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New Jersey Healthcare Coalitions Newsletter

Featured Updates and Resources

Meeting Follow Up: Call with NJDOH Commissioner September 19th

Thank you to those who were able to join us on yesterday's Call with Commissioner Baston. Please find below our presenters' slide deck.

Please note, the slide deck below is saved in a PDF format, Adobe Acrobat Reader may be required to view the slides.

We look forward to hosting Commissioner Baston and her team in the near future for our 3rd call, stay tuned for future announcements!

[Presenters' Slide Deck \(PDF Format\)](#)

Social Media Toolkits for Disaster Preparedness

(Ready.Gov)

[Ready.Gov](#) has developed several toolkits tailored to specific disaster preparedness focuses, community groups, and safety campaigns. These resources, amongst others, are available in several languages.

[Access the Ready.Gov Social Media Toolkit Page Here](#)

Indiana Launches Hospital Staffing Tool, Looks to Expand Scope

(Beckers Hospital Review)

A statewide staffing tool **launched** by the Indiana Hospital Association this year received interest both from members and other state hospital associations, but adoption by hospitals has been slow so far.

The staffing resource tool was developed alongside Matchwell, a company that focuses on matching local and per diem clinicians to healthcare facilities. Indiana Hospital Association members have direct access to the platform, which allows them to view available, vetted clinicians who are looking for shift or contract jobs, according to the release. From within the platform, providers can also access tools to manage their workforce additions.

Clinicians who want to join the Rolodex of professionals seeking contract or shift work can also add themselves to the list **via the app**.

[Access the Full Beckers Hospital Review Article 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:

The October HCC In-Person meetings will heavily focus on our regional hazard vulnerability assessments (HVAs). We highly encourage all members to attend and contribute to these assessments as they will assist the NJHCC Leadership and Support Team in developing and revising our regional response and specialty annex plans, in addition to identifying targeted training opportunities.

North HCC
In-Person Meeting

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

[Register](#)

North HCC Breakdown:

Central HCC
In-Person Meeting

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

[Register](#)

Central HCC Breakdown:

South HCC
In-Person Meeting

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

[Register](#)

South HCC Breakdown:

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

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

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

Current Events in Emergency Management and Healthcare



Center for Infectious
Disease Research & Policy

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Hospital Caseload Strain May Have Contributed to 1 in 5 COVID Deaths

(CIDRAP)

Strain from hospital caseloads played a role in one in five COVID-19 deaths, even after facilities had weathered and learned from earlier virus waves, researchers based at the US National Institutes of Health Clinical Center reported today.

One of their goals was to examine if fatal outcomes for COVID patients varied by different hospital types, from larger, more advanced facilities to smaller hospitals. Reporting in the [Annals of Internal Medicine](#), they found that high caseloads had a negative impact on survival across all four hospital types they looked at.

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Camden County Sees Significant Drop in Overdose Rates

(Camden County Board of Commissioners)

Recently, the NJ ROIC-Drug Monitoring Initiative released its annual report for the first half of 2024 and found that from January to July, Camden County has experienced a 39% drop in overdose deaths compared to last year. This incredible progress proves that the expansive initiatives enacted by the Board of Commissioners and several community partners are having a real, tangible impact on the community.

“We have worked tirelessly to combat this insidious epidemic and to see in real time that our efforts are working is an indescribable feeling,” said Commissioner Director Louis Cappelli Jr. “This report shows that curbing overdose is possible through a variety of harm reduction measures such as making Narcan and medically assisted treatment, widely available. Furthermore, what can’t be discounted is the wide range of educational initiatives we have funded and produced to warn the public of the deadly impact of fentanyl.”

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Modernizing Infrastructure and Facilities for Readiness and Response

(ASTHO)

The dynamic and rapidly changing landscape of public health emergencies, coupled with advancements in technology and logistics, underscores the

pressing need for adaptable and efficient infrastructure. State and territorial health agencies are often at the forefront of this challenge, tasked with modernizing facilities to better serve their communities. However, this endeavor is not without its obstacles as public health agencies often face limited resources, aging facilities, and the intricacies of managing large-scale logistics operations.

Overcoming these challenges requires acknowledging that no state or territorial health department is alone in its efforts. The collective experiences of colleagues in other jurisdictions or industries can provide valuable insights and guidance. These shared narratives shed light on common pitfalls, showcase successful strategies, and, most crucially, spark innovative solutions. Infrastructure modernization should not be viewed as a mere physical upgrade but as a holistic transformation that includes staff training, process optimization, and the integration of cutting-edge technologies.

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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 Here](#)



PPE & TJC: Strategies for the New Joint Commission Standards

Join NETEC for the upcoming PPE & TJC: Strategies for the New Joint Commission Standards webinar. This session will provide a deep dive into the latest Joint Commission (TJC) standards on personal protective equipment (PPE) for healthcare settings. Discussion topics will include the rationale for PPE selection, potential pathogens that facilities should prepare for, and PPE plans for facility points of entry. Panelists will share examples of PPE ensembles used in their facilities and strategies for compliance. Following the presentations, there will be a Question & Answer session where participants can ask questions and explore solutions with experts in the field.

[**Register for the NETEC Webinar 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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COVID-19 Information Hub



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