

**Welcome** to the **May 2024** issue of the Aware Prepare (AP



If you have an idea for topics we should discuss, please let

## Educational resources for healthcare professionals:

- [Watch the](#) Hand Hygiene in Healthcare Settings Video Series to learn how to **Engage, Educate, Execute** and **Evaluate** hand hygiene programs in healthcare settings.
- Download [Clean Hands Count campaign](#) educational materials in English and Spanish to empower patients to ask healthcare professionals to clean their hands as part of providing safe care.
- [Learn how to recognize infection risks](#) in health care with resources from CDC's Project Firstline.

**Remember:** Hundreds of millions of germs live on our skin. Practice safe care by keeping your hands clean – clean hands count for every patient, every time!

#CleanHandsCount materials are available in English and Spanish. Learn more about #HandHygiene and protecting yourself and loved ones from germs.

<https://www.cdc.gov/handhygiene/campaign/index.html>

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**NEW! April 25, 2024** - Federal agencies have announced new actions and resources in response to H5N1 Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) outbreaks. For this response, CDC is tasked with the human health response, FDA safeguards the food supply, USDA responds to animal health concerns, and ASPR oversees the Strategic National Stockpile and medical countermeasures, should they be needed. The agencies also work together, with state and local partners, on data sharing, disease detection, and investigation.

- CDC has launched a [new website that displays public health indicators CDC is actively monitoring as part of the response](#).
- [FDA Updates on Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza \(HPAI\)](#)
- [FDA Questions and Answers Regarding the Safety of Eggs During Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Outbreaks](#)
- [FDA Questions and Answers Regarding Milk Safety During Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza \(HPAI\) Outbreaks](#)
- [USDA Actions to Protect Livestock Health From Highly Pathogenic H5N1 Avian Influenza](#)

## Healthcare Quality Resources

### RESOURCE LIBRARY

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

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[April 16](#). The report also reviewed evidence regarding shoulder injury after intramuscular administration of any vaccine.

The NASEM committee's findings support existing knowledge on COVID-19 vaccine safety, specifically that myocarditis was associated with mRNA COVID-19 vaccination among young males and TTS was associated with the J&J vaccine. In its report, NASEM stressed that all conclusions must be assessed in the context of the established harms of COVID-19 infection and the well-documented benefits of COVID-19 vaccination.

The NASEM committee's objective assessment of a potential causal relationship between intramuscular administration of vaccine and specific shoulder related medical diagnoses will impact future evaluations on these adverse events. CDC encourages partners to share educational material, [Vaccine Administration: Intramuscular \(IM\) injections: Adults 19 years of age and older \(cdc.gov\)](#), with vaccine administrators for the prevention of shoulder injuries during vaccination.

CDC continues to work with FDA and other federal agencies to monitor the safety of COVID-19 vaccines currently used in the United States, and to analyze data collected during the pandemic. Vaccination remains the best protection against COVID-19-related hospitalization and death. [CDC recommends](#) everyone 6 months and older should stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccine. Suspected adverse events following vaccination should be reported to the [Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System \(VAERS\)](#), an early warning system that helps CDC and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) monitor health problems that may occur following vaccination.

To learn more about The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, please visit: [National Academies](#).

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**April 15, 2024 The Office of Climate Change and Health Equity (OCCHE) has released its [April 2024 Climate and Health Outlook](#).** Check out this edition to learn about your region's forecast for heat, flooding, drought, and wildfire in April 2024 along with how to protect yourself and others' health from these climate hazards. This edition also provides information and stories on well water considerations in times of drought and flooding plus a look at how climate change is influencing pollen.

**April 11, 2024 CDC Updates Infection Control in Healthcare Personnel** — CDC recently updated [Infection Control in Healthcare Personnel: Epidemiology and Control of Selected Infections Transmitted Among Healthcare Personnel and Patients \(cdc.gov\)](#). The recommendations in this document update the 1998 recommendations with current guidance on the management of exposed or potentially infectious healthcare personnel (HCP).

This document is intended for use by the leaders and staff of Occupational Health Services (OHS) and to guide OHS in the management of exposed or infected HCP who may be contagious to others in the workplace.

Key Information to Know:

- This update does not provide recommendations about other aspects of infection prevention

- New topics in the update include expanded inform

poultry, and some mammals, but some precautions, particularly by people who work with animals, may be advisable.

Use our [Talking Points and Answers to Tough Questions on HPAI](#) to share accurate and actionable messages with your communities.

### [Public Health Communications Spotlight Campaigns](#)

In case you missed National Public Health Week, [we spotlighted five public health campaigns](#)—The Truth®, Hear Her®, Safe to Sleep®, The Heart Truth®, and It Can Wait®—that have helped create safer, stronger, and healthier communities over the last 30 years. Download the resource to learn more about each campaign, the communications tactics that made them successful, and their impact on public health.

### On Our Radar

- Article: [To rebuild trust in public health: Better communication, fewer mandates, and small wins](#) (STAT)
- Podcast: [Listen UP! Unraveling the Digital Tapestry: Pitfalls and Potential for Impact](#) (CDC)
- Podcast: [Getting Practical About Saving Black Moms and Babies](#) (America Dissected)
- Webinar: [Leadership and Momentum in Advancing Health Equity](#) (NIMHD)
- Webinar: [Cultural Humility and Community Engagement in Public Health](#) (NACCHO)
- Toolkit: [Communicating About Climate Change and Health](#) (WHO)
- Docu-Series: [The Invisible Shield](#) (PBS)
- Report: [Ready or Not 2024: Protecting the Public's Health from Diseases, Disasters, and Bioterrorism](#) (Trust for America's Health)
- Training: [Communicating Science Clearly](#) (CDC)

### More from PHCC

- Communications Tool: [Misinformation Alerts](#)
- Webinar: [Structural Racism and Public Health: How to Talk to Policymakers and Community Members](#)
- Messaging: [Building Trust in Public Health Communications](#)
- Communications Tool: [Culturally Driven Public Health Communications](#)
- Communications Tool: [Plain Language for Public Health](#)

To get the latest updates, misinformation alerts, and resources from the Public Health





## **Prepare for Hurricane Season with FEMA's Hazard Information Sheets**

FEMA's mission is to help people before, during and after disasters. One tool FEMA uses to help people prepare for disasters is its hazard information sheets. Hazard information sheets are short, two-page summaries of research-based guidance and advice for actions you should take to prepare for, protect against and recover from specific disasters or hazards. FEMA develops hazard information sheets based on the research it conducts through its [Protective Actions Research](#) program.

As hurricane season approaches, take time to understand and prepare for how a hurricane could affect you. You can start your hurricane preparedness efforts by downloading FEMA's [Hurricane Hazard Information Sheet](#). Because hurricanes and other weather related events can result in power outages, you should also prepare yourself and your family for the loss of power by downloading FEMA's [Power Outage Hazard Information Sheet](#). You can also continue your hurricane preparedness efforts by observing the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's [National Hurricane Preparedness Week](#) from May 5 to 11.

### **About FEMA's Hazard Information Sheets**

FEMA evaluates peer-reviewed articles and develops fact- and research-based actionable disaster preparedness messaging. The agency works with emergency management subject matter experts to ensure the guidance contained in the hazard information sheets is current and valid. The sheets include key actions that can reduce harm and save lives. Knowing the protective actions to take during specific hazards helps you learn what you should — and shouldn't — do to prepare for and respond to a disaster.

In addition to downloading our hazard information sheets, we encourage you to take advantage of information and tips about severe weather safety and hurricanes at [Ready.gov/severe-weather](https://www.ready.gov/severe-weather) and [Ready.gov/hurricanes](https://www.ready.gov/hurricanes). You can also download [the FEMA app](#) (free of charge) to learn how to prepare for common hazards, receive real

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## **ASPR (Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response)**

**April 10, 2024** [ASPR Statement on the President's Fiscal Year 2025 Budget](#) “The President’s FY 2025 budget leverages critical ASPR programs to strengthen the nation’s supply chain, biodefense capabilities, and coordination against cyber incidents – all while maintaining steady funding for the Strategic National Stockpile,” said Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response Dawn O’Connell. “This funding will strengthen preparedness and response capabilities and ensure that we are ready for whatever comes next.”

- [ASPR expands partnerships abroad during trip to Japan and Australia](#)

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

#### How to Apply:

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

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

### Women's Weekend at YOUR National Fire Academy - June 15-16, 2024.

The U.S. Fire Administration's (USFA) National Fire Academy (NFA), in partnership with Women in Fire, is pleased to announce the dates for our 2024 session in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Please place June 15-16, 2024, on your calendars and join us!

The classes are **FREE** of charge, and **ALL** are welcome to attend. You do not need to be a certified or uniformed member of a fire or EMS agency; you need to be with a fire, EMS, or allied organization, and meet the class participant requirements for the class you wish to attend.

We are accepting online applications NOW: <https://www.usfa.fema.gov/nfa/programs/national-weekend.html>

### American Journal of Public Health (AJPH)

#### **NEW!** May 2024 - Revisiting the 1988 Future of Public Health: Progress and Limitations

The May issue of [AJPH](#) features a special section on the 1988 Institute of Medicine report on the future of public health. Select articles cover the direct influences of the 1988 report and the 2003 follow-up report on the Centers for Disease Control, the missed opportunity to address climate change, and the extent of progress made in public health since the reports were released. Other articles in this issue address substance exposure in US carceral facilities, trajectories of mental distress among US women, trends in mental health by gender identity, and more.

[American Journal of Public Health - May 2024 \(current\) - Volume 114, Issue 4](#)

#### **ICYMI:**

- **April 2024** - [American Journal of Public Health - April 2024 - Volume 114, Issue 4](#) - Injury and Deaths from Shootings by US Police
- **March 2024** - [American Journal of Public Health - March 2024 - Volume 114, Issue 3](#) - Public Health Benefits of Voting Rights, Then and Now

#### **NEW!** AJPH Podcast: **Front Lines of the War Against COVID-19: A Conversation with Dr. Jerome Adams**

Vickie Mays and Alfredo Morabia ( [AJPH](#) ) conducted an insightful interview with Jerome Adams, MD, MPH, the 20th US Surgeon General and Distinguished Professor of Practice at Purdue University.



## **PODCASTS:**

- [Public Health Review | ASTHO](#)

Sponsored by HCANYS

Wednesday, May 8 - Thursday, May 9, 2024, 8:00am - 4:00pm

[Register Here](#)

### **Enhancing School Safety Using Behavioral Threat Assessment**

Sponsored by US SS NTAC

Thursday, May 8, 2024, 12:00pm - 2:00pm

[Register Here](#)

### **Principles and Application of Mass Casualty Triage for Hospital-based Providers**

Sponsored by FLRTC/WRHTC

Friday, May 10, 2024, 8:30am - 5:00pm

[Register Here](#)

### **AWR-315: Fundamentals of Criminal Intelligence**

Sponsored by LSU NCBRT

Monday, May 13 - Friday, May 17, 2024, 11:00am - 3:00pm

[Register Here](#)

### **CTI-200: Communication Directory/Coordinator Certification**

Sponsored by NYSDOH CTI

Monday, May 13, 2024, 1:00pm - 2:30pm

[Register Here](#)

### **2024 Western Region Health Coalition Emergency Management VIRTUAL Seminar: Healthcare Readiness and Response to HAZMAT Events**

Sponsored by WRHEPC

Tuesday, May 14, 2024, 8:30am - 12:45pm

[Register Here](#) | [More Info](#)

### **Cybersecurity Response in Healthcare: Emergency Management's Role**

Sponsored by MARO HTC

Tuesday, May 14, 2024, 9:00am - 10:00am

[Register Here](#)

### **CTI-120: HERDS Data Entry & Reports Training**

Sponsored by NYSDOH CTI

Tuesday, May 14, 2024, 1:00pm - 2:00pm

[Register Here](#)

### **Online Training Development Rubrics**

Sponsored by MARPHTC

Tuesday, May 14, 2024, 2:00pm - 2:30pm

[Register Here](#)

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

Sponsored by NDPTC

Wednesday, May 15 - Thursday, May 16, 2024, 1:00pm - 5:00pm

[Register Here](#)

### **ELECTRIC VEHICLE SAFETY FOR EMERGENCY RESPONDERS**

Sponsored by DHSES

Wednesday - Wednesday, May 15-22, 2024, 6 Hours

[Register Here](#) | Elmira Heights, Elmira, NY

### **Shelter Field Guide Training for State and Local Communities (K0419)**

Sponsored by FEMA/EMI

Thursday - Friday, May 16-17, 2024, 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

[Register Here](#)

### **Infection Control and Epidemiology Basics - Session 2: Organisms and Conditions Common in Healthcare**

Sponsored by HANYS

Thursday, May 16, 2024, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

[Register Here](#)

### **Data Entry NICS Manual Reporting (CTI-700)**

Sponsored by NYSDOH CTI

Friday, May 17, 2024, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

[Register Here](#)

### **Active Shooter/Assailant: Behavioral Indicators and How to Respond (AWR-933-V9)**

Sponsored by CDP

Thursday, May 16, 2024, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

[Register Here](#)

### **Emergency Nursing Pediatric Course (ENPC)**

Sponsored by ENA

Saturday - Sunday, May 18-19, 2024, 7:30 AM - 4:30 PM

[Register Here](#) | Rochester General Hospital

### **Summer Emergencies**

Sponsored by NYS Vital Signs EMS Academy

Monday, May 20, 2024, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

[Register Here](#)

### **Integrated Health Alerting Network System (IHANS) Training & Certification (CTI-300)**

Sponsored by NYSDOH CTI

Monday, May 20, 2024, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

[Register Here](#)

**NEW!** **Psychological First Aid (PFA) LIVE VIRTUAL** (Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) LHD Core Deliverable C-16)

Sponsored by OHEP

Tuesday, May 21, 2024, 2:30pm-4pm

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

**Infection Control and Epidemiology Basics - Session 3: Safe Injection Practices/Occupational Health**

Sponsored by HANYS

Tuesday, May 21, 2024, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

[Register Here](#)

**NEW!**

Access Code: NCBRT118

June 3-4, 2024

June 3: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

June 4: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

[Register Here](#)

**NEW! Psychological First Aid (PFA) Train-the-Trainer**

Sponsored by OHEP

Monday, June 10, 2024, 10:00am - 2:00pm | Sleepy Hollow, NY

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

**NEW! Psychological First Aid (PFA) LIVE VIRTUAL (Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) LHD Core Deliverable C-16)**

Sponsored by OHEP

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

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

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

Sponsored by WR HTC (FLRTC)

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

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

## July 2024

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

Sponsored by Office of Emergency Management

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

- **Location:** 107th Attack Wing Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station, Bldg 902/Rm 205; 9965 Blewett Ave, Niagara Falls, NY 14304
- **Questions:** Office of Emergency Management—Training and Exercises Section, (518) 292-2351, [OEM.Training@dhses.ny.gov](mailto:OEM.Training@dhses.ny.gov)
- **Review Link:**

**HTC Webinar Series - BP5 Session 10 - Emergency Hospital Evacuation of NYC Health + Hospitals/Woodhull**

Sponsored by OHEP

Recorded March 13, 2024

**Enroll in LMS Course: [OHEP-HTC-BP5-S10-052024-CNY](#)**

**Using Data Visualization in Public Health Communications**

Sponsored by Public Health Communications Collaborative

Recorded March 21, 2024

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

**Preparing For Measles: Review of POD Operations – 2024**

Sponsored by OHEP

Recorded March 15, 2024

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

**HTC Webinar Series - BP5 Session 8 - Safely Maintaining Normal Hospital Functions During a Boil Water Advisory**

Sponsored by OHEP

Recorded March 13, 2024

**Enroll in LMS Course: [OHEP-HTC-BP5-S8-032024-CDR](#)**

**BPR-6 Population Data Systems to Improve Planning Training Webinar**

Sponsored by OHEP

Recorded March 7, 2024

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

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

Sponsored by Region 2 Public Health Training Center

Recorded February 6, 2024

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

**Log-In2Learn: Enumerating and Understanding New York's Local Public Health Workforce**

Sponsored by Region 2 Public Health Training Center

Recorded January 9, 2024

**Enroll in LMS Course: [Reg2PHTC-L2L202401](#)**

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

Sponsored by NYSDOH OHEP

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

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

Sponsored by NYSDOH OHEP

Recorded September 19, 2023

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

**HTC BP5 Monthly Webinar Series Session 2: The Poison Center and Toxin Hazmat Incidents**

Sponsored by CNY HTC

Recorded September 19, 2023

**Enroll in LMS Course: [OHEP-HTC-BP5-S2-092023-CNY](#)**

**HTC Webinar Series - BP5 Session 1 - NYS CHEMPACK Program Overview**

Sponsored by WR HTC (FLRTC)

Recorded July 25, 2023

**Register in LMS Course: [OHEP-HTC-BP5-S1-072023-WR](#)**

**The 2023 Western Region Healthcare Coalition Emergency Management Webinar Series:**

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## Additional Training of Interest - (On Demand)

**NEW!**

## CDC's Project Firstline

### **NEW!** Watch on demand recording for important measles updates

Did you miss the latest fireside chat with CDC's [Project Firstline](#) and the [American Medical Association](#)? Don't worry - the recording is now available to watch and share!

- For more information, watch the full [on-demand recording](#) and view related [resources](#) today!

### Trainings and Courses

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

### Webinars E.L.M.

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

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## National Center for Disaster Preparedness (NCDP)

To learn more and register for trainings, visit their training portal at <https://training.ncdpcourses.org/>.

### Live Virtual Learning (May 2024 - June 2024)

- **May 7, 2024 - WI, FEMA Region 5**
  - [MGT-477: Roles for State, Tribal, and Territorial Governments in the Implementation of Disaster Housing Programs](#)
- **May 28, 2024 - OH, FEMA Region 5**
  - [MGT-477: Roles for State, Tribal, and Territorial Governments in the Implementation of Disaster Housing Programs](#)
- **June 11, 2024 - OR, FEMA Region 10**
  - [PER-406: Mass Care – Shelter and Relocation Capacity Building](#)
- **June 25, 2024 -** [PER-406: Mass Care – Shelter and Relocation Capacity Building](#)