



New Jersey Healthcare Coalitions Newsletter

Featured Updates and Resources

**Call with NJDOH Commissioner
September 19th
12:00 - 1:00 PM EST via Microsoft Teams**

The New Jersey Healthcare Coalitions (NJHCC) are excited to welcome NJDOH Commissioner Dr. Kaitlan Baston, MD, MSc, DFASAM to speak with the NJHCC membership virtually.

Please stay tuned as an agenda will be shared closer to the date of this meeting.

[Register for the September Call Here](#)

Climate Resilience for Frontline Clinics Toolkit

(Americares & Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health)

Thousands of community health centers and free clinics across the U.S. care for millions of our nation's uninsured or underinsured patients. Yet, more intense heatwaves, hurricanes, wildfires, and other worsening events from climate change threaten their ability to provide care and keep their patients healthy.

We developed the *Climate Resilience for Frontline Clinics* toolkit in collaboration with Americares to help protect people on the front lines of climate change. Biogen is a founding donor as part of their commitment to advancing climate, health, and equity.

Resources include:

- Clinical guidance
- How to develop action plans & alert systems
- Tip sheets for patients
- Checklists for clinic staff
- Materials to protect patients with certain health conditions from extreme heat

[Access the Climate Resilience for Frontline Clinics Toolkit Here](#)

Disaster Behavioral Health Resource Page

(ASPR)

Disaster behavioral health is the provision of mental health, substance abuse, and stress management services to disaster survivors and responders. Federal disaster behavioral health also addresses the behavioral health care infrastructure, individual and community resilience, and risk communication and messaging.

ASPR's disaster behavioral health resource page features several tools, articles, and recommendations for preparing for disasters, behavioral health patient movement practices, and much more.

[Access ASPR's Disaster Behavioral Health Resource Page Here](#)

Upcoming NJHCC Membership Meetings

The Coalition Support Team is excited to announce our next set of in-person meetings, as a reminder these meetings are scheduled for approximately 2 hours.

Each meeting will feature updates and discussions from our Coalition members, partners, and guest speakers who will be discussing relevant and timely emergency management and preparedness topics.

Please Note:

As we have recently welcomed a large group of new members into the Coalitions, we'd like to remind folks that each Coalition is defined by county boundaries that mirror the NJ Office of Emergency Management's (NJOEMs) operating picture, please find the coalition breakdown below.

Additionally, while we encourage all HCC members to attend their respective

Coalition meetings, we also recognize that in some cases another Coalition's meeting space may be more geographically close to your office. All individuals and agencies are welcome to attend any Coalition meeting they'd prefer.

North HCC
In-Person Meeting

October 17th, 2024
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

[Register](#)

Central HCC
In-Person Meeting

October 21st, 2024
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

[Register](#)

South HCC
In-Person Meeting

October 24th, 2024
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

[Register](#)

North HCC Breakdown:

Bergen, Essex, Hudson,
Morris, Passaic, Sussex,
and Warren

Central HCC Breakdown:

Hunterdon, Mercer,
Middlesex, Monmouth,
Ocean, Somerset, and
Union

South HCC Breakdown:

Atlantic, Burlington,
Camden, Cape May,
Cumberland, Gloucester,
and Salem

Current Events in Emergency Management and Healthcare



CrowdStrike Exec to Testify Before Congress on IT Outage

(Reuters)

A senior executive at cybersecurity firm CrowdStrike will testify before a U.S. House of Representatives subcommittee on Sept. 24 on the company's faulty software update that caused a global IT outage. Adam Meyers, senior vice president for counter adversary operations at CrowdStrike, will testify before the House Homeland Security Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection subcommittee, the panel said Friday.

"Considering the significant impact CrowdStrike's faulty software update had on Americans and critical sectors of the economy -- from aviation to medical services -- we must restore confidence in the IT that underpins the services Americans depend on daily," said Representative Mark Green, who chairs the Homeland Security committee.

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Health Worker Shortages Forecast thru 2028

(Axios)

Continued worker burnout and more demand for care from an aging population will drive [health care workforce shortages](#) into 2028 — though with significant variations by state, according to a Mercer analysis.

Why it matters: While there's been considerable attention paid to physician shortages, the [analysis](#) highlights an acute need for more nurse practitioners, even in states like California and Texas that will have overall surpluses of health workers.

By the numbers: The U.S. is expected to be short 100,000 health care workers by 2028, Mercer projects.

- New York will be short about 61,000 health care workers, or a more than 4% gap between supply and demand. New Jersey, Tennessee, Georgia, and Florida could all be more than 10,000 workers short of meeting patient demand.

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LSU Professor, Students Use AI to Track, Predict Wildfires

(Government Technology)

In the last 30 years, the number of yearly wildfires nationwide has steadily declined according to the [Congressional Research Service](#) — but the acreage burned has steadily increased, with the vast majority typically originating in just a few catastrophic blazes. That makes predicting which fires will “blow up” a growing challenge, especially as the nature of fires evolves with new building standards, technology and climate change.

Louisiana State University (LSU) Professor Supratik Mukhopadhyay and a team of students are using artificial intelligence to help. Their AI-based system, DeepFire, tracks wildfires at every stage. It can predict where a blaze will occur, detect a new fire quickly and forecast its behavior as it grows.

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Additional Readings and Resources

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

[Weekly Vector-borne Surveillance Report \(NJDOH\)](#)

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

[Guidelines for the Control of Respiratory Virus Outbreaks in Long-Term](#)

[Care and Other Institutional Settings \(NJDOH\)](#)

**Webinars and
Independent Training Opportunities**



L0146: Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP)

**Location: Somerset County Emergency Services Academy
402 Roycefield Rd, Hillsborough Twp. NJ, 08844**

Dates: October 29th and 30th, 2024

Time: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Course Overview

This 2-days course is designed to introduce participants to the fundamentals of exercise design. Emergency managers, emergency services personnel, and individuals who are part of the emergency preparedness communities at all levels of government, private sector, or volunteer organizations need to be able to use the fundamentals of exercise simulation and design as an integrated system of resources and capabilities.

Course Competencies:

- Components of the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP)
- Exercise process application
- Comprehensive exercise program (exercise program management) application
- Exercise design steps application
- Major accomplishments in designing and implementing an exercise.
- Purpose and application of various exercise documents
- Tabletop, functional, and full-scale exercises
- Exercise design applications for tabletop, functional, and full-scale exercises

[Access the NJOEM Training Flyer Here](#)

[Register for the HSEEP Course](#)



RISC 2.0 Toolkit

Risk Identification and Site Criticality (RISC) Toolkit is an objective, data-driven all-hazards risk assessment that can be used by public and private organizations within the Healthcare and Public Health Sector to inform emergency preparedness planning, risk management activities, and resource investments. The RISC Toolkit provides owners/operators in the HPH Sector with nationally recognized standards-based evaluation criteria in an easy-to-follow, guided format.

The RISC Toolkit contains three self-assessment modules. These allow users to identify external threats and internal hazards specific to their site by using objective national-level data; assess the vulnerability of their site based on industry standards and guidance; and evaluate the criticality of and consequences to their site in the event of an incident. The RISC Toolkit compares multiple facilities across systems, coalitions, and regions to identify dependencies and interdependencies in a consistent and repeatable method to help create a more resilient healthcare system.

[Access the RISC 2.0 Toolkit Here](#)

Additional Webinars and Training Resources

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

[World Cup Training](#)

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

[FEMA Region 2 Preparedness Recorded Webinars](#)

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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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Additional Resources



NEW JERSEY
COVID-19 Information Hub



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