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RESILIENCE



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Introduction & Purpose

We have collectively been through so much across the state, region, country, and the world. Nevertheless, we have persevered through the difficulties of the past few years. Now, it's time to celebrate the NYC Health Care Coalition's (NYCHCC) achievements and wonderful work.

A common theme of this work is collaboration and training to promote **resilience, preparation, and advanced mitigation**.

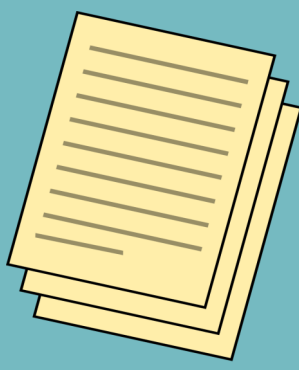
In this newsletter, we highlight just a snippet of the amazing and dynamic impact the NYCHCC has made.



POLICY UPDATES

PREVENT Pandemics Act

The [PREVENT Pandemics Act](#) is a new Senate bill intended to promote effective preparedness for and response to existing viruses, emerging threats, and future pandemics. Of note, the bill establishes an Office of Pandemic Preparedness and Response Policy within the Executive Office of the President and requires the CDC Director to be a Senate-confirmed position. On March 15, 2022 the Senate HELP Committee held a markup of the bill. Eight amendments were adopted, including an amendment providing \$177 million in mandatory FY23 funding for the Nurse Training Corps program and an amendment to prohibit federally funded research on potential pandemic pathogens that involves collaboration with foreign institutions in a country designated by the State Department to be a country of concern.



New York State Surge and Flex System

NYS Department of Health adopted several emergency [rules](#) and proposed permanent adoption of a rule related to the Surge and Flex Health Coordination System.



ASPR in the News — US Pandemic Preparedness

The Biden administration is reorganizing the US Department of Health and Human Services to elevate the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) from a staff division into an independent operating division—similar to the CDC, FDA, and NIH—responsible for leading the nation's responses to future pandemics and health emergencies. Under the reorganization, ASPR will now be known as the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response, and efforts to stand up the new division will be phased in over the next 2 years.

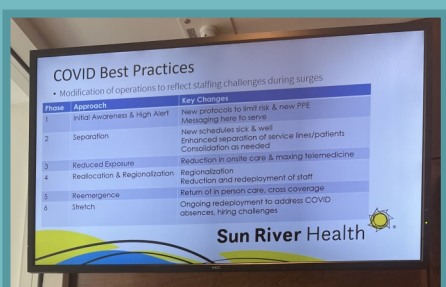
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COALITION MEMBERS IN ACTION

CHCANYS Emergency Management Seminar

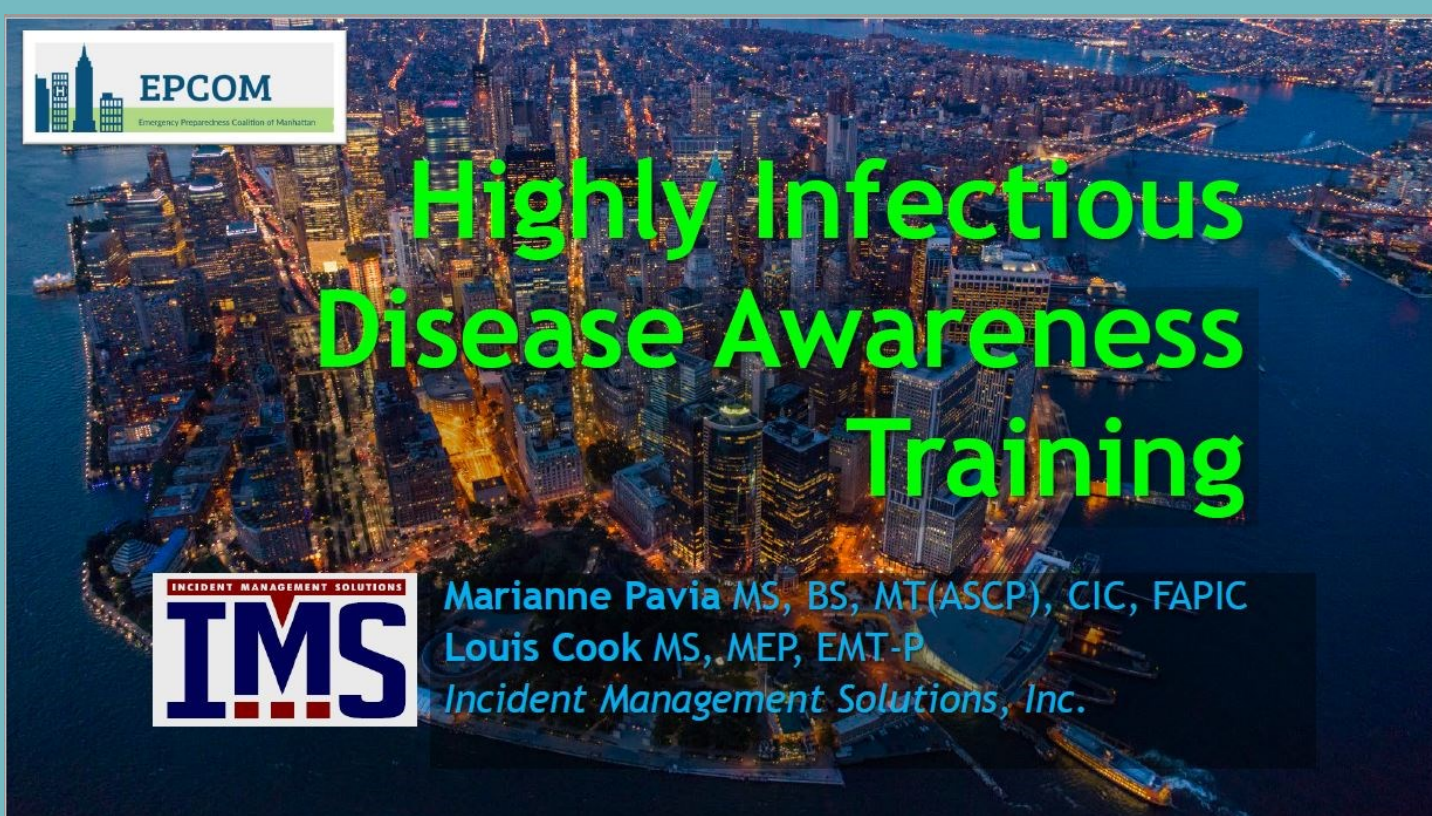
The NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's (Health Department) Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response (OEPR), in partnership with the Community Health Care Association of New York State (CHCANYS), hosted a full day Emergency Management Seminar on April 14, 2022, geared towards staff in leadership positions at community health centers, also known as FQHCs. FQHCs have been on the forefront of the COVID-19 pandemic response in local communities. The main theme of the day was "resilience". CHCANYS looked at resilience on several levels, and discussed personal, organizational, and programmatic resilience for FQHCs. CHCANYS hoped the seminar topics contributed to FQHCs' ability to expand their programmatic capacity and create resilient communities.



MEMBERS IN ACTION (CONTINUED)

Emergency Preparedness Coalition of Manhattan Events

The Emergency Preparedness Coalition of Manhattan (EPCOM) held a Highly Infectious Diseases Awareness and Response Training. Several trainings were offered from February to April 2022 and were attended by over 120 participants. The events addressed the lack of general knowledge and availability of standardized training for potential Highly Infectious Disease (HID) risks, as well as the proper response to persons under investigation (PUIs) for an HID in all health care settings. The trainings increased EPCOM members' and coalition partners' knowledge of HID symptoms and management, and served to empower more health care workers across NYC to improve their preparedness for HIDs. Sessions were recorded as a service to health care entities across the five boroughs. To access recorded trainings, please contact DOHMH — DOHMHCore@health.nyc.gov.

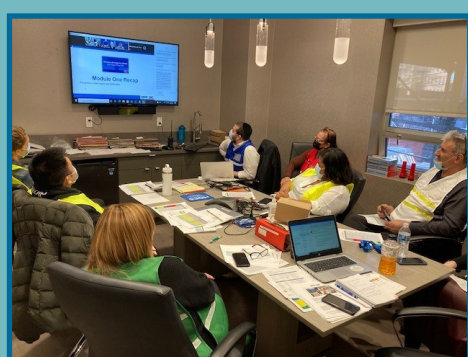


OEPR Projects

OEPR developed an emergency management initiative known as the Long Term Care Exercise Program (LTCEXP). The LTCEXP is designed to improve the disaster readiness of NYC health care facilities -- long term care facilities (nursing home and adult care) and home care organizations -- by having facility emergency management teams learn to design, develop, conduct, and evaluate meaningful exercises that identify the organization's strengths and opportunities for improvement in emergency response under simulated conditions.

In its 7th year, this seven-month program ran from October 2021 and concluded in May 2022. This year's exercise was entitled *Operation HExIS 2022, (Health Care Exercise for Inundation of Stormwater)*, where the scenario focused on a severe weather outbreak during a pandemic, mirroring the impact of Hurricane Ida and COVID-19; an all too familiar event.

Fifty-four (54) NYC LTC providers took part in this citywide functional exercise and were joined by State colleagues from the NYS DOH and two Home Care Associations, as well as City partners from NYC Emergency Management and the three NYC Nursing Home Associations.



NEWS & UPDATES

Liaison Officer (LNO)

The NYC Health Department's Health Care Liaison Officer (LNO) Program was created in April 2020 to assist health care facilities and long-term care organizations, including nursing homes, adult care facilities, and home care, to obtain timely and accurate information that enhances decision-making and health care response activities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Since then, over 1,000 health care inquiries were addressed related to PPE, vaccines, and clinical guidance and over 60 Health Department staff were activated to support this initiative.

To learn more, click [HERE](#).



State of Emergency: Monkeypox

The NYC Health Department is responding to prevent the spread of monkeypox (MPV) and improve access to care for individuals diagnosed with this illness. As with other outbreaks and biological threats, the NYCHCC will remain vigilant, united, courageous, and **RESILIENT!**

For more information and resources, click [HERE](#).

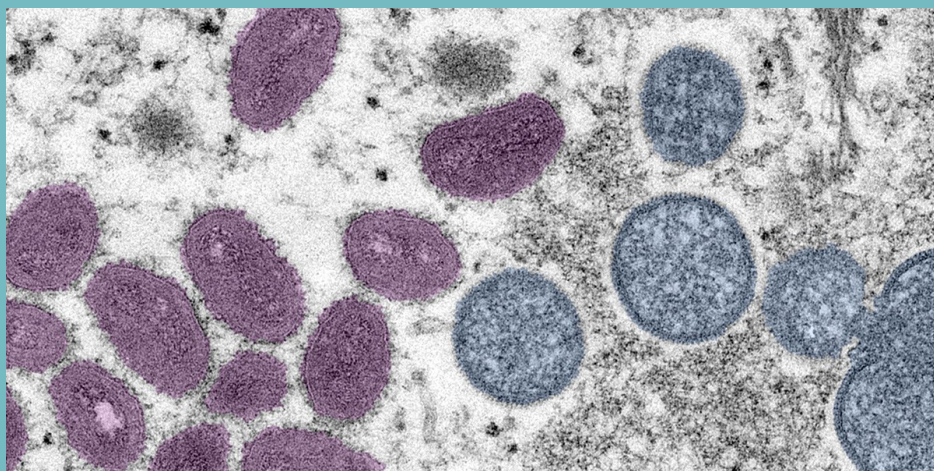


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Thank you for your participation in the NYCHCC and for contributing to the successful first edition of the NYCHCC Newsletter.

Stay tuned for the next issue!

SUGGESTIONS OR IDEAS?

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We would love to hear from YOU!