



New Jersey
Healthcare Coalitions

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Upcoming Dates

HCC Meetings

- May 16th, 2024 - North HCC Meeting, Kearny, NJ
- LTC/OEM HVA and Discussion meeting to follow
Location change to Hudson County

HCC Meeting Registration
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LTC/OEM HVA Registration
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- May 20th, 2024 - Central HCC Meeting, SCESTA, Hillsborough, NJ

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

HCC Meeting Registration
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Current Events in Emergency Management and
Healthcare

Scientists find clues in early analysis of newly shared US H5N1 avian flu sequences

With the public release of 239 recent H5N1 avian flu genetic sequences from US dairy cows and other animals, researchers have already roughly visualized the virus, but they still lack the collection dates and geographic information that would paint a clearer picture.

Meanwhile, the virus was confirmed in another dairy herd in Idaho, raising the number of H5N1 detections to 33, the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) said in its update yesterday.

[Read Full Article](#)

Lessons Learned: Signature Healthcare Brockton Hospital Fire

On the morning of Tuesday, February 7th, 2023, a 10-alarm fire broke out at Signature Healthcare Brockton Hospital in an electrical room. It took the Brockton Fire Department (BFD) less than five minutes to respond. When they arrived, they discovered an arcing electrical fire in the hospital's electrical room. As firefighting efforts could not safely begin, the local power company was immediately contacted to cut power from the street. Though the fire was confined to the electrical room and surrounding areas, it caused an almost immediate failure of the hospital's electrical system, including the generators, telecommunications, and oxygen system, requiring full evacuation of the entire building. The hospital safely evacuated 162 patients in coordination with the fire department and was subsequently closed for an extended recovery period.



PRISM: Decontamination Guidance for Chemical Incidents



The sheer number of chemical threats, the unpredictability of chemical incidents, and the rapid onset of life-threatening injuries necessitate that responders have ready access to effective treatments and procedures following a chemical incident. Mass casualty incidents involving chemical exposure will likely require mass decontamination efforts, and therefore emergency medical services (EMS) will need to have protocols in place to effectively respond and conduct such efforts. However, historically EMS providers have not had standard guidance or operating procedures for human chemical decontamination. To best address this gap, BARDA's Chemical Medical Countermeasures (MCMs) Program developed the Primary Response Incident Scene Management (PRISM) guidance, a comprehensive decontamination tool developed for first responders and community use during chemical incidents.

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Additional Readings and Resources

[Adverse Effects Linked to Counterfeit or Mishandled Botulinum Toxin \(NJDOH\)](#)

[Weekly Influenza Surveillance Report \(NJDOH\)](#)

[Weekly COVID Report \(NJDOH\)](#)

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

[Spring Weather Safety Presentation \(NWS\)](#)

Webinar



FEMA

REGION 2 ★



Wednesday, May 29th, 2024

Active Shooter Guidance 2024

Please join the Region 2 National Preparedness Division in partnership with the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) for a condensed webinar on steps you and your employees can take during an active shooter event. Preparing employees for a potential active shooter incident is an integral component of an organization's incident response planning. Because active shooter incidents are unpredictable and evolve quickly, preparing for and knowing what to do in an active shooter situation can be the difference between life and death.

[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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