

Bi-Weekly News & Updates

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<u>Updated Newsletter Layout: Your Feedback is Requested!</u>

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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MRSE 2025: Operation Lights Out: Recap and Resources

This year's Medical Response Surge Exercise (MRSE) featured a variety of challenges for our healthcare coalitions members to overcome and collaborate together on.

We're excited to share that over 260 individuals participated in this year's MRSE, with representatives from every Coalition member type engaing in the simulated surge event.

Learn more about the exercise and the simulated resources the Coalition members engaged with during the exercise.

Operation Lights Out: Recap

Upcoming Exercises and Training Opportunities

Upcoming Exercsies:

• NJACCHO 2025 TTX Series -



Information & Registration

Upcoming Training Opportunities:

- HSEEP: March 31st April 1st
- ICS 200: Various Offerings

Visit Our Coalition Training Opportunities
Page Here

NJHCC Virtual Statewide Meeting - March 2025

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 Meeting Agenda Here

Register for the March Virtual Statewide Meeting Here

Featured Articles, Resources, and Reports:

Featured Article:

Emergency Management Officials Not to Blame for
West Altadena Alert Failures
(LA Times)

The Los Angeles County emergency management officials responsible for sending evacuation alerts were not instructed to notify west Altadena residents until long after the Eaton fire had barreled into the area, according to two county officials not authorized to speak publicly.

County fire or sheriff's officials appear to have failed to set the alerts in motion, leaving many west Altadena residents to flee as flames and <u>terrifying swirls of embers closed in around them</u>.

Read More Here

Additional Articles:

- U.S. Records Most Measles Cases in Single Year Since Record
 2019 Wave (MSN)
- Essex County Announces Program to Increase Prepardenss in LTC Facilities (Essex County Government)
- State Sounds Alarm on Coming Wildfire Season, as Drought
 Persists (New Jersey Monitor)
- Navigating the 2025 Regulatory Landscape: Key Changes
 Impacting FQHCs (Fierce Healthcare)

Featured Resource:

Nursing Home Incident Command System (NHICS)

The Incident Command System is part of the emergency management system in many levels (federal, state, and local). It is the basis for the National Incident Management System and California's State Emergency Management System. Every significant incident or event, whether large or small, and whether it is even defined as an emergency, requires certain management functions to be performed.

Building on the work of the <u>Florida Health Care Association</u> (FHCA), the California Association of Health Facilities has developed the Nursing Home Incident Command System (NHICS) Manual and Train-the-Trainer Program as a method of organizing and coordinating emergency efforts in the Long-Term Care community.

Additional Resources and Reports:

- NJ Healthcare Coalitions Orientation Packet (1st Edition)
- NJ Healthcare Coalitions Weekly NHSN Dashboard (03/12/25)
- NJDOH CDS Respiratory Illness Surveillance Report (03/08/25)
- NJ Forest Fire Service Wildfire Risk Assessment Portal
- NJ Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness 2025 Threat
 Assessment
- NETEC HCID Exercise Templates and Resources

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