

Aware Prepare Update



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Welcome to the **Mid-Month September 2022** 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 eLearning on the www.NYlearnsPH.com Learning Management System. Questions or submissions, email: edlearn@health.ny.gov

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Resources and Opportunities:

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

- COVID-19 Resources Webpage: <http://coronavirus.health.ny.gov>
- Monkeypox Resources Webpage: health.ny.gov/monkeypox
- Polio and immunization Webpage: health.ny.gov/polio

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.

GOVERNOR HOCHUL ANNOUNCES:

September 9th: STATEWIDE INITIATIVES TO RAISE AWARENESS DURING SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

- *State Office of Mental Health Launches Digital Campaign to Promote New York's Suicide Prevention Resources; Host Virtual Suicide Prevention Conference*
- *Issues [Proclamation](#) Recognizing September as National Suicide Prevention Month*

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September 7th: NEW YORKERS CAN NOW RECEIVE NEW COVID-19 VACCINE BOOSTERS DESIGNED TO STRENGTHEN DEFENSES AGAINST OMICRON SUBVARIANTS

- **Updated COVID-19 Boosters for Individuals 12 Years and Older That Are Two Months Past Previous Booster or Original Series Completion**
- **Masking Now Optional Where Previously Required in Settings Including Public Transportation, For-Hire Vehicles, Airports, Homeless Shelters, Correctional Facilities, and Detention Centers**
- **To Find Nearby Locations Offering Updated COVID-19 Boosters, New Yorkers Can Text ZIP Code to 438829, Call 1-800-232-0233, or Visit [Here](#)**
- **VIDEO** of the event is available on YouTube [here](#) and in TV quality (h.264, mp4) format [here](#).
- **AUDIO** of the event is available [here](#).

Learn more about COVID-19 Vaccines and Boosters [here](#)

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August 22nd: GOVERNOR HOCHUL UPDATES COVID-19 GUIDANCE FOR SCHOOLS

- **State Department of Health Releases New COVID-19 Guidance for K-12 Schools**
 - **Quarantine No Longer Required for Students Exposed to COVID-19**
 - **Presentation Slides From Governor's Briefing Available [Here](#)**
 - **Updated Guidance and FAQs Available [Here](#)**

August 17th: Announced Re-launch of [#VaxToSchool COVID-19 Vaccine Effort](#)

All New York State mass vaccination sites are open to eligible New Yorkers aged 5 and older, with walk-in vaccination available at all sites on a first-come, first-serve basis for people aged 12 and older. Information on which sites require appointments for children in the 5-11 age group is available on [our website](#). People who prefer to make an appointment at a state-run mass vaccination site can do so on the [Am I Eligible App](#) or by calling [1-833-NYS-4-VAX](#). People may also contact their local health department, pharmacy, doctor or hospital to schedule appointments where vaccines are available or visit [vaccines.gov](#) to find information on vaccine appointments near them.

New Yorkers looking to schedule vaccine appointments for 5-11-year-old children are encouraged to contact their child's pediatrician, family physician, county health departments, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), rural health centers, or pharmacies that may be administering the vaccine for this age group. Parents and guardians can visit [vaccines.gov](#), text their ZIP code to 438829, or call 1-800-232-0233 to find nearby locations. Make sure that the provider offers the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine, as the other COVID-19 vaccines are not yet authorized for this age group.

Visit our [website](#) for parents and guardians for new information, frequently asked questions and answers, and resources specifically designed for parents and guardians of this age group.

All New Yorkers outside of New York City, regardless of income or health insurance coverage who test COVID-19 positive, are eligible to be evaluated for treatment by calling 888-TREAT-NY (888-873-2869) available 24/7 or at the [NYS COVID-19 ExpressCare Therapeutics Access](#) website, which includes a telemedicine visit. The ExpressCare platform allows New Yorkers to receive virtual care from NYC Health + Hospitals providers who have clinical training to prescribe treatment and referrals if needed.

- NYC residents should call 212-COVID-19
- Learn more about COVID-19 treatment options at health.ny.gov/CovidTreatment.
- The [COVID-19 Vaccine Tracker Dashboard](#) is available to update New Yorkers on the distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine.

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August 31st: NEW CONCEALED CARRY LAWS PASSED IN RESPONSE TO RECKLESS SUPREME COURT DECISION TAKE EFFECT SEPTEMBER 1, 2022

- ***Statutory Changes Address U.S. Supreme Court's Decision in New York State Rifle & Pistol Association Inc. v. Bruen***
- ***New Requirements for Individuals Seeking to Obtain Concealed Carry Pistol Permits Include Firearm Trainings, In-Person Interview, and Social Media Review, Among Others***
- ***Conceal Carry Restrictions Apply to Sensitive Locations Including Times Square, Bars, Libraries, Schools, Government Buildings and Hospitals***
 - ***Permit Recertification or Renewal Now Required Every Three Years***
- ***State Launches New [Gun Safety Website](#) to Provide the Public, Gun Owners, and Gun Dealers with a Comprehensive, One-Stop Location for Information About the New Laws***

The firearm training requirement applies to all concealed carry permit applicants on or after September 1, 2022 and includes individuals who live in New York City and Nassau, Suffolk and Westchester counties and are required to renew their permits. The 16-hour classroom and two-hour, live-fire firearm safety training course must meet [the state's new minimum standards](#).

The State Police and State Division of Criminal Justice Services also developed [Frequently Asked Questions about the new gun laws](#) for the public, gun owners, and gun dealers.

The [State Department of Environmental Conservation's website](#) has additional information about how the new laws pertain to hunting and hunting education activities, which include

skeet and trap shooting competitions. These activities continue to be legal under the new laws.

The State Police also is working to implement other requirements that take effect in 2023: establishing state oversight for background checks for firearms (July 1); creating statewide permit and ammunition databases (August 1); and partnering with the state Division of Criminal Justice Services to establish an appeals board to review permit denials and revocations.

- **VIDEO** of the event is available on YouTube [here](#) and in TV quality (h.264, mp4) format [here](#).
- **AUDIO** of the event is available [here](#).

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August 19th: GOVERNOR HOCHUL ANNOUNCES NEW YORK STATE CITIZEN PREPAREDNESS CORPS TRAINING TO RESUME AHEAD OF NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH IN SEPTEMBER

- *Program led by Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Services and New York National Guard Paused in Early 2020 Due to COVID-19 Pandemic, Will Resume Training Courses in the Coming Weeks at the Great New York State Fair in Syracuse and on Long Island*
- *Citizen Preparedness Corps Initiative Has Trained Nearly 350,000 New Yorkers Since 2014 to Prepare for and Respond to Disasters and Emergencies in NYS*
 - *Governor Hochul Meets with Long Island Emergency Management Officials to Address Readiness Posture and Remind New Yorkers to Stay Prepared During Peak Hurricane Season*

A Citizen Preparedness Corps training will be held in Suffolk County on September 13, at 7:00PM at the H. Lee Dennison Building in the Hauppauge. Residents can RSVP to this course by emailing CPCTraining@dhSES.ny.gov. New Yorkers can find the current training schedule and register for courses on DHSES website [here](#).

To request a Citizen Preparedness Corps training in your area, send an email to: NY.Prepare@dhSES.ny.gov

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August 19th: SUPPORT THE CREATION OF THREAT ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT TEAMS IN COUNTIES ACROSS NEW YORK STATE

- *Governor Hochul Issued [Executive Order 18](#) in Wake of Buffalo Attack, Requiring Each County and NYC to Develop Plans to Confront Domestic Terrorism*

- **Grant Funding Now Available to All 57 Counties and NYC to Support Development of Threat Assessment and Management Teams, a Key Component in Meeting Requirements of Domestic Terrorism Prevention Plans**

August 9th: Summit Focused on Development of Local Threat Assessment and Management Teams

- **VIDEO** of the event is available on YouTube [here](#) and in TV quality (h.264, mp4) format [here](#).
- **AUDIO** of the event is available [here](#).

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August 12th: GOVERNOR HOCHUL ADDRESSES IDENTIFICATION OF POLIO IN NYC
Governor Hochul addressed the announcement that wastewater monitoring identified polio in New York City and urged unvaccinated New Yorkers to get vaccinated now.

- **VIDEO** of the event is available on YouTube [here](#) and in TV quality (h.264, mp4) format [here](#).
- **AUDIO** of the event is available [here](#).
- **Learn more about polio and immunization:** health.ny.gov/polio or at nyc.gov/health/polio.
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STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ANNOUNCEMENTS: POLIO

**September 9th: PROTECTING NEW YORKERS THROUGH IMMUNIZATION:
STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH UPDATES NEW YORKERS ON POLIO IN NEW YORK STATE**

- **Governor Hochul Declares State Disaster Emergency, Bolstering Immunization Drive – [E.O.](#) Immediately Expands Network of Vaccine Administrators, Adding EMS Workers, Midwives, and Pharmacists**
- **NYSDOH Continues to Assess Spread & Prevent Disease Through Monitoring & Vaccination – Working with Local and National Health Authorities, Healthcare Providers, and Community Partners**
 - [One Case of Paralytic Polio Previously Identified in Rockland County](#)
 - [Poliovirus Detected in Wastewater](#) Samples from Rockland County, Orange County, Sullivan County, New York City and Now Nassau County

All New Yorkers who are unvaccinated, including children by 2 months of age, those who are pregnant, and people who have not completed their polio vaccine series

previously, should get immunized right away. Unvaccinated New Yorkers or those not up to date with immunizations who live, work, go to school in, or visit Rockland County, Orange County, New York City, Sullivan County, and Nassau County are at the highest risk of contracting paralytic disease.

The inactivated polio vaccine (IPV), the only vaccine available in the United States, is safe, and contains no live virus. It protects 99 – 100 percent of people who get all recommended doses. In accordance with CDC, the polio immunization schedule by age is as follows:

- **All children should get 4 doses of the polio vaccine.** The first dose should be given at 6 weeks through 2 months of age, followed by one dose given at 4 months of age, 6 through 18 months old, and 4 through 6 years old.
- **People starting the polio immunization series after 4 years of age who are unvaccinated or are unsure if they have been immunized should receive a total of 3 doses.**
- **Adults who have only had 1 or 2 doses of the polio vaccine in the past should get the remaining 1 or 2 doses** – it does not matter how long it has been since the earlier doses.
- In addition, adults who live or work in the areas where poliovirus has been detected (Rockland County, Orange County, New York City, Sullivan County, and Nassau County) and don't believe they are vaccinated should get vaccinated.

At this time, the following New Yorkers who have previously completed their polio vaccine series should receive one lifetime booster dose of IPV:

- Individuals who will or might have close contact with a person known or suspected to be infected with poliovirus or such person's household members or other close contacts.
- Healthcare providers working in areas where poliovirus has been detected (Rockland County, Orange County, Sullivan County, New York City, or Nassau County) who might handle specimens that might contain polioviruses or who treat patients who might have polio (e.g., urgent care, emergency department, neurology, virology laboratory workers).
- Individuals with occupational exposure to wastewater can consider a booster.

Polio is a dangerous, debilitating, and life-threatening disease. Spread from person-to-person, poliovirus enters the body through the mouth, usually from hands contaminated with the stool of an infected individual. People can spread the virus even if they do not know they are sick, and asymptomatic spread is a high concern among health officials. According to CDC, 70 percent of people infected with polio experience no symptoms. About 25 percent experience mild or flu-like symptoms that may be mistaken for many other illnesses. About 1 in 100 individuals will develop severe disease, including permanent paralysis. Of those paralyzed, 2-10 percent die when their breathing muscles become immobilized. Based on evidence from earlier polio outbreaks, health officials estimate that for every one case of paralytic polio observed, there may be hundreds of other people infected.

There is no cure for polio, but it is preventable through safe and effective vaccination. A core component of CDC's childhood immunization schedule and required by [NYSDOH for all](#)

[school-aged children](#), most children are already vaccinated. New Yorkers who are unsure of their or their child's vaccination status should reach out to a healthcare provider right away. As of August 1, 2022, Rockland County has a [polio vaccination rate](#) of 60.34 percent, Orange County has a polio vaccination rate of 58.68 percent, Sullivan County has a polio vaccination rate of 62.33 percent, and Nassau County has a polio vaccination rate of 79.15 percent, compared to the statewide average of 78.96 percent, among children who have received 3 polio immunizations before their second birthday.*

A rate of well over 90 percent is NYSDOH's goal, and every adult and child must be up to date with vaccinations to prevent disease at the individual level. In addition to immunization to prevent disease, New Yorkers should know that handwashing with soap is important, as alcohol-based sanitizers do not work on some types of germs, like polio.

New Yorkers can learn more about polio and polio immunization [here](#). Information about wastewater surveillance and results is available [here](#).

Polio vaccination rates by county are available [here](#). Available polio vaccination rates by ZIP code are available [here](#).

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STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ANNOUNCEMENTS: Monkeypox

[Monkeypox Provider Treatment Network](#) – Sponsored by NYSDOH & NYCDOHMH

- **Monkeypox Updates – August 25, 2022** <https://youtu.be/DqH3lbber1k>
- **Monkeypox: Updates for Providers – August 4, 2022**
<https://youtu.be/v0F7OKMdrew>

For more Healthcare Provider info, visit: [Monkeypox for Healthcare Providers Page \(ny.gov\)](#)

Help keep communities safe and sexually healthy. Please share the materials listed below:

- [MP-Protect yourself, your friends and your community Poster \(PDF\)](#)
- [MP - Protect Your Community and the People You Party or Play With Poster \(PDF\)](#)
- [MP - What all New Yorkers Should Know \(PDF\)](#)
- [MP- Palm Card \(PDF\)](#)
- *Want printed copies mailed to you? Please fill out [this order form](#) and email to bmcc@health.ny.gov.*
- Visit health.ny.gov/monkeypox

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New York State of Health: [Unwinding from the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency: A Communications Tool Kit to Keep New Yorkers Covered](#)

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STATE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH ANNOUNCES:

August 19th: NYS OMH Launches Partnership to Help Black New Yorkers Heal from Buffalo Tragedy and Increased Rates of Trauma

The NYS Office of Mental Health is partnering with the Association of Black Psychologists (ABPsi), Inc. to provide specialized “healing circle” support groups for individuals and families traumatized by the racially-motivated mass shooting in Buffalo earlier this year and increased incidents of hate crimes in general. The virtual support groups, known as “Sawubona” provide assistance and support to individuals and families dealing with elevated levels of grief, anxiety and trauma.

The Black-led healing circles, which are non-clinical, provide culturally relevant ways for people to express thoughts, feelings, and stories in a healing way. Culturally grounded in African-centered practices, the model helps address racial and other forms of trauma in communities of color. If you want to attend, please sign up here <https://abpsi.site-ym.com/general/?type=BSHCA>.

To grow this effort, OMH is looking for New York State residents interested in becoming trained Sawubona Healing Circle facilitators. This is a perfect opportunity for volunteers, retirees, students, advocates, and mental health service providers interested in supporting resilience in the Black community. If you are interested in this free training opportunity, go to this link and apply <https://abpsi.site-ym.com/general/?type=bshcf>.

Feeling stressed by the COVID-19 pandemic? You are not alone. Call the NY Project Hope Emotional Support Helpline 7 days a week, 8am-10pm at 1-844-863-9314 or visit <https://nyprojecthope.org>

NYS Office of Mental Health:

https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/disaster_resources/emergency-mental-health-resources.html



Updated Messaging: COVID-19 Fall Boosters

On September 1, the CDC announced updated recommendations for Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 boosters for people age 12 and up. The updated booster dose is a bivalent formula that both boosts immunity against the original coronavirus strain and also protects against the newer Omicron variants that account for most of the current cases.

The CDC recommends that everyone who is eligible stay up-to-date on vaccinations by getting an updated booster dose at least 2 months after their last COVID-19 shot—either since their last booster dose, or since completing their primary series. Pfizer’s updated booster shot is authorized for individuals 12 and older, and Moderna’s is authorized for adults 18 and older.

As new variants of the virus emerge, updated boosters are intended to provide optimal protection against COVID-19 and address waning vaccine effectiveness over time. In light of the CDC’s updated recommendations, we’ve updated our [Answers to Tough Questions](#) and [booster dose toolkit](#) with new messaging guidance, graphics, and sample social posts in both English and Spanish to help answer questions in your community.

Update: [Booster Dose Toolkit](#)

CDC Health Alert Network -- [2022 HAN Messages | Health Alert Network \(HAN\)](#)

[Severe Respiratory Illnesses Associated with Rhinoviruses and/or Enteroviruses Including EV-D68 – Multistate, 2022](#)

September 9th: Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) during August 2022 about increases in pediatric hospitalizations in patients with severe respiratory illness who also tested positive for rhinovirus (RV) and/or enterovirus (EV). RVs and EVs can have clinically similar presentations and are indistinguishable from one another on multiplex assays often used in clinical settings. Upon further typing, some specimens have been positive for enterovirus D68 (EV-D68). Concurrently, pediatric acute respiratory illness sentinel surveillance sites are reporting a higher proportion of EV-D68 positivity in children who are RV/EV positive compared to previous years. Although it primarily causes acute respiratory illness, EV-D68 has been associated with acute flaccid myelitis (AFM), a rare but serious neurologic complication involving limb weakness.

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CDC Recommends the First Updated COVID-19 Booster

September 1st: CDC Director Rochelle P. Walensky, M.D., M.P.H., endorsed the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices’ (ACIP) recommendations for use of updated COVID-19 boosters from Pfizer-BioNTech for people ages 12 years and older and from Moderna for people ages 18 years and older.

You can learn more here:

[CDC Recommends the First Updated COVID-19 Booster | CDC Online Newsroom | CDC](#)

HHS Suspends Orders of Free, At-Home COVID-19 Tests — The U.S. Department of Health and Human Resources suspended ordering of free at-home COVID-19 tests after **Friday, September 2**, due to a lack of additional funding to replenish the nation’s stockpile of tests.

COVID Data Tracker Resources and Updates — [COVID Data Tracker](#) is CDC's home for interactive COVID-19 county, state, national, and global data dashboards. Recent COVID Data Tracker releases and updates include:

- On August 26, the [COVID Data Tracker Weekly Review](#) issue focused on staying up to date with vaccines and COVID-19-associated hospitalizations and deaths.
- On August 25, the COVID Data Tracker's [Vaccine Effectiveness](#) tab was updated to highlight vaccine effectiveness studies published in July 2022.
- On August 19, the [COVID Data Tracker Weekly Review](#) featured back-to-school information, including CDC's updated guidance and ways to keep students and staff safe.
- On August 18, COVID Data Tracker's [County View](#) page was updated to display county-level data on second booster doses. With this update, users can view second booster dose uptake among people with a first booster dose for the populations ≥ 50 years of age and ≥ 65 years of age.

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Preventing Sharps Injuries during Monkeypox Specimen Collection – The use of sharps such as needles, lancets, and scalpels are **not** necessary when collecting specimen samples for monkeypox virus testing. Vigorous swabbing of the surface of a lesion should be adequate to collect enough viral DNA for testing. Unroofing or aspiration of a lesion, which typically requires using a sharp instrument, is not recommended. The risk for sharps injury to healthcare personnel during specimen collection outweighs the potential benefit of enhancing the viral DNA collection and is unlikely to improve the likelihood of an accurate test. Employers should clearly communicate [how to collect lesion specimens](#) to healthcare personnel.

If sharps are needed during other routine care activities for patients with monkeypox, employers should ensure personnel are following [recommended infection prevention and control precautions](#) and [sharps safety practices](#).

Resources for sharps injury prevention:

- [Sharps Safety for Healthcare Settings | CDC](#)
- [Tips for Adequate Collection of a Lesion Specimen from a Suspect Monkeypox Virus Case \(cdc.gov\)](#)
- [Bloodborne Infectious Diseases: Preventing Needlesticks | NIOSH | CDC](#)

Large or Social Gatherings Toolkit for Health Departments — Large gathering and social events are great opportunities for people to connect and enjoy themselves. It's also an important opportunity to provide public health messages to hard-to-reach populations. [This toolkit](#) is designed to help organize events in a safe manner and can be a starting point for conversations between local, state, and federal public health authorities as well as event organizers and business owners.

Clinical Considerations for Monkeypox in Children and Adolescents — While data about monkeypox in children are limited, there is evidence from patients infected with Clade I of

Monkeypox virus that the disease is more likely to be severe in children under 8 years of age. Additionally, anyone with immunocompromising conditions or certain skin conditions, such as eczema, is at risk of severe monkeypox disease.

[These considerations](#) are intended to help U.S. clinicians and health systems develop a plan for managing children and adolescents with exposure to monkeypox, suspected monkeypox, or confirmed monkeypox.

New Monkeypox Vaccine Locator — On August 24, 2022, the Building Healthy Online Communities (BHOC) released a new [Monkeypox Vaccine Locator · Monkeypox Vaccine Locator \(mpoxvaxmap.org\)](#).

If you are not seeing known vaccine sites in your area on the map, please add them through the contributor form on the site or by emailing BHOC: mpox@bhocpartners.org

Infection Prevention and Control of Monkeypox in Healthcare Settings — On **August 11th**: CDC updated its [Infection Prevention and Control of Monkeypox in Healthcare Settings](#) guidance. Recommendations were added on how to monitor exposed patients and when they should be isolated as well as how to assess the risk of healthcare personnel (HCP) with monkeypox exposures, monitoring HCP and when to apply work restrictions.

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Healthcare-associated infections prevention workshop — CDC and FDA have just announced the speakers list ahead of their co-sponsored public meeting on **August 30**, Drug Development Considerations for the Prevention of Healthcare-Associated Infections. [Register Here](#)

Stay informed with Emergency Partners Information Connection (EPIC) Newsletters

Emergency Partners is now [EPIC](#)! Looking for the Emergency Partners newsletter? Find the archive [here](#). Stay informed about ways to keep you and your loved ones safe when a public health emergency happens. [Sign up](#) for EPIC newsletters and announcements.

- [EPIC Insider](#) provides basic information about ways to stay safer and healthier when facing disasters, disease outbreaks, and other health threats.
- [EPIC Exchange](#) provides information on learning opportunities, training materials, and partner organization emergency response activities.
- [EPIC Alerts](#) are notifications that bring you urgent information about how to stay safer and healthier during a public health emergency.
- [EPIC Extra](#) provides timely news to help you stay informed about ongoing public health emergencies.

Learn how EPIC Partners are providing disaster recovery in real-time! Check out the EPIC Exclusive featuring [CORE](#), a crisis response organization that brings immediate aid and recovery to underserved communities across the globe.

Project Firstline Releases New Interactive Resources on Infection Control

Understanding the stress and time constraints of working in a healthcare setting, [Project Firstline](#) has created new infection control educational resources that are interactive, approachable, and easy to use on your own schedule. Healthcare workers can test their infection control knowledge in real time with a variety of [interactive resources](#), including:

- **When Healthcare Tasks Take a Turn!** – How well can you stop infections from spreading when dealing with the unexpected?
 - **What’s Wrong with This Picture?** – Identify the infection risks in common healthcare settings to reduce the spread of germs.
 - **Interactive Infographic** – Explore the healthcare environment to understand where germs live and how they spread.
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FREE: Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health Course on Infectious Disease Modeling, “Infectious Disease Transmission Models for Decision Makers”

This [course](#) is targeted to anyone who makes decisions about public health policies and aims to make them informed consumers of infectious disease models. The course provides a broad overview of infectious disease transmission models, how to assess their usefulness, and how these models can be appropriately used to make decisions. Anyone with a basic background in public health and infectious diseases with an interest in learning more about infectious disease models will benefit from this course. The development of this training was funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s [Center for Forecasting and Outbreak Analytics](#).

National Fire Academy (NFA)

The USFA Podcast

[On this episode of The USFA Podcast](#), we talk with Steve Kerber, executive director at the Fire Safety Research Institute, about how the organization is using advanced fire science, research, outreach and education to share information, tools and resources that help the fire service and the public make safer decisions.

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NFA Article: [Major changes in firefighting foams suggest needs for different tactics and training](#)

– The National Fire Protection Association’s *Firefighting Foams: Fire Service Roadmap* outlines the transition from the fluorinated aqueous film-forming foams (AFFFs) currently used to extinguish flammable liquid (Class B) fires to fluorine-free foams (FFFs). To use the FFFs currently on the market safely and effectively, fire departments will need to adopt different tactics and new training on how to select, use and dispose of these new foams. Fire departments will also have to be prepared to adapt to changes in legislation and in the foam industry as FFF products continue to improve.

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NFA accepting applications for resident courses with vacancies

The National Fire Academy is accepting applications for resident courses with vacancies scheduled for September 2022 through March 2023. Our classes range from incident management, leadership, EMS, hazardous materials, wildland urban interface, community risk reduction, fire investigation and many others. We promise that you will learn a lot in the classroom and just as much from your classmates. [View the vacancy list](#)

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U.S. Fire Administration's National Fire Academy is accepting applications for resident courses with vacancies:

- R0655 – [Advanced Science of Hazardous Materials Response](#) – Oct. 16-21.
- R0254 – [Special Operations Program Management](#) – Nov. 6-11.
- R0763 – [New Executive Chief Officer](#) – Nov. 13-18.
- R0258 – [Management of Safety in Response to Hazardous Materials/WMD Incidents](#) – Nov. 28-Dec. 8.
- R0645 – [Leadership In Supervision](#) – Dec. 11-16.
- [Click here](#) for a list of resident course deliveries scheduled **through March 2023 with vacancies**.

How to Apply:

- Students must apply using the electronic application form available on the [NETC Online Admissions Application website](#)
- For help completing your application, 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

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Safety advisory: Understanding Multi-gas Monitor Readings

This safety advisory provides recommendations for fire departments to ensure firefighters are trained to safely use and interpret data from multi-gas monitors to determine if a hazardous atmosphere is present when responding to natural gas and propane incidents. [Read the Advisory](#)

###

Updated guidance for EMS on monkeypox

The Department of Health and Human Services has released updated guidance to assist emergency medical services (EMS) providers in identifying the signs, symptoms and risk factors for monkeypox. Changes from the May 2022 initial guidance include the prevalence of atypical presentations and groups at highest risk for contracting monkeypox. [Get the guidance](#)

###

Behavioral health resources for first responders

As those first on the scene to respond to disasters and emergency events, first responders prioritize the safety and well-being of the communities they serve. This often means first responders are facing dangerous and challenging situations, leading to high stress levels and possible development of burnout, compassion fatigue or unhealthy coping mechanisms. The Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration recently featured 2 behavioral health resources for first responders: a Responders Resource Portal and a podcast series on responder behavioral health. [Learn about resources](#)

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
Fall 2022 Round	November 1, 2022	December 9, 2022
Spring 2023 Round	April 3, 2023	May 5, 2023

Ready.gov

- **Be Informed:** [Disasters and Emergencies | Ready.gov](#)
 - [Wildfire Awareness](#)
 - [Thunderstorms and Lightning](#)
 - [Hurricanes | Ready.gov](#)
 - [Landslides & Debris Flow | Ready.gov](#)
 - [Power Outages | Ready.gov](#)
 - [Severe Weather | Ready.gov](#)
 - [Recovering from Disaster | Ready.gov](#)
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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.*

September 2022

Malaria, Severe Malaria & IV Artesunate

Sponsored by Greater New York Hospital Association

September 13, 2022, 2-3pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! CDC COCA Call: Recommendations for Bivalent COVID-19 Booster Doses in People Ages 12 Years and Older

Sponsored by Centers for Disease Control & Prevention

September 13, 2022, 2-3pm

Webinar Link: <https://www.zoomgov.com>

Passcode: 302404

Dial In:

US: +1 669 254 5252

or +1 646 828 7666

or +1 551 285 1373

or +1 669 216 1590

HRSA's Telehealth Learning Webinar Series: Healthcare Workforce Stress and Resiliency: The Role of Technology

Sponsored by HRSA, The Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs and the Office for the Advancement of Telehealth

Tuesday, September 13, 2022 @ 12:00-1:30pm

[Register Here](#)

Winter Weather Hazards Science and Preparedness (AWR-331)

Sponsored by DHSES

September 13-14, 2022, 8 Hours

[Register Here](#)

CTI-120: Integrated Data Reporting in HERDS v.3

Sponsored by NYSDOH Commerce Training Institute

Wednesday, September 14, 2022, 11am-12pm

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

Radiation Instruments Employment (PER-355)

Sponsored by DHSES

September 14, 2022, 4 Hours

Buffalo Fire Dept.

[Register Here](#)

Radiation Instruments Operations (PER-345)

Sponsored by DHSES

September 14, 2022, 8:00am – 12:00pm

Buffalo Fire Department; Special Operations Center, 195 Court Street,

Buffalo, NY 14202

[Register Here](#)

Radiation Instruments Operations (PER-345)

Sponsored by DHSES

September 14, 2022, 8:00am – 12:00pm

Monroe County Fleet Center, 145 Paul Road, Bldg. 11, Room 115, Rochester, NY 14624

[Register Here](#)

Radiation Instruments Employment (PER-355)

Sponsored by DHSES

September 14, 2022, 1:00pm – 5:00pm

Monroe County Fleet Center
145 Paul Road, Bldg. 11, Room 115
Rochester, NY 14624

[Register Here](#)

Social Media Tools and Techniques (PER-344)

Sponsored by National Disaster Preparedness Training Center At The University Of Hawai'i
September 14-15, 2022, 2:00pm - 6:00pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! BPR-3 Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) and Disaster Assistance Service Center (DASC)

Sponsored by Office of Health Emergency Preparedness
September 15, 2022, 10:00am —11:30 am

Enroll in LMS Course: [OHEP-BP4-BPR3](#)

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

NEW! CDC COCA Call: 2022–2023 Recommendations for Influenza Prevention and Treatment in Children: An Update for Pediatric Providers

Sponsored by Centers for Disease Control & Prevention
Tuesday, September 20, 2022, 2-3pm

<https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1611746968?pwd=NzdYVHh3T05GY3I3bk92eUo5NjdXUT09>

Passcode: 182854

CTI-200: Communications Directory Certification

Sponsored by NYSDOH Commerce Training Institute
Thursday, September 15, 2022, 2-3:30pm

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

Radiation Instruments Employment (PER-355)

Sponsored by DHSES
September 15, 2022, 4 Hours
Buffalo Fire Dept.

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BPR-3 Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) and Disaster Assistance Service Center (DASC)

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September 15, 2022, 10:00am - 11:30am

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Radiation Instruments Operations (PER-345)

Sponsored by DHSES

September 15, 2022, 8:00am – 12:00pm
Buffalo Fire Department; Special Operations Center
195 Court Street
Buffalo, NY 14202

[Register Here](#)

Population Monitoring at Community Reception Centers (PER-332)

Sponsored by DHSES

September 15, 2022, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Monroe County Fleet Center; Bldg. 11, Room 115, 145 Paul Road, Rochester, NY 14624

[Register Here](#)

NEW! ASTHO's Preparedness Webinar Series: Preparing to Respond to Biological Threats: Use of Mission Ready Packages

Sponsored by The Association of State and Territorial Health Officials

September 15, 2022, 2:30–4 p.m.

[Register Here](#)

Preventing and Responding to Aggressive Patient Behavior -Partnering with Law Enforcement

Sponsored by HANYYS

September 16, 2022, 2:00pm - 3:00pm

[Register Here](#)

Pediatric Emergency Assessment, Recognition & Stabilization (PEARS) Courses

Sponsored by FLRTC

September 19, 2022, 9:00am - 3:30pm

Crossroads Conference Center

Enroll in LMS Course: [OPHP-WRHTC-PEARS-BP4](#)

Advanced Burn Life Support Course (ABLS)

Sponsored by University of Rochester

September 19, 2022

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Behavioral Health Professional Workforce Resilience Workgroups ECHO Registration

Sponsored by Project ECHO

September 19, 2022, 3:00pm - 4:00pm

[Register Here](#)

K0289 State Volunteer and Donations Management Virtual Course Pilot

Sponsored by FEMA

September 19-23, 2022, 8:00am - 1:00pm

Pediatric Emergency Assessment, Recognition & Stabilization (PEARS) Courses

Sponsored by FLRTC

September 20, 2022, 9:00am - 3:30pm

Conventus, Buffalo, NY

Enroll in LMS Course: [OPHP-WRHTC-PEARS-BP4](#)

NEW! Post-COVID Primary Care ECHO

Sponsored by Project ECHO

September 20, 2022, 1:30-2:30pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Evaluating and Supporting Patients Presenting with Cardiovascular Symptoms Following COVID

Sponsored by Centers for Disease Control & Prevention

September 20, 2022, 2:00pm - 3:00pm

[Register Here](#)

Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP)

Sponsored by DHSES

September 20-21, 2022, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Niagara County Public Safety Training Facility; 5574 Niagara Street Ext; Lockport, NY 14094

[Register Here](#)

Evacuation Planning Strategies and Solutions (MGT-461)

Sponsored by NDPTC

September 20-21, 2022, 12:00pm - 4:00pm

[Register Here](#)

Pediatric Emergency Assessment, Recognition & Stabilization (PEARS) Courses

Sponsored by FLRTC

September 21, 2022, 9:00am - 3:30pm

Corning Hospital, Corning NY

Enroll in LMS Course: [OPHP-WRHTC-PEARS-BP4](#)

Natural Disaster Awareness for Caregivers (AWR-308)

Sponsored by National Disaster Preparedness Training Center At The University Of Hawai'i

September 21, 2022, 5:30pm - 9:30pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! PER-385: Improving Business' Financial Literacy and Management to Support Post-Disaster Economic Recovery- Virtual

Sponsored by National Center for Disaster Preparedness

September 21, 2022 - Flint, MI, FEMA Region 5

[Register Here](#)

PER-385: Improving Business' Financial Literacy and Management to Support Post-Disaster Economic Recovery

Sponsored by NDPTC

September 21, 2022 - Iowa, Region 7

[Register Here](#)

NEW! ASTHO's Preparedness Webinar Series: Considerations for Maternal and Child Health and Public Health Emergencies

Sponsored by The Association of State and Territorial Health Officials

September 22, 2022, 4-5 p.m.

[Register Here](#)

CTI-502: NYS Evacuation of Facilities in Disasters Systems (eFINDS) version 3.0

Sponsored by NYSDOH Commerce Training Institute

Friday, September 23, 2022, 11am-12pm

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

Whole Community Inclusive Economic Recovery (PER-386-V)

Sponsored by NDPTC

September 23, 2022, 12:00pm - 5:00pm

[Register Here](#)

Climate Adaptation Planning for Emergency Management (AWR-347)

Sponsored by NDPTC

September 27-28, 2022, 12:00pm - 4:00pm

[Register Here](#)

Planning for Disaster Debris Management (MGT-460)

Sponsored by NDPTC

September 27-28, 2022, 1:00pm - 5:00pm

[Register Here](#)

Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents (ICS-300)

Sponsored by Southern Tier Healthcare System, Olean, NY

September 27-29, 2022, 8:00am - 5:00pm

[Register Here](#)

Disaster Management and Emergency Preparedness (DMEP)

Sponsored by University at Rochester

September 28, 2022, 8:00am - 4:00pm

[Register Here](#)

Critical Infrastructure Resilience and Community Lifelines

Sponsored by TEEX

September 28-29, 2022, 9:00am

[Register Here](#)

What the Data Tells Us About the Role of Organizations in Clinician Wellbeing, Burnout and Professional Satisfaction

Sponsored by Greater New York Hospital Association

September 29, 2022, 9:00am - 10:00am

[Register Here](#)

NEW! ASTHO's Preparedness Webinar Series: Early Warning Signs: Health and Disease Surveillance Using the National Biosurveillance Integration Center

Sponsored by The Association of State and Territorial Health Officials

September 29, 2022, 4-5 p.m.

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Misinformation & Disinformation: A Community Response

Sponsored by New York State Public Health Association (NYSPHA)

September 29th, 2022, 12:00-1:00 PM

1 CHES/ 1 CPH Credit Available

[Register Here](#)

Home Care and Hospice Emergency Preparedness Conference

Sponsored by [HCA Education and Research](#)

September 29, 2022, 9:00am - 4:00pm

[Register Here](#)

October 2022

Hazardous Materials Technician Basic Refresher

Sponsored by DHSES

October 3-28, 2022

Ridge Road Fire District, Rochester

[Register Here](#)

NEW! PER-385: Improving Business' Financial Literacy and Management to Support Post-Disaster Economic Recovery

Sponsored by National Center for Disaster Preparedness

October 4, 2022 - Washington, FEMA Region 10

[Register Here](#)

Community Planning for Disaster Recovery (AWR-356)

Sponsored by NDPTC

October 4-5, 2022, 12:00pm - 4:00pm

[Register Here](#)

HAZWOPER For the First Receivers Operations Level Train-the-Trainer Program

Sponsored by URM FLRTC

October 5-6, 2022 @ 8:30am - 4:30pm

[Register Here](#)

Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience Awareness

Sponsored by NDPTC

October 5-6, 2022

[Register Here](#)

NEW! PER-387: Improving Individual and Households' Financial Literacy and Management to Support Post-Disaster Economic Recovery

Sponsored by National Center for Disaster Preparedness

October 12, 2022 - Washington, FEMA Region 10

[Register Here](#)

NEW! MGT-470: Establishing Collaborative Case Management Services

Sponsored by National Center for Disaster Preparedness

October 12, 2022 - Martin County, Florida, FEMA Region 4

[Register Here](#)

HAZWOPER For the First Receivers Operations Level Train-the-Trainer Program

Sponsored by URMFLRTC

October 12-13, 2022 @ 8:30am - 4:30pm

University at Buffalo Toxicology Research Center

[Register Here](#)

NEW! MGT-471: Executing Strategies to Rapidly Rehabilitate Damaged Housing

Sponsored by National Center for Disaster Preparedness

October 13, 2022 - Martin County, Florida, FEMA Region 4

[Register Here](#)

Natural Disaster Awareness for Community Leaders (AWR-310)

Sponsored by NDPTC

October 13, 2022, 1:00pm - 5:00pm

[Register Here](#)

Pediatric Emergency Assessment, Recognition & Stabilization (PEARS) Courses

Sponsored by FLRTC

October 14, 2022, 9:00am - 3:30pm

Upstate NY Life Support Training, Rochester, NY

Enroll in LMS Course: [OPHP-WRHTC-PEARS-BP4](#)

K0449 Incident Command System Train-The-Trainer

Sponsored by FEMA

October 17-21, 2022, 8:30am - 5:30pm

[Register Here](#)

Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents (ICS-300)

Sponsored by DHSES

October 18-20, 2022, 8:00am - 5:00pm

Woodlawn Beach State Park, Blasdell, NY

[Register Here](#)

Community Preparedness for Cyber Incidents (MGT-384)

Sponsored by DHSES

October 19-20, 2022, 8:00am - 5:00pm

Erie County Training & Operations Ctr., Buffalo, NY

[Register Here](#)

NEW! PER-387: Improving Individual and Households' Financial Literacy and Management to Support Post-Disaster Economic Recovery

Sponsored by National Center for Disaster Preparedness

October 20, 2022 - Flint, MI, FEMA Region 5

[Register Here](#)

Community Planning for Disaster Recovery (AWR-356)

Sponsored by NDPTC

October 20-21, 2022, 12:00pm - 4:00pm

[Register Here](#)

Social Media Engagement Strategies (PER-343)

Sponsored by NDPTC

October 24, 2022, 2:00pm - 6:00pm

[Register Here](#)

NEW! Connecting the dots on behavioral health: Integration into all points of care

Sponsored by Becker's Healthcare

October 25, 2022, 2:00pm - 3:00pm

[Register Here](#)

Public Information in an All-Hazards Incident (MGT-318)

Sponsored by DHSES

October 25-26, 2022

Genesee County OEM, Batavia

[Register Here](#)

Winter Weather Hazards Science and Preparedness (AWR-331)

Sponsored by DHSES

October 25-26, 2022

[Register Here](#)

ICS for Major and/or Complex Incidents (I-400)

Sponsored by Sponsored by DHSES

October 26-27, 2022, 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

Niagara County Public Safety Training Facility; 5574 Niagara St. Ext. Lockport, NY 14094.
[Register Here](#)

NEW! MGT-472: Planning for Transitional and Long-Term Housing After a Major Disaster

Sponsored by National Center for Disaster Preparedness
October 27, 2022 - Lehigh County, PA, FEMA Region 3
[Register Here](#)

November 2022

NEW! MGT 471: Executing Strategies to Rapidly Rehabilitate Damaged Housing

Sponsored by National Center for Disaster Preparedness
November 1, 2022 - Baltimore Region, FEMA Region 3
[Register Here](#)

NEW! PER-385: Improving Business' Financial Literacy and Management to Support Post-Disaster Economic Recovery

Sponsored by National Center for Disaster Preparedness
November 8, 2022 - Lehigh County, PA, FEMA Region 3
[Register Here](#)

NEW! PER-385: Improving Business' Financial Literacy and Management to Support Post-Disaster Economic Recovery

Sponsored by National Center for Disaster Preparedness
November 16, 2022 - Rhode Island, FEMA Region 1
[Register Here](#)

New OnDemand Content Available on the NYLearnsPH.com LMS

NEW! Log-In2Learn- Gun Laws, Mental Illness and Stigma

Sponsored by Region 2 Public Health Training Center
Recorded August 2, 2022
Enroll in LMS Course: [Reg2PHTC-L2L202208](#)

Log-In2Learn- New Resources and Creative Strategies for Recruiting Candidates for Health Departments

Sponsored by Region 2 Public Health Training Center
Recorded June 7, 2022
Enroll in LMS Course: [Reg2PHTC-L2L202206](#)

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

Sponsored by Public Health Communications Collaborative
Recorded April 13, 2022
Enroll in LMS Course: [PHCC-20220413](#)