



## New Jersey Healthcare Coalitions Newsletter

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### Featured Updates and Resources

#### BD Blood Culture Bottle Shortage

Clinical teams outside of New Jersey have noted that they are having difficulty acquiring BD blood culture bottles. Additionally, BD has noted that they are experiencing an ingredient supply shortage.

Read more and access resources to mitigate this shortage by clicking the button below.

[Access Our Earlier Report on the Shortage](#)

#### Hospital Preparedness for Unplanned Information Technology Downtime Events: A Toolkit for Planning and Response

In light of recent events, we wanted to share a resource from our colleagues at Massachusetts General Hospital - Center for Disaster Medicine.

Their [website](#) also features several other toolkits that include MPOX and COVID resources, family reunification, and more.

[Access the Toolkit Here](#)

#### NJHCC's Inaugural Call with NJDOH Commissioner Baston

The NJHCCs had the pleasure of welcoming NJDOH Commissioner Dr. Kaitlan Baston to a virtual meeting with HCC members. The call focused on data reporting requirements, updates on disease surveillance, and the 2026 World Cup!

This was the first of a series of calls that will feature Commissioner Baston and her team at NJDOH, please stay tuned for future meeting invitations.

Additionally, if you weren't able to make it to our July Commissioner call, we encourage you to review the slides that can be accessed by clicking the button below.

[Access the July Commisioner Call's Slide Deck](#)

## Current Events in Emergency Management and Healthcare



### Early IT Takeaways from the CrowdStrike Outage (CSO)

Whether you've survived the CrowdStrike incident or didn't use CrowdStrike and are merely seeing the impact to others, taking time to learn lessons from this event is vital. After all, if you couldn't recover easily from this, then you may be lost trying to recover from a ransomware attack.

At issue are potential shifts you might want to consider making to your staffing strategies, technical processes, and communication channels and culture, as well as your approach to ensuring hardened assets overall.

The list of lessons learned from CrowdStrike will likely grow as more information comes to light about the impacts the outage has had on organizations around the globe, but for now, the following look at the recovery process provides insights into how you might want reconsider or reinforce your strategy around key processes and resources to ensure a more robust response going forward.

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## The Nation's 911 System Is on the Brink of Its Own Emergency (KFF Health News)

Just after lunchtime on June 18, Massachusetts' leaders discovered that the statewide 911 system was down. A scramble to handle the crisis was on.

Police texted out administrative numbers that callers could use, Boston Mayor Michelle Wu gave outage updates at a press conference outlining plans for the Celtics' championship parade, and local officials urged people to summon help by pulling red fire alarm boxes.

About 7 million people went roughly two hours with no 911 service. Such crashes have become more of a feature than a bug in the nation's fragmented emergency response system. Outages have hit at least eight states this year. They're emblematic of problems plaguing emergency communications due in part to wide disparities in the systems' age and capabilities, and in funding of 911 systems across the country. While some states, cities, and counties have already modernized their systems or have made plans to upgrade, many others are lagging.

911 is typically supported by fees tacked on to phone bills, but state and local governments also tap general funds or other resources.

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## H5N1 Bird Flu in US Dairy Cattle Reveals Cross-Species Transmission Dangers (News Medical)

In a recent study published in the journal [Nature](#), scientists in the United States report the spillover of the highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) H5N1 virus in cattle across several United States (US) regions. They further document the detailed symptomatic outcomes of the resulting disease in these bovine populations. Finally, they use a multidisciplinary approach incorporating epidemiological and genomic analyses to highlight that the virus's evolution confers the ability to allow for not only cow-to-cow transmission but also efficient multidirectional interspecies spillover, infecting birds, domestic cats, and even a raccoon in proximity to diseased cattle.

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## HHS Should Assess Jurisdictional Planning for Isolation and Quarantine

## (U.S. GAO)

The US Government Accountability Office (GAO) recently released a report on jurisdictional planning for isolation and quarantine guidance and how the US Health and Human Services (HHS) might be able to assess readiness.

This report includes an abbreviated highlights version as well as a full report that includes GAO's recommendations.

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## HHS Reorganizes Technology, Cybersecurity, Data, and Artificial Intelligence Strategy and Policy Functions (HHS)

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has announced a reorganization intended to streamline and bolster technology, cybersecurity, data, and artificial intelligence (AI) strategy and policy functions. The announcement stated:

- The Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology will be renamed the Assistant Secretary for Technology Policy and Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ASTP/ONC);
- Oversight over technology, data, and AI policy and strategy will move from the Assistant Secretary for Administration to ASTP/ONC, including the HHS-wide roles of Chief Technology Officer, Chief Data Officer, and Chief AI Officer; and
- The public-private effort between the health sector and the federal government on cybersecurity ("405(d) Program") will move from ASA to Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR), joining the other health sector cybersecurity activities already located in ASPR's Office of Critical Infrastructure Protection, and advancing the Department's one-stop-shop approach to healthcare

cybersecurity.

ASTP/ONC will have increased responsibilities and will establish an Office of the Chief Technology Officer and reinstitute the role of Chief Technology Officer, which will oversee department-level and cross-agency technology, data, and AI strategy and policy, including the Office of the Chief AI Officer, Office of the Chief Data Officer, and a new Office of Digital Services. National Coordinator Micky Tripathi will be named Assistant Secretary for Technology Policy/National Coordinator for Health Information Technology. In response to the President's Executive Order on Safe, Secure, and Trustworthy AI, Assistant Secretary Tripathi has also been named the department's Acting Chief AI Officer.

ASTP/ONC has launched a search to fill the permanent positions of Chief Technology Officer, Chief AI Officer, and Chief Data Officer and will host a webinar about these opportunities on August 1, 2024 at 12:00pm ET. Interested parties can register by clicking the button below.

[Register for ASTP/ONC's Webinar Here](#)

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### Additional Readings and Resources

[Weekly COVID Report \(NJDOH\)](#)

[National Preparedness Report \(FEMA\)](#)

[Summer Weather Safety Presentation \(NWS\)](#)

## Webinars and Independent Training Opportunities



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### IS-1300.A: Introduction to Continuity

#### Course Overview

This course is intended to lay the foundation of knowledge for students who wish to increase their understanding of continuity and how continuity can improve their organization and overall community.

The learner must achieve a minimum passing score of 75% on final knowledge assessments or demonstrate mastery on performance assessments or research assignments to earn the IACET CEU.

### Course Objectives:

- Define continuity.
- Describe the benefits of continuity planning for your organization.
- Explain how continuity can increase whole of government and community resilience.

[Access the Self-Paced Training Course Here](#)



### American Sign Language 101 for CERT

FEMA's R2 NPD with the State of California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) and the National CERT Association (NCA) hosted a training on the communication needs for including Deaf and Hard of Hearing participants in your CERT program. The instructors brought a perspective of being Deaf, a sign language interpreter and a person with a mild to moderate hearing loss and learning sign language.

Learn a few survival signs used for Emergency management situations such as hurt, pain, where, water, name, and many more!

[Access the Recording Here](#)

### [Additional Webinars and Training Resources](#)

[LSU NCBRT/Academy of Counter-Terrorist Education - World Cup Training](#)

[New Jersey Learning Management Network Upcoming Courses](#)



## Help Us Improve the NJHCC Newsletter

We want to hear from you!

We appreciate you taking the time to read our bi-weekly newsletter. Our team is always looking for ways to improve our resources, if you have two minutes, we'd appreciate it if you shared your feedback.

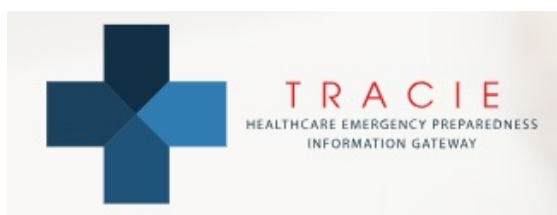
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