



# NEW JERSEY HEALTHCARE COALITIONS

January 30th, 2025

## NJHCC Updates and Upcoming Events

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HEALTHCARE COALITIONS

# STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING 2025

Register Today!

● Wednesday,  
February 19

● When: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

● Where: 2085 Lincoln Hwy,  
Edison, NJ 08817,  
Pines Manor

1.75 Hours Worth of Continuing  
Education Credits Are Available:

- CPH - Certified Public Health
- LNHA - Licensed Nursing Home  
Administrator

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### NJHCC 2025 Strategic Planning Meeting (In-Person Event)

Be part of charting the course of future preparedness and response! The New Jersey Healthcare Coalitions (NJHCC) invite you to participate in a Strategic Planning Symposium **Wednesday, February 19th, 2025**, to discuss the future needs and goals of New Jersey's healthcare coalitions. New Jersey's Commissioner of Health, Dr. Kaitlan Baston, and her team will present on areas

of focus that align with the strategic focus for the day.

This meeting will be held at Pines Manor, 2085 Lincoln Hwy, Edison, NJ 08817, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Reserve your seat today to be part of this interactive event! The registration link is below. Seats will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. We look forward to having you join us for this important discussion.

Instructions on how to register for this event can be found [here](#).

[Access the Strategic Planning Meeting's Agenda Here](#)

[Click Here to Register for the 2025 Strategic Planning Meeting](#)



**Functional Statewide Medical Response Surge Exercise (MRSE)**

**Date: 03/11/2025**

**Timeframe: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

**Venue: Virtual via Microsoft Teams**

**Register for the 2025 MRSE Today!**



## 2025 Medical Response Surge Exercise Registration is Now Open

Exercise Type: Functional

Exercise Venue: Virtual (Via Microsoft Teams)

Exercise Date & Time: 03/11/2025 - 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM EST

## Exercise Participant's Geographic Scope: Statewide (NJ)

This exercise opportunity is open to all NJHCC members, every participant will be able to engage with this exercise's content and test their own activation and response plans, in addition to testing speciality annexes.

While our team is keeping the primary narrative and themes under wraps until the exercise's Situation Manual (SitMan) is released, we'd like to remind participants that this exercise's primary purpose per the Hospital Preparedness Grant (HPP) is to surge medical patients into 10% of the state's licensed acute care beds. To ensure all NJHCC members are able to participate in this exercise the narrative of this exercise will emphasize collaboration across agencies and healthcare entity types. The exercise will also engage non-hospital-based partners through a variety of curated methods. ALL NJHCC members will have the opportunity to participate and learn from this exercise regardless of their professional specialty.

[Click Here to Register for the 2025 MRSE Functional Exercise](#)

## Current Events in Emergency Management and Healthcare



### **NSPS Conducts World Cup 2026 Tabletop Exercise: Preparing for Global Health Security During Major Sporting Events**

As North America prepares to host the largest FIFA World Cup in history in June 2026, healthcare preparedness experts are already working to advance robust readiness for a special pathogen event. The National Special Pathogen System (NSPS) recently conducted a national tabletop exercise focusing on potential health security challenges during this landmark sporting event.



## Kevin H. Tuno Award Nominations Are Now Open (Emergency Manager of the Year)

(NJEPA)

In collaboration with our colleagues at the [New Jersey Emergency Preparedness Association](#) we are honored to amplify the Kevin H. Tuno award's nomination page. Please find more information on nominating an emergency management professional or organization below.

### Emergency Manager of the Year Characteristics:

This award recognizes and honors the individual or program that has demonstrated leadership, partnership, selflessness, and ingenuity in New Jersey emergency preparedness programs by investing time and talent to make positive change in our profession by:

- Providing leadership that inspires other members to excel or make the impossible happen;
- Developing and implementing new, highly effective and creative programs;
- Engaging in collaborative efforts to further emergency management programs and activities;
- Exhibiting dedication to the betterment of the emergency management field in the State of New Jersey as evident by substantially influencing emergency management efforts state-wide;
- Helping individuals grow and achieve goals and objectives as a mentor or leader of volunteers involved in emergency preparedness, response or recovery;
- Working for positive long-term changes within our profession;
- Applying innovative ideas and/or creative techniques that enhance local and regional emergency management programs;
- Managing extraordinary response and recovery efforts to major disasters;



- Demonstrating a significant impact on the emergency management field that sets him or herself apart through remarkable contributions in the professional arena and strong leadership within his/her community.

### Eligibility:

Any individual, or group, active in emergency management activities in New Jersey are eligible. The award is open to all who work in the field including planners, public health, NGOs, contractors, PIOs, first responders, etc.

- This award is not restricted to government emergency managers. It is intended to recognize the successful leadership of public or private preparedness and emergency management individuals or programs that have demonstrated leadership, ingenuity and selflessness.
- Individuals may be involved in public or private emergency management, preparedness, response or recovery efforts anywhere in the State.

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# New York Blood Center Enterprises

## New York Blood Center Enterprises Cybersecurity Incident Update

(New York Blood Center Enterprises)

On Sunday, January 26, New York Blood Center Enterprises and its operating divisions identified suspicious activity affecting our IT systems. We immediately engaged third-party cybersecurity experts to investigate and confirmed that the suspicious activity is a result of a ransomware incident. We took immediate steps to help contain the threat and are working diligently with these experts to restore our systems as quickly and as safely as possible. Law enforcement has been notified.

We understand the critical nature of our services, and the health of our communities remains our top priority. We remain in direct communication with our hospital partners and are implementing workarounds to help restore services and fulfill orders.

We remain incredibly grateful for the generous response of our greater blood community – including our hospital partners, hospital associations, blood centers across the country, the AABB Interorganizational Task Force, and our donors – who have all come together to help advance our shared mission.

although there is currently no timetable for this process to be completed.

The NJHCC Emergency Management Team has recently published a notification related to this event, more information can be found [here](#).

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## Preparing the Supply Chain for Disaster

(Healthcare Purchasing News)

Due to the sensitivity and critical importance of their work, healthcare facilities are especially vulnerable to disasters of both the manmade and natural varieties.

According to the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, the number of ransomware attack claims worldwide rose 74 percent in 2023 compared with 2022. Specifically, ransomware attacks against the healthcare sector “nearly doubled” over that span, “reaching a total of 389 claimed victims in 2023 compared with 214 in 2022.” In the U.S. specifically, attacks against the healthcare sector were in fact “up by 128 percent.” Cyberattacks lead to any number of issues, including delays in medical procedures, disrupted patient care due to multiweek outages, and

“strained acute care provisioning and capacity.”

A major cyberattack on Change Healthcare in late February of 2024 brought these issues into full relief. According to the House Energy & Commerce Committee, Change Healthcare, a subsidiary of UnitedHealth “acts as a clearing house for 15 billion medical claims each year—accounting for nearly 40 percent of all claims.” The cyberattack knocked them completely offline, creating a “backlog of unpaid claims” and resulting in “serious cashflow problems” at doctors’ offices and hospitals.

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### [Additional Readings and Resources](#)

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

[Weekly Respiratory Illness Surveillance Report \(NJDOH\)](#)

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

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

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

[Nursing Home Incident Command System \(NHICS\) \(CAHF\)](#)

## Webinars and Training Opportunities



### L0146 - Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP)

**Location:** Middlesex County Fire Academy 1001 Fire Academy Drive  
Sayreville, NJ 08872

**Dates:** March 31st & April 1st, 2025 (2 Days)

**Time:** 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

### **Course Overview:**

This 2-day 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.

This course is designed to develop exercising skills in the following areas:

- 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

### **Additional Information:**

Class duration is two days, 16 hours. A student must attend both days to receive credit for the L0146 course.

[Access the NJOEM Training Flyer Here](#)

[Register for the HSEEP Course Here](#)





## Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response

NJACCHO is pleased to sponsor a series of I-200-Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response training sessions for public health officials and others across New Jersey. These workshops are designed to prepare participants with the necessary knowledge to pass the 1-200 exam during the second day of class.

[Register for I-200 Here](#)



An Introduction to Exercises

**Location:** Virtual

**Date:** Wednesday, March 12th, 2025

**Time:** 2 PM

### **Webinar Overview:**

Join All Clear to discover key insights and practical strategies for designing exercises that enhance emergency preparedness, response, and recovery efforts. Gain valuable tips on scenario development, participant engagement, and post-exercise evaluation, ensuring your exercises contribute to a resilient and well-prepared community or organization. Don't miss this opportunity to elevate your exercise planning skills and make a lasting impact on emergency management.

[Register for Webinar Here](#)

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## 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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## Additional Resources



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COVID-19 Information Hub





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