



# NEW JERSEY HEALTHCARE COALITIONS

February 14th, 2025

## NJHCC Updates and Upcoming Events

 NEW JERSEY  
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

For more information: +1-800-457-2262 or [RHCC@NJHA.com](mailto:RHCC@NJHA.com)

### 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 speciality.

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

## Current Events in Emergency Management and Healthcare



Investigation Launched into L.A. County's

# Faulty Emergency Alert System

(LA Times)

On Jan. 9, residents across the metropolitan region of 10 million people received a wireless emergency alert urging them to prepare to evacuate. A correction was issued approximately 20 minutes later, stating the alert was sent "in ERROR." But a stream of faulty alerts continued to sound out the following day. Residents as far away as Long Beach — more than 35 miles from any active fire — reported receiving pings on their phones.

The letters do not mention delays in electronic [emergency alerts sent to areas of Altadena](#), but Garcia told The Times they would fall within the scope of the investigation. Los Angeles County supervisors have also called for an independent review of the emergency notification system.

When flames erupted from Eaton Canyon on Jan. 7, neighborhoods on Altadena's eastside got evacuation orders at 7:26 p.m. But residents on the westside did not receive orders until 3:25 a.m. — hours after fires began to blaze through their neighborhoods. All of the 17 people confirmed dead in the Eaton fire were on the westside.

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

(NJEP A)

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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## Seroprevalence of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza A(H5) Virus Infections Among Bovine Veterinary Practitioners

(CDC)

### Summary

#### What is already known about this topic?

Highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) A(H5) virus infections have been detected in humans exposed to infected dairy cattle.

#### What is added by this report?

Public health officials conducted a serosurvey among 150 bovine veterinary practitioners. Three practitioners had evidence of recent infection with HPAI A(H5) virus, including two without exposures to animals with known or suspected HPAI A(H5) virus infections and one who did not practice in a U.S. state with known HPAI A(H5) virus–infected cattle.

#### What are the implications for public health practice?

These findings suggest the possible benefit of systematic surveillance for rapid identification of HPAI A(H5) virus in dairy cattle, milk, and humans who are exposed to cattle to ensure appropriate hazard assessments.

The current outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) A(H5) clade 2.3.4.4.b viruses, genotype B3.13, among dairy cattle was first detected in March 2024, with human cases of HPAI A(H5) among dairy farm workers identified beginning in April. Farm workers and bovine

veterinary practitioners working with HPAI A(H5) virus–infected cattle are at increased risk for HPAI A(H5) exposure; in the current outbreak, most human infections with HPAI A(H5) have been mild and were detected through enhanced surveillance of persons working with affected animals.

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### Confirmed Case of Measles, Bergen County, NJ February 2025

(NJLINCS)

The New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) Communicable Disease Service would like to make you aware of a confirmed measles case identified in a New Jersey (NJ) resident. This is the first confirmed case of measles reported in NJ in 2025. A total of 7 measles cases were reported in 2024 in NJ.

An unvaccinated Bergen County resident developed measles following recent international travel. The individual developed rash on February 9 and was subsequently confirmed to have measles via positive measles PCR results.

While infectious, the individual visited three health care facilities potentially exposing others during the dates and times listed:

- 2/8/2025, 12:15 PM – 4:00 PM PromptMD Urgent Care, 2059

Hudson Street, Fort Lee, NJ 07024

- 2/9/2025, 11:30 AM – 5:30 PM Englewood Hospital Emergency Department, 350 Engle Street, Englewood, NJ 07631
- 2/9/2025, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM Hackensack University Medical Center, 30 Prospect Avenue Hackensack, NJ 07601

The NJDOH is working in collaboration with local health officials to identify and notify people who might have been exposed during the time the individual was infectious.

As of February 14, 2025, no additional cases have been identified. Secondary cases would be expected to occur no later than March 6.

The NJDOH would also like to make you aware that the Texas Department of State Health Services is investigating a measles outbreak in Gaines County, TX.

As of February 11, there are 24 cases associated with the outbreak. All cases are unvaccinated. 100% of the cases are unvaccinated or have unknown vaccination status.

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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](#)



## **I-200 Training Sessions**

### **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:** 2:00 PM EST

## 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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