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Welcome to the **January 2026** issue of the Aware Prepare (AP) Update. The AP is your monthly guide to upcoming trainings and select resources related to preparedness, readiness, and response. Training is available in a variety of formats, including live webcasts, webinars and in-person training as well as on-demand and self-directed *eLearning* available through the NYS Department of Health's (NYSDOH's) Learning Management System (LMS; www.NYlearnsPH.com). Check back each month to find new events and previously live content available on demand.

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ICYMI: Select NYS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PRESS RELEASES

January 12, 2026

- [DEC Reminds New Yorkers to Stay Alert for Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza](#)
- [Northeast Public Health Collaborative Recommends American Academy of Pediatrics Vaccine Schedule](#)

January 9, 2026

- [New York State Department of Health Urges New Yorkers To Get Vaccinated As Flu Cases Remain High](#)

January 8, 2026

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

January 6, 2026

- [New York State Department of Health Confirms That Childhood Vaccination Policies Remain Unchanged](#)

January 2, 2026

- [New York State Department of Health Confirms Highest Number of Flu Hospitalizations in a Week](#)

December 30, 2025

- [Governor Hochul Celebrates Landmark \\$3.8 Billion Investment in Water Infrastructure During SFY 2025](#)
- [New York State Department of Health Announces First-Year Federal Funding to Support New York's Rural Health Care Transformation](#)

December 26, 2025

- [New York State Department of Health Confirms Most Flu Cases Ever Recorded in One Week](#)

December 22, 2025

- [Governor Hochul Signs Two Pieces of Landmark Legislation to Protect New Yorkers Against the Harmful Effects of Commercial Herbal Product Known as Kratom](#)

December 19, 2025

- [New York State Department of Health Warns of Highly Potent Synthetic Sedative More Powerful Than Xylazine Emerging in Drug Checking Samples](#)
- [Governor Hochul Announces More Than \\$453 Million in Grants to Make Local Water Infrastructure Improvements Affordable Statewide](#)

December 18, 2025

- [Statement From State Health Commissioner Dr. James McDonald on Staying Healthy During the Holidays](#)

December 12, 2025

- [Governor Hochul Announces More Than \\$300 Million to Advance Health Information Technology and Cybersecurity in Hospitals Across New York State](#)

December 11, 2025

- [Governor Hochul Announces \\$269 Million to Make Local Water Infrastructure Projects Affordable Across New York State](#)

December 10, 2025

- [Governor Hochul Announces Design Phase Set to Begin for \\$1.1 Billion Investment at SUNY Downstate's Hospital](#)
- [Statement from Northeast Public Health Collaborative in Response to ACIP's Hepatitis B Votes](#)

December 9, 2025

- [New York State Department of Health Urges New Yorkers to Protect Themselves From Respiratory Illness Ahead of the Holidays](#)

December 5, 2025

- [New York State Department of Health Confirms That Hepatitis B Vaccination Practices Remain Unchanged Following ACIP Votes](#)

For a full listing of all NYSDOH Press Releases from 2026, visit: health.ny.gov/press/releases/2026/. Visit <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news> for a full list of press releases and statements from Governor Hochul.

NYS TRAINING SPOTLIGHT:

NEW! January 2026 Log-in2Learn: Data Visualization Techniques

Sponsored by Region 2 Public Health Training Center

Tuesday, January 13, 2026, 12-1pm

[Register Here](#) | Enroll in LMS to be notified when On Demand: [Reg2PHTC-L2L202601](#)

NEW! On Demand Public Health Live! Artificial Intelligence Adoption in Public Health: Opportunities and Challenges

Sponsored by UAlbany College of Integrated Health Sciences Center for Public Health Continuing Education (CPHCE)

Wednesday, November 19, 2025, 11am-12pm

Enroll in LMS Course: [UACIHS-PHL202511](#)

NEW! On Demand October 2025 Log-in2Learn: The Intersection of Health, Privacy & Technology

Sponsored by Region 2 Public Health Training Center

Recorded October 7, 2025

Enroll in LMS to be notified: [Reg2PHTC-L2L202510](#)

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.

January 2026

Zoomies and Snails: Pediatric Cardiac Arrhythmias

Sponsored by NYS Vital Signs Academy

Tuesday, January 13, 2026, 6:00pm-7:00pm

[Register Here](#)

Hazmat Incident Command

Sponsored by DHSES

Wednesday, January 14, 2026, 16 hours

Orleans County EMO, Albion, NY

[Register Here](#)

NEW! HCS-125 Intro to HERDS/SMART Data Entry & Reports Training

Sponsored by Commerce Training Institute (CTI)

Wednesday, January 14, 2026, 11am-12pm

Enroll in LMS Course: [HCS-125](#)

Leveraging Tools for Coordinated Community Disaster Communications (AWR-329)

Sponsored by NDPTC

Thursday, January 15, 2026, 1:00pm-5:00pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! CDC COCA Call: From Cave to Clinic: Managing Histoplasmosis in Returning Travelers

Sponsored by CDC COCA

Thursday, January 15, 2026, 2pm-3pm

[Register Here](#)

Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response - Classroom (I-200)

Sponsored by NYS Office of Emergency Management

Thursday, January 15, 2026-Friday, January 16, 2026, 8am-5pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Executive Planning

Sponsored by National Fire Academy

Monday, January 19, 2026-Friday, January 30, 2026

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Homemade Explosives and Precursor Awareness

Sponsored by CDP

Tuesday, January 20, 2026, 11am-12:15pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Understanding the Uniform: A Campfire Chat on Connecting Military Culture with Public Health

Sponsored by Region IV PHTC

Tuesday, January 20, 2026, 12-1:30pm

[Register Here](#)

Evacuation Planning Strategies and Solutions (MGT-461)

Sponsored by NDPTC

Tuesday, January 20, 2026, 12pm-4pm

[Register Here](#)

OHEP-HTC-BP2-S7-012026-CDR - HTC Webinar Series - BP2 Session 7 - High Stakes in Saratoga: Keeping on Track with Lessons Learned for Incident Command & Public Safety

Sponsored by CDR HTC

Tuesday, January 20, 2026, 1pm

Enroll in LMS Course: [OHEP-HTC-BP2-S7-012026-CDR](#)

NEW! HCS-300 IHANS Training for State & LHDs Only

Sponsored by Commerce Training Institute (CTI)

Tuesday, January 20, 2026, 1-4pm

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

Responsible AI Use in EMS Education

Sponsored by NYS Vital Signs Academy

Tuesday, January 20, 2026, 6:00pm-7:00pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Medical Matters: Beyond the Basics: Tailoring Emergency Preparedness for Special Populations

Sponsored by The Medical Society of the State of New York

Wednesday, January 21, 2026, 7:30am

[Register Here](#) | 1.0 AMA PRA Category 1 credit™

NEW! HCS-502 eFINDS (Annual Course)

Sponsored by Commerce Training Institute (CTI)

Wednesday, January 21, 2026, 3-4pm

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

NEW! The Weight is Over! Here is the skinny on GLP-1 medications! - Bradley Dean

Sponsored by NYS Vital Signs Academy

Thursday, January 22, 2026, 6:30pm-7:30pm

[Register Here](#)

Health Action Conference 2026

Sponsored by Families USA

January 22nd - 23rd -- Washington, DC

[For more information and to register](#)

NEW! Fire Inspection Principles I

Sponsored by National Fire Academy

Sunday, January 25, 2026-Friday, January 30, 2026

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Managing Floodplain Development through the NFIP

Sponsored by DHSES

Monday, January 26, 2026-Thursday, January 29, 2026, 8am-5pm

[Register Here](#)

Vital Skills for Effective Leadership Session 2 - Leading through Pressure: Build personal and team resilience

Sponsored by HANYS

Tuesday, January 27, 2026, 1:00pm-2:30pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Critical Incident Stress Debriefing (CISD): We Need It More Than We Know

Sponsored by CDP

Tuesday, January 27, 2026, 12pm-1pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Creating Measurable Learning Objectives

Sponsored by MAR PHTC-PITT

Tuesday, January 27, 2026, 1pm-2:30pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Hospital Planning for Mass Casualty Incident Surges: Natural Disasters

Sponsored by CDP

Tuesday, January 27, 2026, 2pm-3pm

[Register Here](#)

Winter Weather Hazards: Science and Preparedness (AWR-331)

Sponsored by NDPTC

Tuesday, January 27, 2026- Wednesday, January 28, 2026, 1:00pm-5:00pm

[Register Here](#)

Introduction to Organizational Development

Sponsored by MARPHTC PITT

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Wednesday, January 28, 2026

[Register Here](#)

Fostering a Culture of Continuous Quality Improvement

Sponsored by MARPHTC PITT

Thursday, January 29, 2025, 12:00pm-1:30pm

[Register Here](#)

Demystifying Research

Sponsored by NYS Vital Signs EMS Academy

Friday, January 30, 2026, 6:30pm-7:30pm

[Register Here](#)

Hospital Incident Command System (HICS)

Sponsored by HTC

Friday, January 30, 2026, 9:30am – 12:00pm

[Register Here](#)

February – April 2026

NEW! Fire Inspection Principles 2: Inspection of Structures and Systems

Sponsored by National Fire Academy

Sunday, February 1, 2026- Thursday, February 5, 2026

[Register Here](#)

Pediatric Pain Management Strategies - BLS and ALS

Sponsored by NYS Vital Signs Academy

Monday, February 2, 2026

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Fire Investigation: First Responders

Sponsored by National Fire Academy

Monday, February 2, 2026-Tuesday, February 3, 2026

[Register Here](#)

O..O...O..GLP-1 Medications and What We Should Know for EM

Sponsored by NYS Vital Signs Academy

Tuesday, February 3, 2026, 10:00am-10:39am

[Register Here](#)

Coalitions: Community Members joining Forces for Public Health

Sponsored by MARPHTC PITT

Tuesday, February 3, 2026, 1:00pm-2:00pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Coordinating Care in Crisis: Addressing Administrative and Logistic Demands

Sponsored by OHEP

Wednesday, February 4, 2026, 9-10:30am

Enroll in LMS Course: [OHEP-550b](#)

Artificial Intelligence: Considerations for Public Health Practice

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Sponsored by MARPHTC PITT
Wednesday, February 4, 2026, 12:00pm-1:00pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Winter Storm Cupid: Valentines Day Snowstorm Response in Oswego County

Sponsored by CNY HTC
Thursday, February 5, 2026, 10am-11:30am

Enroll in LMS Course: [OHEP-HTC-BP2-S8-02052026-CNY](#)

EMS Education

Sponsored by NYS Vital Signs Academy
Thursday, February 5, 2026, 6:30pm-7:30pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Safety Program Operations

Sponsored by National Fire Academy
Sunday, February 8, 2026-Saturday February 13, 2026

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Command and Control Decision-Making at Multiple Alarm Incidents

Sponsored by National Fire Academy
Sunday, February 8, 2026- Saturday, February 13, 2026

[Register Here](#)

Vital Skills for Effective Leadership Session 3 - Leading a multi-generational workforce

Sponsored by HANYS
Tuesday, February 10, 2026, 1:00pm-2:30pm

[Register Here](#)

Lines and More Lines: Managing Existing Catheters

Sponsored by NYS Vital Signs Academy
Tuesday, February 10, 2026, 6:00pm-7:00pm

[Register Here](#)

Leading Change

Sponsored by MARPHTC PITT
Wednesday, February 11, 2026, 12:00pm-2:00pm

[Register Here](#)

Planning for Disaster Debris Management (MGT-460)

Sponsored by NDPTC
Wednesday, February 11, 2026- Thursday, February 12, 2026, 1:00pm-5:00pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Fire Service Financial Management

Sponsored by National Fire Academy
Monday, February 16, 2026-Tuesday, February 17, 2026

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Individual & Collective Resilience in Response to Traumatic Stress Exposure

Sponsored by the Institute for Disaster Mental Health (IDMH) at SUNY New Paltz
Live Virtual Only: Tuesday, February 17, 2026, 10:00am - 2:00pm

Enroll in LMS Course: [OHEP-562a](#)

Community Resilience

Sponsored by NDPTC

Tuesday, February 17, 2026-Wednesday, February 18, 2026, 1:00pm-5:00pm

[Register Here](#)

Sixteen Personalities

Sponsored by MARPHTC PITT

Wednesday, February 18, 2026, 4:00pm-5:00pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Hazardous Materials Code Enforcement

Sponsored by National Fire Academy

Sunday, February 22, 2026- Friday, February 27, 2026

[Register Here](#)

Community Participation and Power

Sponsored by MARPHTC PITT

Tuesday, February 24, 2026, 12:00pm-2:00pm

[Register Here](#)

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

Sponsored by DHSES

Tuesday, February 24 - Wednesday, February 25, 2026, 8:00am-5:00pm

Erie County Fire Training | Available Seats (as of 11/24/25): 27

Prerequisites: An Introduction to Exercises (IS-120)

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Advanced Burn Life Support (ABLS)

Sponsored by Upstate Medical Clark Burn Center

February 27th, 2026, from 7am-4pm in Syracuse, NY

How To Confirm Attendance for ABLS™ Live Course

- Log in to your ABA account and use this custom verification link to complete your registration for your desired course
- Your course **custom verification link**: <https://members.ameriburn.org/events/event-registration/?id=92b49f41-22d5-f011-ad8f-7c1e52dde945>
- As you are verifying your attendance, there will be a page to enter a registration code (**please note this is not to register for the course as a whole, but to register to receive your certificate**).
- **Registration code: *learn!*** (This code will make the certification free) make sure to include the exclamation point
- Once you have finished your verification process, check your e-mail and make sure you have received a confirmation. If you have not, e-mail abls@ameriburn.org so that they can help you trouble shoot the issue.

March 2026

NEW! Fire Inspection Principles I

Sponsored by National Fire Academy

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Sunday, March 1, 2026-Tuesday, March 3, 2026

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Managing Effective Fire Prevention Programs

Sponsored by National Fire Academy

Sunday, March 1, 2026- Friday, March 6, 2026

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Command and Control Decision-Making at Multiple Alarm Incidents

Sponsored by National Fire Academy

Sunday, March 1, 2026- Friday, March 6, 2026

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Fire Investigation: First Responders

Sponsored by National Fire Academy

Monday, March 2, 2026-Tuesday, March 3, 2026

[Register Here](#)

Leveraging and Promoting Social Support for Health

Sponsored by MARPHTC PITT

Tuesday, March 3, 2026, 1:00pm-2:00pm

[Register Here](#)

Vital Skills for Effective Leadership Session 4 - Building High-Performing Teams

Sponsored by HANYYS

Tuesday, March 3, 2026, 1:00pm-2:30pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Northwell Health's Virtual Gun Violence Prevention Forum

Sponsored by Northwell Health

Friday, March 5, 2026, 9:00am – 2:30pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Fire Inspection Principles 2: Inspection of Structures and Systems

Sponsored by National Fire Academy

Sunday, March 8, 2026- Friday, March 13, 2026

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Youth Firesetting Prevention and Intervention

Sponsored by National Fire Academy

Sunday, March 8, 2026-Friday, March 13, 2026

[Register Here](#)

Resilience Skills for Public Health Professionals

Sponsored by MARPHTC PITT

Wednesday, March 11, 2026, 12:00pm-2:00pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Sepsis Alliance Symposium: Diagnostics and Diagnostic Stewardship

Sponsored by The Sepsis Alliance

March 11-12, 2026

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Chemical Hazard Analysis for Risk-Based Response

Sponsored by National Fire Academy

Monday, March 16, 2026-Friday, March 27, 2026

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Wildland Urban Interface: Fire-Adapted Communities (PILOT class)

Sponsored by National Fire Academy

Monday, March 16, 2026- Friday, March 20, 2026

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Command and Control of Fire Department Operations at Natural and Man-Made Disasters

Sponsored by National Fire Academy

Monday, March 16, 2026-Friday, March 27, 2026

[Register Here](#)

Community Planning for Disaster Recovery (AWR-356)

Sponsored by NDPTC

Wednesday, March 25, 2026-Thursday, March 26, 2026, 1:00pm-5:00pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Fire Investigation: Case Preparation and Testimony

Sponsored by National Fire Academy

March 30, 2026-April 3, 2026

[Register Here](#)

April 2026

NEW! Medical Management of CBRNE Events (PER-211)

Sponsored by NYS Office of Emergency Management

Tuesday, April 7, 2026 – Wednesday, April 8, 2026, 8:00am-5:00pm

[Register Here](#)

2026 Preparedness Summit

Sponsored by TFAH

April 13th - 16th, 2026

Baltimore, MD

[Register Here](#)

Evacuation Planning Strategies and Solutions (MGT-461)

Sponsored by NDPTC

Tuesday, April 21, 2026- April 22, 2026, 2:00pm-6:00pm

[Register Here](#)

Introduction to Effective Team Communication

Sponsored by MARPHTC PITT

Thursday, April 23, 2026, 12:00pm-2:00pm

[Register Here](#)

New & OnDemand Content - NYLearnsPH.com

2025-2026 Guidance to Complete ServNY Incomplete Volunteer Check and Notification Drill - BPR-7 Sponsored by NYSDOH OHEP

Enroll in LMS Course: [OHEP-521b](#)

Log-in2Learn: Leveraging Lessons Learned to Enhance Public Health Preparedness

Sponsored by Region 2 Public Health Training Center

Recorded September 9, 2025

Enroll in LMS Course: [Reg2PHTC-L2L202509](#)

Check the HTC Monthly Webinar Series Webpages for previous (recorded) offerings

- [HTC BP2 \(2025-2026\) Monthly Webinar Series Webpage](#)
- [HTC BP1 \(2024-2025\) Monthly Webinar Series Webpage](#)
- [HTC BP5 \(2023-2024\) Monthly Webinar Series Webpage](#)
- [HTC BP4 \(2022-2023\) Monthly Webinar Series Webpage](#)
- [RTC BP3 \(2021-2022\) Monthly Webinar Series Webpage](#)

Emergency Management for Healthcare Leaders

Sponsored by OHEP, MARO HTC and Northwell

Recorded on July 23, 2025

Enroll in LMS Course: [OHEP-HTC-BP2-S1-072025-MARO](#)

Handouts: [HTC BP2S1](#)

Regional Emerging Special Pathogen Treatment Center (RESPTC) & H5N1 Avian Influenza Overview Sponsored by The Office of Health Emergency Preparedness (OHEP)

Register in LMS: [OHEP-303](#) | On-demand Training

Log-in2Learn: Public Health Workforce Burnout and Resilience

Sponsored by Region 2 Public Health Training Center

- **Part I: Leading for Wellbeing: Preventing Burnout and Fostering Resilience in Health Departments** - Recorded February 4, 2025
 - Enroll in LMS: [Reg2PHTC-L2L202502](#)
- **Part II: Prevention and Intervention** -- Recorded March 4, 2025
 - Enroll in LMS: [Reg2PHTC-L2L202503](#)
- **Part III: Mentoring for Retention** - Recorded May 13, 2025
 - Enroll in LMS: [Reg2PHTC-20250513](#)

1.5 Category I Continuing Education Credit for CHES/MCHES & Certified in Public Health (CPH) credit

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](#)

Integrated Preparedness Plan (IPP) Training Webinar - BPR-4

Sponsored by NYSDOH OHEP

Recorded September 23, 2024

Enroll in LMS Course: [OHEP-302](#) | Email prepedap@health.ny.gov for resources, questions, etc.

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](#)

Preparing For Measles: Review of POD Operations – 2024

Sponsored by OHEP

Recorded March 15, 2024

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

Psychological First Aid

Sponsored by NYSDOH OHEP

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

Psychological First Aid (PFA) Train-the-Trainer

Sponsored by The Office of Health Emergency Preparedness (OHEP), in partnership with the NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH) and the SUNY New Paltz Institute for Disaster Mental Health (IDMH)

Register in LMS: [OHEP-561a](#) | On-demand Training

[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!

The Region 2 Public Health Training Center is pleased to release their annual asynchronous training modules. Each offers 1 CHES or CPH Credit.

- **Beyond the Burnout Conversation- A Practical Workshop to Reclaim Aliveness**
Sponsored by Region 2 Public Health Training Center
Enroll in LMS Course: [Req2PHTC-1130676](#)
- **Climate Change and Food Insecurity: Actions for Health Departments**
Sponsored by Region 2 Public Health Training Center
Enroll in LMS Course: [Req2PHTC-1130577](#)
- **Climate Change and Mosquito-borne Diseases: Actions for Local Health Departments**
Sponsored by Region 2 Public Health Training Center
Enroll in LMS Course: [Req2PHTC-1130531](#)
- **Professional Communication Skills for Public Health Settings**
Sponsored by Region 2 Public Health Training Center
Enroll in LMS Course: [Req2PHTC-1130586](#)
- **Supporting Public Health Practitioners in Times of Loss and Grief**
Sponsored by Region 2 Public Health Training Center
Enroll in LMS Course: [Req2PHTC-1130677](#)

Log-in2Learn: Addressing the Impact of Climate Change on Food Systems

Sponsored by Region 2 Public Health Training Center

Recorded June 3, 2025, 12 – 1pm

Enroll in LMS Course: [Req2PHTC-L2L202506](#)

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:** [Reg2PHTC-Flooding](#)

A Systems Approach to Reduce Gun Violence

Sponsored by Region 2 Public Health Training Center

Self-Paced Course | **Enroll in LMS Course:** [Reg2PHTC-GunViolence](#)

Risk Communication: Best Practices for Communicating Effectively in High Stress Situations

Sponsored by South Central Partnership (SCP)

Enroll in LMS Course: [SCP-0244](#)

Crisis Management: Critical Thinking in Crisis Preparation

Sponsored by South Central Partnership

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

Evidence-Based Approaches for Post-Disaster Mental Health Disorders

Sponsored by South Central Partnership

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

Additional Training of Interest - (On Demand)

NEW! [CDC COCA Call: 2025 - 2026 Clinical Recommendations for Seasonal Influenza Prevention and Control](#)

Sponsored by CDC | Recorded December 11, 2025

NEW! [Meeting the Moment: Inspiring Approaches to Public Health Communications - Free Public Health Webinar - Public Health Communications Collaborative](#)

Sponsored by PHCC | Recorded November 7, 2025

[AI in Action: Strengthening Public Health Communications with Care & Clarity - Free Public Health Webinar - Public Health Communications Collaborative](#)

Sponsored by PHCC | Recorded September 30, 2025

COCA Call: [The Path of Yeast Resistance: Drug-resistant *Candida* on the Rise](#)

Sponsored by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention | Recorded September 26, 2025

[The Gaps in What We Know and Don't Know About the COVID Pandemic](#)

Sponsored by UPENN LDI | Recorded on September 25, 2025

[Health and Politics in the Aftermath of COVID-19](#)

Sponsored by the Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics | Recorded September 19, 2025

COCA Call: [Clinician Update on Measles Cases and Outbreaks in the United States](#)

Sponsored by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention | Recorded September 12, 2025

[The PHCC Academy](#)

Sponsored by Public Health Communications Collaborative

[First Responder Preparedness](#) | Course Bundle

[Health Systems Implementing Climate Action](#)

Sponsored by NYAM, partnered with AARP NY and SBP | Recorded September 2024

- [Disaster Preparedness at Home](#) was geared directly to older adults.
- [Building Disaster Resilient Communities](#) was meant for aging service professionals.

[UMSPH Institute for Firearm Injury Prevention Massive Open Online Course \(MOOC\)](#)

Presented by the University of Michigan Institute for Firearm Injury Prevention and the Firearm Safety among Children and Teens (FACTS) Consortium, the Science of Firearm Safety Among Children & Teens Massive Open Online Course covers a range of firearm injury topics.

[New First Receiver Training](#) - CNY HTC's 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

OTHER FEDERAL and NATIONAL PROVIDER RESOURCES:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Health Alert Network (HAN)
[HAN Messages](#)

[First Reported Outbreak Caused by Marburg Virus in Ethiopia](#) December 4, 2025

The Office of Emergency Risk Communication in the Office of Communications is responsible for managing COCA Products.

For information about this update or other clinical issues, or to send your feedback, please contact us at coca@cdc.gov

NEW! CDC COCA Call: From Cave to Clinic: Managing Histoplasmosis in Returning Travelers
Thursday, January 15, 2026, 2pm-3pm | [Register Here](#)

- [Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity](#)—resources for healthcare providers
- [Crisis & Emergency Risk Communication Training](#)—training program that draws from lessons learned during public health emergencies, and incorporates best practices from the fields of risk and crisis communication

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

The U.S. Fire Administration's (USFA) National Fire Academy (NFA) Spotlight

The U.S. Fire Administration's (USFA) National Fire Academy (NFA) application period will close on January 15th for on-campus courses scheduled from April to June 2026.

(The application period for January through March 2026 on-campus courses closed on 10/15/2025.)

[Click here](#) to view vacancies for upcoming courses.

How to Apply:

- Apply using the electronic application form on the [NETC Online Admissions application](#) website.
- Obtain electronic approval from the head of your sponsoring organization.

- Do not plan to participate in a course until the Admissions office has notified you in writing.

If you need help completing your application, don't hesitate to contact our Admissions office by email at netcadmissions@fema.dhs.gov.

The National Center for Disaster Preparedness (NCDP)

Take NCDP Web-based Trainings Today! 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. To learn about and register for these trainings, please visit our training portal at <https://training.ncdpcourses.org/>.

NCDP has several on-demand web-based trainings to train learners quickly on mass care shelter and evacuation operations.

- [AWR-423-W: Mass Care Shelter and Relocation Communication](#)
- [AWR-424-W: Pandemic Planning Multilateral Risk Communication](#)
- [PER-402-W: Pandemic Planning for Mass Sheltering](#)

To register for these trainings, please visit our portal at <https://training.ncdpcourses.org/>.

American Journal of Public Health (AJPH)

January 2026 [American Journal of Public Health - Volume 116, Issue 1](#)

- **Promoting Public Trust and Trustworthiness in Public Health**
 - The January issue of *AJPH* features a special section on trust in public health. Select articles cover partnerships with policymakers, effective communication, and meaningful community engagement.
 - Other articles in this issue address opioid overdose mortality, housing status and health, political polarization during disease outbreaks, and more.

December 2025 [American Journal of Public Health - Volume 115, Issue 12](#)

- **Primary Care and Public Health in the Community**

November 2025 [American Journal of Public Health - Volume 115, Issue 11](#)

- **Post-COVID Safety Net Benefits Cliff**

Newsletter/Email Sign Up - To get the latest updates, misinformation alerts, and resources from national content providers.

- Sign-up for EPIC exchange Newsletters - Email: EPIC@cdc.gov
- [Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security - Health Security Decoded – Sign Up](#)
- [Trust for America's Health Wellness and Prevention Digest – Sign Up](#)
- [Public Health Communications Collaborative – Sign Up on the website.](#)
- [U.S. Fire Administration \(USFA\) email notifications](#)

For email notifications regarding educational opportunities, please subscribe to the [FLRTC-HPP listserv](#)

Podcasts

New York Public Health Now Podcast -<https://www.health.ny.gov/commissioner/podcasts/>

From Hospital Beds to Healthy Homes: The Power of RSV Vaccination | Nov 13, 2025

- Season 4 Episode 2

Life-Saving Economics: Naloxone's Cost-Effective Role on the Opioid Crisis | Oct 30, 2025

- Season 4 Episode 1

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

ASTHO:

- **NEW Daily!** [Public Health Review Morning Edition \(astho.org\)](https://www.astho.org/Public-Health-Review-Morning-Edition/)
- [Public Health Review | ASTHO](https://www.astho.org/Public-Health-Review/)

Public Health Prepared, Michigan Center for Infectious Disease Threats; University of Michigan School of Public Health: [Prepared. Set. Go! Podcast](#)

NETEC (The National Emerging Special Pathogens Training and Education Center) Podcasts:

- **NEW!** Transmission Interrupted: [Special Pathogen Research Network \(SPRN\)](#)

NEW! Building Competency in Emergency Management: A Program to Develop the Next Generation of Emergency Leaders

This multi-course program is designed to equip emerging emergency management professionals with the foundational knowledge, practical skills, and leadership competencies needed to guide organizations through all phases of an emergency. Through a structured progression of learning—from mitigation and planning, to response, to recovery and continuous improvement, participants will gain a full-spectrum understanding of effective emergency management. Together, these three courses form a robust developmental pathway that empowers the next generation of emergency leaders to plan, respond effectively and guide their organizations toward resilience and long-term recovery. Each Course is on the HPP Pre-Approved list for vouchering. Those that attend all three courses will also receive a Certificate of Program Completion.

COURSE A – RISKS & PLANS

Course A is part 1 of 3 in the program series and introduces participants to the core principles of emergency management, including the four phases (Mitigation, Planning, Preparedness, Response, Recovery) and the fundamentals of the Incident Command System (ICS). Participants will identify and prioritize hazards, build threat matrices, and learn about plans aligned with community and organizational risks.

Objectives:

- Gain awareness and understand the four principles of EM (Mitigation, Planning, Response, Recovery)
- Learn and develop a threat matrix for hazard awareness and prioritization
- Develop an understanding of the principles of ICS including use of plain language, span of control, chain of command, and common roles
- Understand the importance of plan development in line with threats, plan maintenance, and plan activation

COURSE B – TEACHING & TRAINING

Course B is part 2 of 3 in the program series focuses on building an effective, trained, and coordinated workforce. Participants will learn and engage best practices for teaching, training, and exercising emergency plans, identifying capability gaps, and strengthening readiness through collaboration with partners and stakeholders.

Objectives:

- Discover best practices in teaching and training the emergency management plans
- Learn how to test plans through drills and exercises
- Establish a network of partners and stakeholders

COURSE C – ACTIVATION, RECOVERY & BEYOND

Course C is part 3 of 3 in the program series prepares participants for the complexities of real-world emergencies by exploring plan activation, operational coordination, data collection, and incident demobilization. Emphasis is placed on navigating recovery challenges, conducting after-action reviews, and cultivating leadership skills such as communication, decision-making, and effectively identifying problems, while supporting responder well-being, and updating plans and procedures based on the event.

Objectives:

- Understand the unique challenges of responding to an event or emergency.
- How to evaluate actions using an after action process

- Navigate of the challenges of recovery
- Develop best practices of communication, leadership, decision making, conflict resolution, and mental health.

TARGET AUDIENCE:

This course series is designed for those new to the field of emergency management, new to their role supporting emergency preparedness for their agency, or anyone looking for a refresher in emergency preparedness and management skills and concepts.

PROGRAM/COURSE REGISTRATION: Visit [NYSDOH LMS](#). Search [PROGRAM CATALOG](#) to enroll in the 3 Course Series or register for each course individually via below links.

COURSE OFFERINGS/DATES/TIMES/LOCATIONS

COURSE NAME	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Course A: Risks & Plans REGISTER HERE: OHEP-WRHTC-EM-PRGM-A	Tuesday, January 27, 2026	10am-4pm	Rochester
	Thursday, January 29, 2026	10am-4pm	Cheektowaga
	Wednesday, February 4, 2026	10am-4pm	Bath
COURSE NAME	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Course B: Teaching & Training REGISTER HERE: OHEP-WRHTC-EM-PRGM-B	Tuesday, March 10, 2026	10am-4pm	Rochester
	Thursday, March 12, 2026	10am-4pm	Cheektowaga
	Thursday, March 19, 2026	10am-4pm	Bath
COURSE NAME	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Course C: Activation, Recovery & Beyond REGISTER HERE: OHEP-WRHTC-EM-PRGM-C	Tuesday, May 5, 2026	10am-4pm	Rochester
	Thursday, May 7, 2026	10am-4pm	Cheektowaga
	Thursday, May 14, 2026	10am-4pm	Bath