas released by rocks, soil, and water. It can get into homes or buildings through cracks or holes and build up to higher levels over time. Breathing in high levels of radon can cause lung cancer.

After smoking, radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer. People who smoke and are exposed to harmful levels of radon have a much higher risk of developing lung cancer. However, radon is associated with nearly all lung cancer diagnoses among people who never smoked, like Jackie Nixon. Check out [Jackie's story](#) and [video](#) about her experience surviving lung cancer and discovering high radon levels in her home.

CDC Radiation and Health – RADON (Continued)

2. What are the health effects of radon? **Radon can cause lung cancer. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates that radon causes 21,000 lung cancer deaths each year.**

Doctors can help prevent lung cancer deaths associated with radon in two ways:

1. Educating and talking about radon with patients
2. Considering the risks of radon when encountering patients with signs of lung cancer who never smoked

The number of Americans who smoke has dropped significantly the last few decades, increasing the proportion of lung cancer deaths associated with radon. Therefore, efforts in lung cancer risk reduction and prevention should address radon. Talk to your doctor if you have concerns about radon exposure. Dr. Timothy Mullet and Lindi Campbell's story is about one doctor's impact in reducing the high rates of lung cancer in Kentucky and how one patient's life was saved by a second opinion that brought her to his clinic.

3. Where can I be exposed to radon? **Radon can build up to harmful levels in any home or building anywhere in the world. People can be exposed to radon in their homes, schools, & workplaces.**

Radon is naturally in all outdoor air, but it is diluted (spread out) to levels that do not put people at risk. Radon can get trapped in any home or building, whether it has a basement or does not, is new or old, or is drafty or sealed. This includes single-family and multi-family homes, apartment buildings, schools, and workplaces anywhere on earth. When radon builds up in the indoor air, people who breathe it in can develop lung cancer over time.

Areas with certain types of rocks or soils naturally have higher levels of radon in the air. CDC's Environmental Public Health Tracking Network works with states to create radon exposure risk maps. Learn how the Tracking program partnered with the Washington Department of Health to create detailed maps of environmental radon levels. See how this motivated one family to make repairs to their home.

4. When should I install a radon reduction system? **First test your home's radon levels. EPA recommends hiring a licensed professional to install a radon reduction system if levels are over 4 pCi/L.**

Homeowners can contact their state radiation control office or purchase a radon test kit at a hardware store. Radon testing is recommended :

- If a home has never been tested
- When buying or selling a home
- After major repairs or renovations
- After installing a radon reduction system

If radon test results are above 4 pCi/L, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recommends contacting a certified radon reduction contractor to install a radon reduction system in your home.

No one wants to put themselves or their loved ones at risk for lung cancer. Yet it's so easy to miss this important opportunity to take preventive action. Many do not know about radon. Those who are informed do not have any type of sign or reminder since radon is invisible and odorless, and lung cancer develops without notice for many years before symptoms show.

For example, Carol was knowledgeable about radon and its risks. When she learned that the radon levels in her home, 10 pCi/L, was equivalent to smoking 20 packs of cigarettes per day or having 500 chest x-rays per year, she sprang into action. Read Carol's story about testing her home and installing a radon reduction system.

CDC Radiation and Health (continued)

5. **Why** should I raise awareness about radon? **Radon-associated lung cancer can be prevented. Raising awareness about radon risks and how people can protect themselves can save lives.**

Each of the estimated 21,000 lung cancer deaths associated with radon every year could be prevented. Every homeowner, landlord, building manager, and school building manager should test indoor radon levels and install effective radon reduction systems if levels are above 4 pCi/L. Public awareness can save lives from radon, yet still too many people are uninformed. We hope that during this Radon Awareness Week, we have increased public knowledge about radon.

We hope this week

- Motivates people to take protective actions
- Inspires healthcare providers to talk to patients about radon as part of their routine visits.

[Katherine Pruitt's story](#) reflects on 30 years of national efforts to prevent lung cancer and deaths associated with radon. Progress has been made by coupling awareness with risk reduction strategies.

Chances are someone you know, likely most people you know, do not know about radon, its risks, and how to protect themselves. By talking to your friends, neighbors, and coworkers about radon you can help create their radon stories and help ensure each story has a happy ending.

Learn more about this hidden danger at CDC's [radon webpage](#). [Sign up for CDC's Radiation and Health newsletter](#) to get the latest updates, activities, and news about radiation and health and radiation emergency preparedness.

Check out CDC's [Environmental Health Nexus](#) Webinar recordings, in particular January's webinar on Radon:

Title: [EH Nexus Webinar for Radon Awareness Week – National and State-Level Radon Risk Reduction Initiatives](#)

Date: January 25, 2023

Title: [CDC Workshop on Applied Epidemiology and Environmental Health](#)

Date: August 2–3, 2022

Title: [Working for Environmental Justice: Data and Resources from CDC's Environmental Public Health Tracking Network](#)

Date: July 12, 2022

Title: [Protecting Yourself From Mold: Myths and Facts](#)

Date: June 22, 2022

Title: [CDC/NOAA on Hurricane Safety and Preparedness](#)

Date: May 24, 2022

Title: [National Integrated Heat Health Information System \(NIHHIS\) National Meeting](#)

Date: April 26-28, 2022

Title: [CDC/HRSA on Climate Change and Health: The Risks to Community Health and Health Care Utilization](#)

Date: March 17, 2022

Title: [EH Nexus Webinar for Radon Awareness Week](#)

Date: January 24, 2022

United States Fire Administration (USFA)

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

- [R0378 - Demonstrating Your Community Risk Reduction Program's Worth.](#)
- [R0673 - Service Area Risk Reduction.](#)

How to Apply:

- [NETC Online Admissions Application website](#)
- Contact our Admissions Office, Monday – Friday between 7 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. ET, at 800-238-3358, ext. 1035 or by email at netcadmissions@fema.dhs.gov

USFA Podcast: [A conversation with U.S. Fire Administrator Dr. Lori Moore-Merrell](#)

On this episode of the USFA Podcast, we recap 2022 accomplishments and discuss USFA priorities and initiatives for 2023.

[Behavioral health action steps and resources](#)

Recommended action steps and resources for fire departments of all types and sizes to support the behavioral health needs of fire and EMS responders.

[Evidence-based infection prevention and control recommendations for the EMS/911 workforce](#)

A new report summarizes current evidence on exposures to infectious pathogens and includes recommendations for areas where further research is needed.

[Establishing agreements for Next Generation 911](#)

As Emergency Communications Centers and Public Safety Answering Points are transitioning their 911 systems to Next Generation 911 (NG911), collaboration between agencies is critical. Find out about considerations for establishing memorandums of understanding between agencies to interconnect NG911 systems.

[Free training course on use of personal protective equipment for roadway incident response](#)

Working at roadway incidents is hazardous, and personal protective equipment (PPE) is a key factor in mitigating these risks. New online safety training from the Emergency Responder Safety Institute emphasizes the use of PPE at roadway incidents to help keep responders safe. The training is free. [Get the training](#)

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

The symposium, scheduled for April 14-15 at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland, is an annual event for Executive Fire Officer (EFO) Program graduates and students. The EFO Symposium Committee has prepared a fantastic 2-day program with an amazing lineup of presenters. This year's symposium will have something for everyone. [Learn how to register](#)

[Executive summary from the Fire Administrator's Summit now available](#)

The executive summary from the Oct. 11, 2022, U.S. Fire Administrator's Summit on Fire Prevention and Control outlines and previews key findings that will be included in a forthcoming proceedings report on the summit, including several crucial recommendations to national leaders to address the nationwide fire problem. Recommendations include preparing all firefighters for climate-driven increase in wildfires and establishing a firefighter cancer screening and prevention strategy. **From the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)**

[Prevent cold stress](#)

Firefighters and EMS workers who are exposed to extreme cold may be at risk of cold stress. Learn about cold-related illness and how to protect yourself from cold stress with these tips from NIOSH

USFA (Continued)

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US Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

REPORT: [The Health+ Long COVID Report](#)

This new report, created by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), highlights patients’ experience of Long COVID. The information sets to understand its complexities better and drive creative responses by government leaders, clinicians, patient advocates, and others. Researchers have cataloged more than 50 conditions linked to Long COVID that impact nearly every organ system. Estimates vary, but research suggests that between 5 percent and 30 percent of those who had COVID-19 may have Long COVID symptoms.

Combining more than 1,000 hours of interviews, workshops, and human-centered design research with the public, this report puts patients at the center of government innovation.

Listening to and learning from the experiences of Long COVID patients is essential to accelerating understanding and breakthroughs,” said Admiral [Rachel Levine, M.D.](#), Assistant Secretary for Health. “The *Health+ Long COVID Report* is evidence of our commitment to engaging communities to provide patient-led solutions.” Access the full report [here](#).

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RAPID ANTIGEN TESTS At-home COVID-19 tests, also called rapid antigen tests, remain a useful tool in helping to interrupt transmission of SARS-CoV-2, although they are not foolproof. Both [NPR](#) and the [New York Times](#) recently published articles discussing the tests’ advantages and disadvantages and how to increase testing accuracy (hint: serial testing). To order tests for home delivery in the US, find at-home tests at retailers and pharmacies, and learn about insurance reimbursement, visit [covidtests.gov](#).

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FEMA offering assistance through the National Exercise Program (NEP)

State, local, tribal and territorial jurisdictions can request no-cost assistance from the NEP for exercise design, development, conduct and evaluation to validate capabilities across all mission areas. [Learn about exercise assistance on FEMA.gov](#).

Round	Submission Deadline	Decisions Sent By
Spring 2023 Round	April 3, 2023	May 5, 2023

NYSDOH Commerce Training Institute (CTI) Courses

CTI-100

Introduction to the Health Commerce System

Thursday, December 1, 2022, 2-3pm
Tuesday, January 3, 2023, 11-12pm
Monday, February 6, 2023, 10-11am
Wednesday, March 1, 2023, 1-2pm

Provider: NYSDOH Commerce Training Institute
Average Completion Time: 1 hr
Continuing Education credits: No
Enroll in LMS Course: [CTI-100](#)

The redesigned Health Commerce System (HCS) became available in March 2010. The HIN and HPN were recreated as the Health Commerce System portal, or HCS. There is no longer a separation between the HPN and HIN.

Objectives:

- Identify the major elements of the HCS architecture
- Identify the features of the HCS
- Demonstrate strategies to customize the portal for your own use.

CTI-120

Integrated Data Reporting in HERDS v.3

Wednesday, December 14, 2022, 9-10am
Thursday, January 12, 2023, 10-11am
Friday, February 17, 2023, 9-10am
Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 11-12pm

Provider: NYSDOH Commerce Training Institute
Webinar: Yes
Average Completion Time: 1 hr
Continuing Education credits: No
Enroll in LMS Course: [CTI-120](#)

This course provides a solid foundation for adult care facilities, home health agencies, hospices, hospitals, LHCSAs, nursing homes and extension clinics to report data using the HERDS v.3 application. The course will begin with a look at how to obtain access to HERDS and how facilities will be notified when there are activities to be completed. Learners will then be provided demonstration of the new reporting platform. The session concludes with a brief overview of the pre-selected reports available from the application. This course is presented in a one-hour session via WebEx Training Center.

Objectives:

- Locate and modify the person record.
- Explain the importance of the person record in relation to HERDS.
- Demonstrate the ability to review assigned roles.
- Locate and access HERDS.
- Describe the overall structure of HERDS activities.

CTI-200

Communications Directory Certification

Tuesday, December 6, 2022, 9:30-11am
Wednesday, January 11, 2023, 10-11:30am
Tuesday, February 7, 2023, 9-10:30am
Thursday, March 9, 2023, 2-3:30pm

Provider: NYSDOH Commerce Training Institute
Webinar: Yes
Average Completion Time: 1.5 hrs
Continuing Education credits: No
Enroll in LMS Course: [CTI-200](#)

This course provides a comprehensive review of the Health Commerce System Communications Directory, the underlying records that make up the directory, and the tools all HCS users can use to access the directory. This two-hour course will begin by examining the structure of the directory and differentiating between the actual contact information records stored for each person in the directory, and the facilities and roles those records can be associated with. Once the structure of the directory has been examined learners will review and have an opportunity to practice with the applications used to access the information stored in the directory. At the conclusion of this course learners will be able to:

- List the components of the Communications Directory
- Summarize how the components are related and work together
- Summarize the HCS emergency call down procedure, describing the role the Communications Directory plays

NYSDOH Commerce Training Institute (CTI) Courses continued

CTI-300

Integrated Health Alerting and Notification System (IHANS) Training & Certification

Friday, December 16, 2022, 9-12pm
Tuesday, Jan 24, 2023, 1-4pm
Wednesday, February 22, 2023, 9-12pm
Monday, March 27, 2023, 1-4pm

Provider: NYSDOH Commerce Training Institute
Webinar: Yes
Average Completion Time: 3 hrs
Enroll in LMS Course: [CTI-300](#)

This course covers all information necessary to begin the certification process for using the Integrated Health Alerting & Notification System. Participants will receive hands on practice with the tools and be offered an opportunity to complete certification.

Users who wish to complete certification are strongly encourage to send an advance message to any audience they may broadcast to as part of the certification process. Typically, course participants broadcast a sample notification to their HIN Coordinators (LHDs) or Directory Coordinators (NYSDOH).

CTI-502

New York State Evacuation of Facilities in Disasters Systems (eFINDS) version 3.0

Monday, December 19, 2022, 2-3pm
Tuesday, January 24, 2023, 1-4pm
Wednesday, February 22, 2023, 9-12pm
Monday, March 27, 2023, 1-4pm

Provider: NYSDOH Commerce Training Institute
Webinar: Yes
Average Completion Time: 1 hr
Enroll in LMS Course: [CTI-502](#)

The New York State Evacuation of Facilities in Disasters Systems (eFINDS) is the patient/resident tracking application housed on the Health Commerce System (HCS).

This course provides a solid foundation for registering and updating patient/resident location information during an incident or event, such as a storm, flood, non-natural incident or practice exercise/drill.

Course participants will be provided a demonstration of the eFINDS application including: eFINDS Data Reporter and eFINDS Data Administrator role permissions; how to register a patient/ resident with a scanner and without; use a spreadsheet to register multiple patient/residents; update patient/resident tracking information as an evacuating facility, and as a receiving facility. The session concludes with hands-on exercises.

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.*

NEW! Tips to Avoid Scams - Targeting Older Americans

Sponsored by FEMA Region II
February 1, 2023, 12:30pm - 1:00pm
[Register Here](#)

NEW! One Health and Wildlife: Current Outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in North America

Sponsored by CDC
February 1, 2023, 2:00pm - 3:00pm
[Register Here](#) passcode: *zohu@feb1*

ICS-800.D National Response Framework, An Introduction

Sponsored by HEPC HTC's
February 2, 2023, 10:00am - 12:00pm
[Register Here](#)

NEW! Overview of the NDMS Pilot Program Webinar

Sponsored by ASPR TRACIE

February 2, 2023, 1:00pm - 2:00pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Huffin and Puffin - Congestive Heart Failure

Sponsored by NYS Vital Signs EMS Academy

February 2, 2023, 6:30pm - 7:30pm

[Register Here](#)

Trauma Nursing Core Course

Sponsored by ENA

February 4-5, 2023, 7:30am - 4:30pm

Rochester General Hospital, Rochester, NY -- [Register Here](#)

Introduction to the Health Commerce System

Sponsored by NYSDOH CTI

February 6, 2023, 10:00am - 11:00am

Enroll in LMS Course: [CTI-100](#)

Flooding Hazards: Science & Preparedness (AWR-362)

Sponsored by NDPTC

February 6-7, 2023, 12:00pm - 4:00pm

[Register Here](#)

K0202: Debris Management Planning for State, Tribal, Territorial and Local Officials

Sponsored by FEMA/EMI

February 7-9, 2023, 8:30am - 5:00pm

[Register Here](#)

Communications Directory Certification

Sponsored by NYSDOH CTI

February 7, 2023, 9:00am - 10:30am

Enroll in LMS Course: [CTI-200](#)

K0051: Exercise Program Management

Sponsored by FEMA/EMI

February 7, 2023, 11:00am - 3:00pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Log-In2Learn: Mortality surveillance using an Automated Mortality Syndromic Surveillance System (MortalSS) - Lessons Learned from New York City

Sponsored by Region 2 Public Health Training Center

February 7, 2023, 12-1pm

[Register Here](#)

ISC-100.C - Introduction to the Incident Command System

Sponsored by HEPC HTCs

February 9, 2023, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Enroll in LMS Course: [ISC-100.C](#)

NEW! Be Prepared....To Improvise

Sponsored by FEMA Region II

February 7, 2023, 1:00pm - 2:30pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Evacuation of Facilities in Disaster System (eFinds) Train-the-Trainer

Sponsored by FLRTC - Finger Lakes Regional Training Center

February 9, 2023, 9:30am - 2:30pm

43 Canisteo St., Hornell, NY -- **Enroll in LMS Course:** [OHEP-BP4-HPP6](#)

EMS Burnout

Sponsored by Vital Signs

February 9, 2023, 6:30pm - 7:30pm

[Register Here](#)

Hazmat for First Receiver Operations Level Training/ HAZWOPER (ERIE COUNTY)

Sponsored by FLRTC

February 15, 2023, 8:30am – 4:30pm

Kenmore Mercy Hospital – Community Room, 2950 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo, NY

Enroll in LMS Course: [OHEP-WRHTC-HazFROps-BP4](#)

NEW! Enable Your Critical Clinical Supply Chain with Real-Time and Reactive Visibility

Sponsored by Becker's Health

February 15, 2023, 3:00pm - 4:00pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Cyber Security Response in Healthcare: Emergency Management's Role

Sponsored by MARO HTC

February 16, 2023, 9:00am - 10:00am

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

HERDS Reporting (CTI-120)

Sponsored by NYSDOH CTI

February 17, 2023, 9:00am - 10:00am

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

Social Media Tools and Techniques (PER-344)

Sponsored by NDPTC

February 21, 2023- February 22, 2023, 1:00pm - 5:00pm

[Register Here](#)

Integrated Health Alerting and Notification System (IHANS) Training & Certification

Sponsored by NYSDOH CTI

February 22, 2023, 9:00am - 12:00pm

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

NYS Evacuation of Facilities in Disasters Systems (eFinds) Version 3.0

Sponsored by NYSDOH CTI

February 21, 2023, 10-11am

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

ICS-200.C Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response

Sponsored by HEPC HTC's

February 22, 2023, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Enroll in LMS Course: [ICS-200.C](#)

NEW! Interdisciplinary Collaboration in Mental Health Services: The Role of the Social Worker

Sponsored by NYAM

February 27, 2023, 5:30pm - 7:00pm

[Register Here](#)

K0449 Incident Command System Train-The-Trainer

Sponsored by FEMA

February 27 - March 3, 2023, 8:30am - 5:30pm

[Register Here](#)

E0490 Voluntary Agency Coordination in Disasters

Sponsored by FEMA

February 27 - March 3, 2023

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

Newcomer Health Webinar Series: Vaccinations

Sponsored by ECHO CO

February 28, 2023, 9:00am - 10:00am

[Register Here](#)

Gun Violence Prevention Forum 2023

Sponsored by Northwell Health

February 28, 2023, 9am-12:30pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! It's Getting Hot in Here: Climate Changes and Emerging Diseases

Sponsored by Vital Signs

February 28, 2023, 6:00pm - 7:00pm

[Register Here](#)

Youth Preparedness Council Application Information Session Webinar

Sponsored by FEMA Individual & Community Preparedness Division

February 28, 2023, 8 – 9 p.m.

[Register Here](#)

Climate Adaptation Planning for Emergency Management (AWR-347)

Sponsored by NDPTC

February 28, 2023 - March 1, 2023, 1:00pm - 5:00pm

[Register Here](#)

Flooding Hazards: Science & Preparedness (AWR-362)

Sponsored by NDPTC

February 28, 2023 - March 1, 2023, 2:00pm - 6:00pm

[Register Here](#)

March 2023

Non-Disaster Grants Grant Recipient Training

Sponsored by FEMA Individual & Community Preparedness Division

March 1, 2023, 1-3pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Introduction to the Health Commerce System

Sponsored by NYSDOH CTI

March 1, 2023, 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Enroll in LMS Course: [CTI-100](#)

NEW! Social Media Engagement Strategies (PER-343)

Sponsored by NDPTC

March 1, 2023, 3:00pm - 7:00pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Community Resilience

Sponsored by NDPTC

March 3, 2023, 10:00am - 3:00pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Trauma Nursing Core Course (TNCC)

Sponsored by Emergency Nurses Association (ENA)

March 4-5, 2023, 7:30am - 5:00pm

Arnot Ogden Medical Center, Elmira, NY -- [Register Here](#)

NEW! 2023 Interdisciplinary Aging, Public Health and Palliative Care Certificate Program - Session 3

Sponsored by Finger Lakes Geriatric Education Center (FLGEC)

March 4-5, 2023

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Basic Emergency Operations Center Functions - Classroom (G-2200)

Sponsored by DHSES

March 7, 2023, 8:00am - 5:00pm

Livingston Co. OEM -- [Register Here](#)

NEW! The Basic Disaster Life Support™ (BDLS®)

Sponsored by FLRTC

March 7-8, 2023, from 8:30am – 12:30pm

[Register Here](#)

BDLS Enrollment Code: NYHTC

PLEASE NOTE: This course is ONLY open to folks in the Western & Central NY regions in the following counties: WR: Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Chemung, Erie, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Niagara, Ontario, Orleans, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Wayne, Wyoming, Yates/ CNY: Broome, Cayuga, Chenango, Cortland, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, Oswego, St. Lawrence, Tioga, Tompkins

NEW! You Don't Need Them Until You Do: Effective CERT Mutual Aid

Sponsored by FEMA Region II

March 7, 2023, 1:00pm - 2:30pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Community Resilience

Sponsored by DHSES

March 7-8, 2023, 1:00pm - 5:00pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Integrated Data Reporting in HERDS v.3

Sponsored by NYSDOH CTI

March 8, 2023, 11:00am - 12:00pm

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

NEW! Mobilizing Faith-Based Community Org. in Preparing for Disasters(MGT-405)

Sponsored by DHSES

March 9, 2023, 9:00am - 1:00pm

[Register Here](#)

HICS - Hospital Incident Command System

Sponsored by WR/FLRTC

March 09, 2023, 10:00am – 12:00pm

Enroll in LMS Course: [OHEP-HTC-HICS-WEB-BP4](#)

Communications Directory Certification

Sponsored by NYSDOH CTI

March 9, 2023, 2:00pm - 3:30pm

Enroll in LMS Course: [CTI-200](#)

NEW! Intro to Computer-Aided Management of Emergency Operations (CAMEO) (PER-229)

Sponsored by DHSES

March 10-12, 2023, 8:00am - 5:00pm

Erie Co. Fire & Trng. Ctr, Cheektowaga, NY

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Emergency Planning and Preparedness for Persons with Disabilities & Access and Functional Needs - PART II

Sponsored by WR/FLRTC partnered with Niagara University's Emergency Management Program

March 15, 2023, 10:00am - 12:00pm

PART I LMS recording available [RTC-BP3-S6-122021-WR](#)

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

NEW! Disaster Recovery in Rural Communities (MGT-415)

Sponsored by DHSES

March 15-16, 2023, 8:30am - 12:30pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Communicating with People With Disabilities As First Responders

Sponsored by FEMA Region II

March 21, 2023, 1:00pm - 2:30pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Discovering Mitigation Alternatives

Sponsored by FEMA Region 3

March 22, 2023, 11:00am - 12:00pm

[Register Here](#)

Evacuation of Facilities in Disasters Systems (eFinds) Version 3.0 (CTI-502)

Sponsored by NYSDOH CTI

March 24, 2023, 11:00am - 12:00pm

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

NEW! 2023 Interdisciplinary Aging, Public Health and Palliative Care Certificate Program - Session 4

Sponsored by Finger Lakes Geriatric Education Center (FLGEC)

March 25-26, 2023

[Register Here](#)

Advanced Burn Life Support Course

Sponsored by American Burn Association

March 27, 2023

University of Rochester – [View Website](#) | [Register Here](#)

Integrated Health Alerting and Notification System (IHANS) Training & Certification

Sponsored by NYSDOH CTI

March 27, 2023, 1:00pm - 4:00pm

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

NYS Evacuation of Facilities in Disasters Systems (eFinds) version 3.0

Sponsored by NYSDOH CTI

March 27, 2023, 1:00pm - 4:00pm

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

E8540 - Basic Interagency Logistics Seminar

Sponsored by FEMA/EMI

March 27-31, 2023

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

NEW! Exercise Design (G-139)

Sponsored by DHSES

March 28-30, 2023, 8:00am - 5:00pm

Wayne County Public Health -- [Register Here](#)

NEW! K0202: Debris Management Planning for State, Tribal, Territorial and Local Officials

Sponsored by FEMA/EMI

March 28-29, 2023, 8:30am - 5:00pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Newcomer Health Webinar Series: Tuberculosis

Sponsored by ECHO CO

March 28, 2023, 9:00am - 10:00am

[Register Here](#)

April 2023

NEW! Leadership in Supervision

Sponsored by USFA/FEMA

April 2-7, 2023

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

NEW! Health Commerce System Orientation (CTI-100)

Sponsored by NYSDOH CTI

April 6, 2023, 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Enroll in LMS Course: [CTI-100](#)

NEW! Communications Directory

Sponsored by NYSDOH CTI

April 10, 2023, 10:00am - 11:30am

[Enroll in LMS Course: CTI-200](#)

NEW! Social Media Tools & Techniques

Sponsored by NDPTC

April 12, 2023, 3:00pm - 7:00pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Executive Fire Officer and Leadership Symposium

Sponsored by FEMA, US Fire Academy

April 14-15, 2023

National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland -- [Register Here](#)

NEW! 2023 Interdisciplinary Aging, Public Health and Palliative Care Certificate Program - Session 5

Sponsored by Finger Lakes Geriatric Education Center (FLGEC)

April 15-16, 2023

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Management and Safety in Response to Hazardous materials/WMD Incidents

Sponsored by USAF/FEMA

April 17-April 27, 2023

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

NEW! K0449 Incident Command System Train-The-Trainer

Sponsored by FEMA

April 17- 21, 2023, 8:30am - 5:30pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! HERDS Reporting (CTI-120)

Sponsored by NYSDOH CTI

April 17, 2023, 2-3pm

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

NEW! Safety and Violence Education (SAVE)

Sponsored by FLRTC

April 18, 2023, 8:30am - 12:30pm

Genesee Office of Emergency Management, Batavia, NY

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Social Media Tools & Techniques

Sponsored by NDPTC

April 20-21, 2023, 2:00pm - 6:00pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! E0490 Voluntary Agency Coordination in Disasters

Sponsored by FEMA

April 24 - 27, 2023

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

NEW! 2023 Preparedness Summit

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

April 24th–27th, 2023

Atlanta, GA -- [Register Here](#)

NEW! Newcomer Health Webinar Series: Hepatitis B – Pediatrics

Sponsored by ECHO CO

April 25, 2023, 9:00am - 10:00am

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Evacuation of Facilities in Disasters Systems (eFinds) Version 3.0 (CTI-502)

Sponsored by NYSDOH CTI

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

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

NEW! 2023 WRHEPC Health Coalition Emergency Management Virtual Seminar, Trauma Management For Rural Ems And Community Hospitals, “Trauma REACH”

Sponsored by Finger Lakes Regional Training Center

April 25 & 26, 2023, 8:30am - 12:00pm

[Register Here](#)

New & OnDemand Content - NYLearnsPH.com

Guidance to Complete ServNY Notification Drill

Sponsored by NYSDOH OHEP

2022-2023 Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program Deliverable BPR-4

Enroll in LMS Course: [OHEP-BP4-BPR4](#)

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

Sponsored by Public Health Communications Collaborative

Recorded October 18, 2022

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

Comms Crash Course: Using Social Media for Public Health Communications

Sponsored by Public Health Communications Collaborative

Recorded July 26, 2022

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

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

Sponsored by Public Health Communications Collaborative

Recorded April 13, 2022

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

Additional Training of Interest

NEW! CDC Environmental Health Nexus Webinar for Radon Awareness Week: National and State-Level Radon Risk Reduction Initiatives

Sponsored by the CDC

Date: January 25, 2023

[View Here](#)

CDC EPIC Webinar: Flu, RSV, COVID-19 and other Respiratory Threats

Sponsored by The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Recorded November 29, 2022

[View Here](#)

NEW! Telehealth Policy Webinar Series: Crossing State Lines Parts 1 & 2

Webinar #1: Crossing State Lines

Sponsored by Public Health institute (PHI)

Recorded October 21, 2022

[View Here](#)

Webinar #2: Federal Policy & Telehealth: What to be Aware of Going Forward

Sponsored by PHI

Recorded October 28, 2022

[View Here](#)

NEW! Disaster Epidemiology

Sponsored by CDC

[View Here](#) Free CE.

COPEWELL Town Hall

Sponsored by the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security, the Texas State University Center of Excellence for Community Health and Economic Resilience Research & Texas Rural Health Alliance

Recorded October 11 & 13, 2022

[View Here](#)

NEW! A Virtual Cross-Sector Symposium – Parts 1 & 2

Sponsored by Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security (centerforhealthsecurity.org)

Recorded Oct 4 & 6, 2022

[View Here](#) | Companion Publication: [Post-Pandemic Recovery: From What, For Whom, and How?](#)

Partnering with the Autism Community on Inclusive Emergency Preparedness

Sponsored by Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO)

Recorded September 20, 2022

[View Here](#)

The Mystery and Epidemiology of Long COVID

Sponsored by The University of Alabama at Birmingham

Recorded September 29, 2022

[View Here](#)



FEMA Housing and Disaster Recovery Web Based Training through the NCDP Training Center

<https://www.ncdpcourses.org/catalog/>

Economic disaster recovery web-based trainings:

- [PER-376-W: Preparedness Actions to Promote Economic Resilience and Recovery](#)
- [AWR-390-W: Improving Individual and Households' Financial Literacy and Management to Support Post-Disaster Economic Recovery](#)
- [AWR-391-W: Improving Business' Financial Literacy and Management to Support Post-Disaster Economic Recovery](#)

Housing disaster recovery web-based trainings:

- [AWR-370-W Addressing Gaps in Housing Disaster Recovery: Conducting Impact Assessments](#)
- [AWR 371-W Addressing Gaps in Housing Disaster Recovery: Pre-Disaster Planning](#)
- [AWR 372-W Addressing Gaps in Housing Disaster Recovery: Post-Disaster Planning](#)
- [AWR-386-W Establishing Collaborative Case Management Services](#)
- [AWR-387-W Executing Strategies to Rapidly Rehabilitate Damaged Housing](#)
- [PER-389-W Incorporating Best Practices for Short-Term and Long-Term Housing Construction](#)
- [MGT-470: Establishing Collaborative Case Management Services](#)
- [MGT-471: Executing Strategies to Rapidly Rehabilitate Damaged Housing](#)
- [MGT-472: Planning for Transitional and Long-Term Housing After a Major Disaster](#)

Live Virtual Learning (January - February)

- **February 21 and 22, 2023 - South Carolina, FEMA Region 4**
 - [PER-387: Improving Individual and Households' Financial Literacy and Management to Support Post-Disaster Economic Recovery](#)

Instructor-led In-Person Learning (January - February)

- **February 7, 2023 - Miramar, FL, FEMA Region 4**
 - [MGT 471: Executing Strategies to Rapidly Rehabilitate Damaged Housing](#)
- **February 8, 2023 - Allegheny County, FEMA Region 3**
 - [PER-387: Improving Individual and Households' Financial Literacy and Management to Support Post-Disaster Economic Recovery](#)
- **February 8, 2023 - Martin County, FL, FEMA Region 4**
 - [MGT 470: Establishing Collaborative Case Management Services](#)
- **February 9, 2023 - Martin County, FL, FEMA Region 4**
 - [MGT 471: Executing Strategies to Rapidly Rehabilitate Damaged Housing](#)



1736-Training Opportunity-VTTX FY23 Schedule

Description:

FEMA Emergency Management Institute (EMI) conducts a series of VTTX using a virtual platform to reach community-based training audiences around the country and provide a virtual forum for disaster training. The VTTX process involves key personnel from the emergency management Community of Practice (CoP) reviewing a pre-packaged set of exercise materials and convening for a 4-hour tabletop exercise discussion of a simulated disaster scenario with a total of 10–15 other CoP groups participating.

VTTX Scenarios & Dates:

Course Date	Scenario
Oct 4-6, 2022	Family Reunification after an Earthquake
Oct 18-20, 2022	Winter Weather
Nov 1-3, 2022	Active Threat (Shooter)-Mall
Nov 15-17, 2022	Chlorine
Dec 13-15, 2022	Cyber
Jan 10-12, 2023	Dam Failure
Jan 24-26, 2023	IPAWS Seasonal Flooding
Feb 7-9, 2023	Cyber
Feb 21-23, 2023	Flood
Mar 7-9, 2023	Public Health - Burn MCI
Mar 21-23, 2023	IPAWS HazMat Event
Apr 4-6, 2023	Train Derailment - Pass Train
Apr 18-20, 2023	Tornado
May 2-4, 2023	Cyber
May 16-18, 2023	Hurricane COOP
Jun 13-15, 2023	IPAWS Hurricane
Jul 18-20, 2023	Wildfire Urban Interface (WUI)
Aug 8-10, 2023	Cyber
Aug 29-31, 2023	Active Threat (Shooter) - School
Sept 12-14, 2023	IPAWS MCI Terrorist Event

FEMA offering assistance through the National Exercise Program

State, local, tribal and territorial jurisdictions can request no-cost assistance from the NEP for exercise design, development, conduct and evaluation to validate capabilities across all mission areas. [Learn about exercise assistance on FEMA.gov.](#)

Round	Submission Deadline	Decisions Sent By
Spring 2023 Round	April 3, 2023	May 5, 2023

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- [A Look Inside the 2022 National CERT Conference \(fema.gov\)](#)
- [New CERT Course Aims to Strengthen Communities \(fema.gov\)](#)
- [Youth Preparedness Council Members Share Their Accomplishments \(fema.gov\)](#)
- [Prepare for Flood After Fire with Flood Insurance \(fema.gov\)](#)
- [Stay Alert for Weather-Related Scams \(fema.gov\)](#)

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Incident Command System Webinar Series ICS 700 – ICS 800 - ICS 100 – ICS 200 - HICS

INTRODUCTION:

All hospitals and healthcare systems receiving Federal preparedness and response grants, contracts or cooperative agreements (HPP Grant) must maintain compliance in training staff in the National Incident Management System (NIMS). NIMS courses include ICS-100, ICS-200 and ICS-700 or their equivalents. This webinar series is designed to provide an overview of each course and to prepare staff for the FEMA exam/certification.

SESSION OVERVIEW:

• ICS 700 (equivalent to FEMA IS-700.b)

National Incident Management System: An Introduction

ICS-700 webinar session provides individuals with emergency management responsibilities including prevention, preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation with an introduction and overview of the National Incident Management System (NIMS). NIMS provides a consistent nationwide template to enable all government, private-sector, and nongovernmental organizations to work together during domestic incidents.

• ICS 800 (equivalent to FEMA IS-0800.d):

National Response Framework, An Introduction

ICS-800 webinar session provides guidance for whole community. The National Response Framework focuses especially on those who are involved in delivering and applying the response core capabilities.

• ICS 100 (equivalent to FEMA IS-100.c)

Introduction to the Incident Command System

ICS-100 webinar session provides personnel involved with emergency planning, response and recovery efforts an introduction to the Incident Command System (ICS) and provides the foundation for higher level ICS training. This session will cover the history, features and principles, and organizational structure of ICS. It will also explain the relationship between ICS and the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

• ICS 200 (equivalent to FEMA IS-200.c)

Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response

ICS-200 webinar session reviews the Incident Command System (ICS), provides the context for ICS within initial response, and supports higher level ICS training. This course provides training on, and resources for, personnel who are likely to assume a supervisory position within ICS.

• HICS Hospital Incident Command System

The HICS webinar session will provide an overview of the Hospital Incident Command System (HICS) and the operation of the Hospital Command Center (HCC) during emergency and nonemergency situations.

TARGET AUDIENCE:

FEMA IS Sessions: Staff person(s) who are either preparing to take the FEMA IS exam or need a refresher in ICS basics.

HICS: Staff person(s) who need an introduction or refresher on Hospital Incident Command System principles.

WEBINAR SESSION DATES & REGISTRATION:

Visit <https://www.nylearnsph.com> Search Course Catalog for course to enroll in webinar training or use links below:

ICS 700 Webinar:

January 24, 2023 (10:00am – 12:00pm)

REGISTER HERE: [OHEP-HTC-ICS700-WEB-BP4](#)

ICS 100 Webinar:

February 9, 2023 (10:00am – 12:00pm)

REGISTER HERE: [OHEP-HTC-ICS100-WEB-BP4](#)

ICS 100 Webinar:

February 9, 2023 (10:00am – 12:00pm)

REGISTER HERE: [OHEP-HTC-ICS100-WEB-BP4](#)

ICS 200 Webinar:

February 22, 2023 (10:00am - 12:00pm)

HERE: [OHEP-HTC-ICS200-WEB-BP4](#)

HICS Webinar:

March 9, 2023 (10:00am – 12:00pm)

REGISTER HERE: [OHEP-HTC-HICS-WEB-BP4](#)

FEMA CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

In order to receive official certification in the IS courses students must take the FEMA Final Exam via links provided. Please note that the IS Program now requires a FEMA SID to be used instead of your SSN. If you do not have a SID or forgot your FEMA SID, visit this site: <https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid>

[IS-700.b Final Exam](#)

[IS-800.d Final Exam](#)

[IS-100.c Final Exam](#)

[IS-200.c Final Exam](#)

*There is no FEMA exam/certification for HICS

Questions Regarding NYSDOH Learning Management System (LMS): Direct questions to edlearn@health.ny.gov

Questions Regarding Training: Direct to appropriate HTC:

• WR HEPC Training Center – Anne D'Angelo Phone: (585) 758-7640 anne_dangelo@urmc.rochester.edu

• CNY HEPC Training Center – Maureen Guinta Phone: (315) 464-7597 guintam@upstate.edu

• CDR HEPC Training Center – Michele McDonald Phone: (518) 262-1679 McdonM10@amc.edu

• MARO HEPC Training Center – Eddie Reyes Phone: (516) 350-2895 ereyes@northwell.edu

Guidance to Complete ServNY Notification Drill (LHD BP-4 BPR-4)

Deliverable

The 2022-2023 Public Health emergency Preparedness Program Deliverable BPR-4 requires Local Health Departments (LHD) to use the ServNY Volunteer Management System (VMS) to notify volunteers for a response to a real-world event or as part of a local exercise. This optional course provides further guidance on the completion of this deliverable requirement.

Elements of Completion

1. A minimum of one (1) staff person must complete the drill.
2. Submit ServNY results
3. Provide the date(s) of the drill on the LHD Quarterly Deliverables Report

Additional Training and Guidance

An optional course has been created in the NYSDOH LMS that provides training and guidance on how to successfully send a notification to volunteers using ServNY.

To enroll in the training, please go to www.NYlearnsPH.com and search the course catalog for: [OHEP-BP4-BPR4](#)

Questions Direct questions to servny@health.ny.gov or 518- 474-2893.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Are Counties required to use ServNY?

A: Counties that do not use ServNY to send notification are still encouraged to use ServNY in this deliverable. Some exceptions may be granted on a case-by-case basis for Counties that cannot complete this drill using ServNY. Requests for an exception must be submitted in writing to the appropriate Public Health Regional Representative and the NYSDOH Volunteer Coordinator and approved prior to completing the drill.

2. Does a notification have to be sent specifically for this drill?

A: Any notification sent during the current Budget Period can be used to satisfy the elements of completion of this deliverable.

3. Does a certain number of volunteers need to be notified?

A: No, BPR-4 does not specify a certain number of volunteers that need to be sent a notification.

4. Do the volunteers need to acknowledge receipt of the notification?

A: No, BPR-4 does not require a certain number of acknowledgements. However, it is a good idea to track acknowledgments and reach out to volunteers that have not acknowledged receipt of a notification as a means to remain engaged with our volunteers and to confirm that contact information used by ServNY is still valid.

2019 Evacuation Plan Template Update

Recorded Sessions for Nursing Homes and Adult Care Facilities

Background

The Office of Health Emergency Preparedness (OHEP) is pleased to announce the release of the updated 2019 evacuation plan template. The 2019 template will serve as a revision to the previously released version.

Goal

To review the updates and revisions included in the updated 2019 Nursing Home and Adult Care Facility Evacuation Plan templates.

Target Audience

Nursing Home and Adult Care Facility staff responsible for emergency preparedness and evacuation planning

Note

Facilities are not required to adopt or use up- dated templates. It is strongly encouraged for facilities to review the updated documents and include in plan updates as needed or appropriate.

NYSDOH Faculty

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Link to recorded sessions:

[Recorded Session for Nursing Homes](#)

[Recorded Session for Adult Care Facilities](#)

Please note– you will need to press play at the lower left corner of the screen

Questions Regarding Training
Direct questions to 518-474-2893.

Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan Training Online Training Module

Background

The purpose of the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) Training is to provide personnel at adult care facilities across the State of New York with the information and tools to develop a CEMP to prepare for, respond to, and recover from natural and man-made disasters.

Training Objectives

- Facilitate staff familiarity with CEMP purpose, use, development, and implementation.
- Empower facilities to be self-sufficient for 72 hours after an incident.
- Enable facilities' timely determination and implementation of protective actions.
- Foster collaboration and coordination with facility emergency response partners
- Build the foundation for a risk-based CEMP and emergency preparedness program.
- Empower facilities to use the Incident Command System to respond to emergencies.
- Empower Facilities to identify critical information to protect and disseminate during an incident.

Target Audience

Nursing Home or Adult care facility personnel that will be involved in facility level emergency planning (strongly recommended for Administrators and Safety / Security / Plant Managers).

Prior completion of FEMA IS-100.C strongly encouraged.

Training produced by Hagerty Consulting, Inc.

Training Module

Training delivered through an interactive online module that can be found using the registration information below or by clicking here:

[OHEP-CEMPONLINE](#)

Questions Regarding NYSDOH Learning Management System (LMS)

Direct questions to edlearn@health.ny.gov or 518-474-2893.

Questions Regarding Training

Direct questions to prepedap@health.ny.gov or 518-474-2893.

Registration

To enroll in the training, please go to www.NYlearnsPH.com and either register or login to the LMS. Search Course Catalog for: [OHEP-CEMPONLINE](#) OR click this shortcut to the course enrollment page on the LMS.

NOTE - PLEASE READ - Please verify your contact information in your LMS profile when registering. All required course materials will be sent using the e-mail address listed in the LMS.

CLIMATE AND HEALTH COURSES

Region 2 PHTC – Log-in2Learn: Developing and Implementing Climate and Health Adaptations: An Update from the NYSDOH BRACE Project

Tuesday, March 1, 2022
Enroll in LMS: [Reg2PHTC-L2L202203](#)

Log-in2Learn with Neil Muscatiello, MS
Director of Bureau of Environmental and Occupational Epidemiology, New York State Department of Health

Heat-Related Illness - Risk Factors, Types & Prevention

Enroll in LMS: [SCP-LaHRH103](#)

In this course you will learn about heat stress and heat-related illness. You will learn how to identify vulnerable populations, associated risk factors, and the different forms of heat-related illness including signs and symptoms, predisposing factors, and recommended first aid for each form of illness.

Climate Change Case Studies Series from Trust for America's Health

[Read the Entire Series Here](#)

[Introduction to the Series](#) (Published August 2021)
Part 1 of the Series: [Advancing Procedural Equity in Climate Adaptation](#) (Published 2021)
Part 2 of the Series: [Advancing Distributional Equity in Climate Adaptation](#) (Published 2021)

Climate Change and Health Equity: Tribal Challenges and Actions

Enroll in LMS: [TPEH-20201215](#)

The Tribal Public and Environmental Health Think Tank, in partnership with APHA and with support from CDC's National Center for Environmental Health/Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, invites you to join a conversation on climate and health in tribal communities.

National Weather Service: Hazard Simplification Partner Webinar

Enroll in LMS: [NWS-20200723](#)

National Weather Service: Hazard Simplification Partner Webinar
Sponsored by National Weather Service
Originally Aired Thursday, July 23, 2020

Public Health Live! Climate Smart Communities: Connections With Public Health

Enroll in LMS: [UASPH_PHL20190516](#)

Speakers: Dazzle Ekblad, Climate Policy Analyst, Office of Climate Change, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
Neil Muscatiello, M. S., Research Scientist and Principal Investigator Climate Ready Cities and States Initiative/Building Resilience Against Climate Effects, New York State Department of Health



Upcoming and Recent CDC COCA (Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity) Calls:

<https://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/index.asp>

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

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

NEW! Title: [Updates to COVID-19 Testing and Treatment for the Current SARS-CoV-2 Variants](#)

Date: Tuesday, January 24, 2023

Title: [Ebola: Clinical Presentation, Evaluation, and Infection Prevention](#)

Date: Tuesday, December 20, 2022

Title: [COVID-19 Update: Clinical Guidance and Patient Education for Bivalent COVID-19 Vaccines](#)

Date: Tuesday, December 13, 2022

Title: [Updates on Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children \(MIS-C\): Epidemiology, Case Definition, and Prevention](#)

Date: Thursday, December 8, 2022

Title: [New 2022 CDC Clinical Practice Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Pain](#)

Date: Thursday, November 17, 2022

Title: [2022-2023 Seasonal Influenza Testing and Treatment During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

Date: Tuesday, November 15, 2022

Title: [Meloidosis in the United States: What Clinicians Need to Know Following Newly Discovered Endemicity](#)

Date: Thursday, October 13, 2022

Title: [What Clinicians Need to Know about Dengue in the United States](#)

Date: Thursday, September 29, 2022

Title: [Evaluating and Supporting Patients Presenting with Cardiovascular Symptoms Following COVID](#)

Date: Tuesday, September 20, 2022

Title: [2022–2023 Recommendations for Influenza Prevention and Treatment in Children: An Update for Pediatric Providers](#)

Date: Thursday, September 15, 2022

Title: [Recommendations for Bivalent COVID-19 Booster Doses in People Ages 12 Years and Older](#)

Date: Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Centers for Disease Control and Preparedness (CDC) - CERC, RAD, Packaging & Receiving, & SNS Courses

CDC-CERC-01

Crisis and Emergency Risk Communication (CERC)

Provider: Centers for Disease Control & Prevention Course Updated: 6/26/2018 Average Completion Time: 2hrs Continuing Education: 0.2 CEUs Enroll in LMS Course #: CDC-CERC-01	At the conclusion of the training, the participant will be able to do the following: • Explain Crisis and Emergency Risk Communication (CERC) principles. • Describe the psychology of a crisis and the type of messages each audience needs. • Explain how to tailor messages. • Define core concepts of crisis communication planning. • Explain the roles of the media and spokesperson. • Describe the benefits of social media and mobile media devices.
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SNS-101

SNS Overview

LMS Course Completion Requirement: “Message” TRAIN Certificate to Course Administrator Continuing Education: 1 CHES; 1 CME; 0.1 Continuing Nursing Education; 1 MCHES TRAIN CE Course #: WB 2273 Course ID 1041004 Enroll in LMS Course #: SNS-101	The course is designed to provide basic background information and definitions of federal agencies, stakeholders and other partners that will help understand all SNS operations during a public health event. The SNS Overview Course will fill the professional practice gap by providing the states and local agencies with information to manage SNS assets that may be deployed to sites during a public health emergency. The participants will learn the levels of support provided by the SNS, and the response concepts, the planning functions needed for consideration and operational requirements for receiving, distributing and dispensing of SNS material.
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SNS-103

Closed Point of Dispensing Considerations: an SNS Perspective

LMS Course Completion Requirement: “Message” TRAIN Certificate to Course Administrator Continuing Education: 1.5 CME; .14 ACPE-Contact Hours; 1.4 ANCC: Contact Hours Continuing Nursing Education; 1.5 MCHES TRAIN Course ID 1055915 Enroll in LMS Course #: SNS-103	The Closed POD Planning course provides state and local agencies with information to manage Closed POD sites during a public health emergency. It covers planning functions for designing a system to quickly dispense prophylactic medications to the employees and their families. The course introduces common terminology and concepts of mass dispensing at the community level. Some locations may use other terminology.
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CDC-RAD

Radiation Basics Made Simple

Average Completion Time: 1.5 hrs
Continuing Education: 0.1 CEUs, 1.4 CNEs, 1.5 CMEs
Enroll in LMS Course #: [CDC-RAD](#)

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Radiation Studies Branch announces the launch of *Radiation Basics Made Simple*, the first in a series of radiation preparedness training modules. *Radiation Basics Made Simple* introduces participants to the fundamentals of radiation and radioactivity.

CDC-PSYCH

Psychological First Aid in Radiation Disasters

Average Completion Time: 1.25 hrs
Continuing Education: 0.1 CEUs, 1.2 CNEs, 1.25 CMEs
Enroll in LMS Course #: [CDC-PSYCH](#)

Psychological First Aid in Radiation Disasters is a self-study training that uses interviews conducted with experts involved in the Goiania and Three Mile Island incidents, and video scenarios that allow participants to observe how psychological first aid techniques can be employed in a variety of response settings.

CDC-MYTHS

Communicating in Radiation Emergencies: Myths of Radiation

Provider: Centers for Disease Control
Average Completion Time: 1 hr
LMS Course Completion Requirement: “Message” Certificate to Course Administrator
Continuing Education: 0.1 CEUs
Enroll in LMS Course #: [CDC-MYTHS](#)

Communicating in Radiation Emergencies: Myths of Radiation introduces participants to some common myths of radiation and identifies communications strategies to combat these and other myths. The training uses Person-On-The-Street interviews to identify the myths and features a discussion between risk communication and radiation subject matter experts to set the record straight.

- OBJECTIVES:** At the conclusion of the session, the participant will be able to:
- Describe seven common misconceptions associated with radiation.
 - Debunk seven misconceptions using science-based explanations.
 - Discuss one strategy to communicate accurate information during a radiation emergency for each misconception presented.

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CDC-PS2014

Packaging and Shipping Division 6.2 Materials Online Course

LMS Course Completion Requirement:
“Message” TRAIN Certificate to Course Administrator
Continuing Education: 2 CEUs
Course ID 1017204
Enroll in LMS Course #: [CDC-PS2014](#)

Who Should Attend:
This course is intended for those learners seeking recertification in packing and shipping of infectious substances (Division 6.2 materials). This course does not apply to individuals seeking initial certification.

Packaging and shipping Division 6.2 materials, such as patient specimens containing infectious materials and cultures, are regulated by U.S. and international transport agencies. Fines and penalties can be imposed against those who fail to comply with the applicable rules including proper classification and documentation of training, proper packaging, marking and labeling and proper shipping documentation. Updated for 2014, this intermediate-level online course, designed for individual study, is suitable for those seeking re-certification. Participants are provided with information useful for complying with regulations through use of instructional content and the opportunity to apply knowledge using realistic scenarios. This course should take approximately 2 hours to complete.

Objectives: At the conclusion of this program, the participants will be able to:

- Classify specimens as an exempt human or animal specimen or either category A or category B infectious substance.
- Identify basic packaging concepts and processes for exempt human and animal specimens, category A and category B infectious substances and dry ice.
- List the documents required to accompany packages containing category A and category B infectious substances.
- Describe the documentation process for category A and category B infectious substances including specific differences dependent upon mode of transportation.

RSS-101

Receiving, Staging, and Storing (RSS) Training Video

LMS Course Completion Requirement:
“Message” TRAIN Certificate to Course Administrator
Course ID 1017208
Enroll in LMS Course #: [RSS-101](#)

This 14-minute videoarchive provides an overview of receiving, staging, and storing (RSS) Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) assets in the event of a public health crisis. It is designed to provide information to organizations and personnel involved in Strategic National Stockpile RSS functions.