

# New Jersey Healthcare Coalitions Newsletter

# **Upcoming Dates**

### **HCC Meetings**

May 16th, 2024 - North HCC Meeting, Morristown, NJ
LTC/OEM HVA and Discussion meeting to follow

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• May 20th, 2024 - Central HCC Meeting, Somerset County OEM, Hillsborough, NJ

> HCC Meeting Registration Here

• May 23rd, 2024 - South HCC Meeting, Gloucester County OEM, Clayton, NJ

HCC Meeting Registration Here

Current Events in Emergency Management and Healthcare



**Counterterrorism Operations Support** 

### New Web Based Training Available

CTOS is proud to introduce four new first receiver / healthcare courses. The self paced online training is a must for all EMS, healthcare, support staff and first receivers that would be responsible for patient care during a radiological incident.

#### AWR-410-W

Hospital Radiological Emergency Operations: Hazards and Countermeasures

#### AWR-411-W

Hospital Radiological Emergency Operations: Personal Protective Equipment

#### AWR-412-W

Hospital Radiological Emergency Operations: Pre-Arrival and Recovery

#### AWR-350-W

Hospital Radiological Emergency Operations: Hospital Operations Plan

#### TARGET AUDIENCE

The target audience includes state, local, territorial, and tribal (SLTT) The "First Receivers" include personnel in the following roles: clinicians (physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners, physicians' assistants) and other hospital staff who have a role in receiving and treating contaminated victims (e.g., triage, decontamination, medical treatment, and security) and those whose roles support these functions (e.g., set up and patient tracking)", according to OSHA's Best Practices.

**Access Courses Here** 

## Wildfire Season

Information about wildfire risks and mitigation is especially critical for people who live within or adjacent to forested areas, also known as the wildland-urban interface. Information tools the Forest Fire Service has introduced in response to the growing dangers include:

 The NJ Fire Danger Dashboard, found on the Forest Fire Service website, is updated frequently with a fire danger rating by county, displays a color-coded index of different fire danger ratings and provides a snapshot view of risk by county. The dashboard also displays any current campfire restrictions that may be implemented depending on fire weather conditions such as high winds or prolonged dry periods.



 The New Jersey Wildfire Risk Assessment Portal (NJWRAP) compiles data and resources to assist residents, community leaders and fire professionals in taking actions to mitigate the threat of wildfire risk around their property and in their community. Data and preparedness resources presented in the portal were developed by the nation's wildfire experts, with Forest Fire Service personnel providing practical and local information.

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# Avian Influenza A (H5N1)

A person in the United States has tested positive for highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) A(H5N1) virus ("H5N1 bird flu"), as reported by Texas and confirmed by CDC. This person had exposure to dairy cattle in Texas presumed to be infected with HPAI A(H5N1) viruses. The patient reported eye redness (consistent with conjunctivitis), as their only symptom, and is recovering. The patient was told to isolate and is being treated with an antiviral drug for flu. This infection does not change the H5N1 bird flu human health risk assessment for the U.S. general public, which CDC considers to be low. However, people with close or prolonged, unprotected exposures to infected birds or other animals (including livestock), or to environments contaminated by infected birds or other animals, are at greater risk of infection.

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### **Additional Readings and Resources**

Weekly Influenza Surveillance Report (NJDOH)

Weekly COVID Report (NJDOH)

National Preparedness Report (FEMA)

Spring Weather Safety Presentation (NWS) NJ CARES: Opioid Related Data and Information

### Webinar



**Every Month on First Tuesday** 

## **Project ECHO Clinical Rounds**

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR) and Project ECHO have launched this program designed to create peer-to-peer learning networks where clinicians who have more experience treating patients in emergency situations share their challenges and successes with clinicians across the U.S. and around the world with a wide variety of experience of these situations. Topics for sessions are based on new and emergent information around emergency preparedness, as well as topics requested by participants.

**Register Here** 

### **Additional Webinars and Training Resources**

New Jersey Learning Management Network Upcoming Courses FEMA Region 2 Preparedness Recorded Webinars NJHCC Training Opportunities

**Additional Resources** 



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