



New Jersey Healthcare Coalitions Informational Bulletin

Upcoming Dates

HCC Meetings with LTC HVA

March 18th, 2024 - Central Region HCC Meeting, SCESTA, Hillsborough, NJ
March 28th, 2024 - South Region HCC Meeting, Gloucester County OEM, Clayton, NJ
North HCC Meeting - Date and Time TBD

Operation Iron Horse: Regional Chemical Surge Exercise



**South Region: Monday, February 26th, 2024, at 10:00 AM
Gloucester County OEM**

Register

**Central Region: Monday, February 27th, 2024, at 10:00 AM
Somerset County Emergency Services Training Academy**

[Register](#)

North Region: Monday, February 29th, 2024, at 10:00 AM
Morris County OEM

[Register](#)

HCC Strategic Planning Meeting

Registration to Open in Coming Weeks

New Jersey Regional Healthcare Coalitions

STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING

Save the Date!

Thursday, March 21

10:00am - 01:00pm at 760 Alexander Road,
Princeton, NJ 08540
NJHA Conference Center

Topics of Discussion

HCC Accomplishments

Future Projects

Cross-Region Collaboration

Everyone is invited to attend the meeting

Announcement of registration and agenda will be forthcoming!

For more information: +1-800-457-2262 or RHCC@NJHA.com

Second Annual Workplace Violence Conference

Registration to Open in March



Current Events in Emergency Management and Healthcare



The New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) Communicable Disease Service (CDS) is collaborating with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC's) Project Firstline, a national initiative designed to provide trainings and additional education and tools regarding infection prevention and control practices to frontline healthcare workers. The goal is to provide foundational knowledge of infection prevention and control measures and emphasize the importance of implementing these protocols throughout the workday to ensure best practice in healthcare settings. This initiative aims to help every healthcare worker gain confidence to apply infection prevention and control principles in their work setting to protect themselves, their patients and the community from infectious disease threats.

Training and educational tools and resources will be provided to healthcare workers based on practices that prevent the spread of infectious disease, including hand hygiene, use of personal protective equipment (PPE), environmental cleaning and more.

[Download January HCC Presentation](#)

Prevent drug shortages, save

hospitals \$550M: AHA

Drug shortages inflict more than \$550 million in additional costs every year on hospitals and health systems, the American Hospital Association **said** in a letter to Congress.

On Feb. 6, the AHA submitted comments to the House of Representatives' Committee on Ways and Means before the committee met to discuss chronic drug shortages. The association called the nation's pharmaceutical supply chain fragile, in which a disruption in one link in the chain — including suppliers, manufacturers, distributors and group purchasing organizations — can cause prolonged shortages.

A cost-effective "just-in-time" framework adopted by many distributors and manufacturers is exacerbating this problem, the AHA said.

"During large scale emergencies and other disruptions in supply, the risks and added costs of such a strategy is clear — when those disruptions occur, providers often have little or no notice and can be left scrambling to acquire products necessary to care for the sick and injured," the letter said.

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FDA revises letter of authorization for the emergency use authorization for Paxlovid

In December 2021, FDA authorized Paxlovid for emergency use for the treatment of adults and pediatric patients (12 years of age and older weighing at least 40 kg) who are at high risk for progression to severe COVID-19, including hospitalization or death. In May 2023, FDA approved Pfizer's new drug application (NDA) for Paxlovid for the treatment of mild-to-moderate COVID-19 in adults who are at high risk for progression to severe COVID-19, including hospitalization or death.



Today, FDA is announcing a revision to the Paxlovid emergency use authorization (EUA), stating that Paxlovid manufactured and labeled in accordance with the EUA (EUA-labeled Paxlovid) currently in U.S. distribution will remain authorized for use through the labeled or extended expiration date, as

applicable, or through March 8, 2024, whichever is earlier.

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Additional Readings and Resources

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

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

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

[2023 Threat Assessment \(NJOHSP\)](#)

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

[NJ CARES: Opioid Related Data and Information](#)

[Place your Order for Free At-Home COVID-19 Tests \(USPS\)](#)

Webinars and Events

Featured Webinar



February 13th, 2024 01:00 PM

ASPR Partner Update Webinar

You are invited to join the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, Dawn O'Connell, and Senior leaders of the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR) for the next ASPR Partner Update Webinar. Join ASPR senior leadership on Tuesday, February 13 from 1:00pm – 1:45pm ET, to hear about 2024 organizational priorities and current activities to support preparedness and response capabilities for our nation's public health and health systems. Partners are encouraged to register below and attend this information sharing opportunity with ASPR Senior leaders. This engagement is not open to members of the press.

Additional Webinars and Training Resources

[New Jersey Learning Management Network Upcoming Courses](#)

[FEMA Region 2 Preparedness Webinars \(2021 Webinar Catalog\)](#)

[FEMA Region 2 Preparedness Webinars \(2020 Webinar Catalog\)](#)

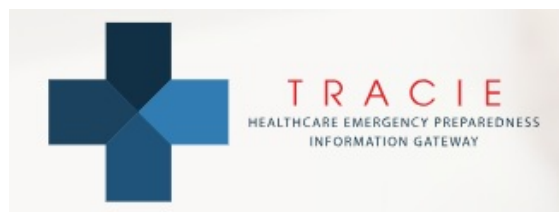
[EMS Biosafety Transport for Operators \(NETEC\)](#)

[NJHCC Training Opportunities](#)

Additional Resources



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