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[NJLINCS Alert:](#) [Potential Measles Exposure Notification](#)

The New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) Communicable Disease Service would like to make you aware that a non-NJ resident confirmed case of measles potentially exposed residents in multiple states, including NJ. The individual boarded the Amtrak Northeast Regional 175 Train Southbound at Penn Station in New York around 7:30 p.m. on March 19, arriving at Union Station in D.C. around 1:30 a.m. (March 20). The DC Health press release is available [here](#).

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[Updated Newsletter Layout: Your Feedback is Requested!](#)

The NJHCC EM Team is currently testing a redesigned newsletter layout to be more streamlined and spam-filter friendly, we'd appreciate any and all forms of feedback as we continue to improve this regularly scheduled resource.

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[Upcoming Exercises and Training Opportunities](#)

[Upcoming Exercises:](#)

- [NJACCHO 2025 TTX Series - Information & Registration](#)



Upcoming Training Opportunities:

- [ICS 200: Various Offerings](#)

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NJHCC Virtual Statewide Meeting - March 2025 Recap

Virtual Statewide Meeting March 2025

Facing Helene: Understanding the All-Hazards Disaster Response



Featured Presenter:

Tatyana Kelly

**Senior Vice President,
Planning, Strategy & Member
Services**

**North Carolina
Healthcare Association**

When:

March 19th, 2025
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Where:

Microsoft Teams

[Access Our March 2025 Statewide Meeting Recap Here](#)

Featured Articles, Resources, and Reports:

Featured Article:

**HHS Announces Transformation to
Make America Healthy Again
(HHS)**

The specific contents of the restructuring plan that have been announced so far are as follows:

- Creation of the Administration for a Healthy America (AHA), which will combine multiple agencies — the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), and National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) — into a new, unified entity. This centralization will improve coordination of health resources for low-income Americans and will focus on areas including, Primary Care, Maternal and Child Health, Mental Health, Environmental Health, HIV/AIDS, and Workforce development. Transferring SAMHSA to AHA will increase operational efficiency and assure programs are carried out because it will break down artificial divisions between similar programs.
- Strengthening the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR), responsible for national disaster and public health emergency response, will transfer to the CDC, reinforcing its core mission to protect Americans from health threats.
- New Assistant Secretary for Enforcement: HHS will create a new Assistant Secretary for Enforcement to oversee the Departmental Appeals Board (DAB), Office of Medicare Hearings and Appeals (OMHA), and Office for Civil Rights (OCR) to combat waste, fraud, and abuse in federal health programs.
- Research and Evaluation for Health Policy: HHS will merge the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE) with the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) to create the Office of Strategy to enhance research that informs the Secretary's policies and improves the effectiveness of federal health programs.
- Reorganization of the Administration for Community Living (ACL): Critical programs that support older adults and people with disabilities will be integrated into other HHS agencies, including the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), ASPE, and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). This reorganization will not impact Medicare and Medicaid services.

[Read the Full Press Release Here](#)

[Read the HHS' Fact Sheet Here](#)

Additional Articles:

- [Kansas Measles Cases Double to 23 and New Ohio Outbreak Sickens 10 \(AP\)](#)
- [Wildfires Prompt Evacuation in the Carolinas as New Jersey Crews Battle Their Own Blaze \(AP\)](#)
- [Dynamic Hurricane Season Predicted for Atlantic in 2025 \(UPI\)](#)
- [Flood Committee In NJ-34 Tackles Storm Risks, Climate Change \(MSN\)](#)

Featured Resource:

Closed Point of Distribution (POD) Toolkit

Courtesy of Mecklenburg County (NC) Health Department

This toolkit provides information on how to become a closed POD. It includes materials such as a closed POD dispensing plan template, sample POD checklists, sample Incident Command System structure and job action sheets, and a supply list for closed PODs.

[**Access the Closed POD Toolkit Here**](#)

Additional Resources and Reports:

- [NJ Healthcare Coalitions Orientation Packet \(1st Edition\)](#)
- [NJ Healthcare Coalitions - Weekly NHSN Dashboard \(03/26/25\)](#)
- [NJDOH CDS - Respiratory Illness Surveillance Report \(03/22/25\)](#)
- [NJ Forest Fire Service - Wildfire Risk Assessment Portal](#)
- [NJ Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness 2025 Threat Assessment](#)
- [NETEC - HCID Exercise Templates and Resources](#)
- [CAHF - Nursing Home Incident Command System \(NHICS\)](#)

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