



NEW JERSEY HEALTHCARE COALITIONS

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NJ State of Emergency 08.21.2025 - Ongoing

Governor Phil Murphy declared that New Jersey will enter a State of Emergency effective at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 21, 2025 in preparation for Hurricane Erin. Coastal and flash flooding, dangerous surf warnings and advisories, and high winds are expected for several counties across New Jersey. Parts of the state will experience sustained winds of up to 50 mph, large breaking waves along the Shore as high as 17 feet, and the inundation of one to three feet of water in flood-prone areas.

Executive Order (EO) No. 396 declares a State of Emergency across all 21 counties in New Jersey.

[Access EO No. 396](#)

Summary & Highlights

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Upcoming Events, Assessments, Exercises and Training Opportunities

Upcoming NJHCC Events & Assessments

September In-Person HCC Meetings

Based on member feedback, our upcoming in-person meetings will feature a greater emphasis on engaging HCC members in the Hospital Preparedness Program's (HPP's) grant deliverable development cycle.

Specifically, leveraging our member's professional insight and experiences when it comes to conducting assessments and developing Coalition plans and associated annexes.

Our regularly scheduled Emergency Preparedness and Emerging Health Threats meetings featuring NJDOH Acting Commissioner Jeff Brown, and other virtual education opportunities will take the place of typically scheduled education sessions from external stakeholders/subject matter experts (SMEs).

Register for the September 18th North HCC In-Person Meeting

2025-2026 Statewide Hazard Vulnerability Assessment (HVA)

This budget period's annual Hazard Vulnerability Assessment (HVA) is currently open for responses from all three (3) healthcare coalition regions. As noted in earlier communications, based on member feedback and requests this year's HVA will be conducted via the Coalition's Juvare eICS platform. Similar to previous year's assessments the hazards are sourced from the Kaiser Permanente HVA tool with slight modifications for the sake of clarity, NJ-specific niches, and end-user experience.

If you have already completed an HVA, independent of eICS, and would like to share your data for your facility or network, please send our team either a copy of your completed HVA or your final hazards and associated scores to RHCC@NJHA.com. All scores submitted to our team will be aggregated into their respective regional HVA, the statewide HVA, and, when applicable, member type specific aggregates.

As a reminder, both Juvare EMResource and Juvare eICS are both entirely free to all NJHCC members.

Additional Notes:

- A paper copy of the HVA will also be made available upon request, this paper copy will mirror the digital assessment.
- If you are unsure if you have an eICS account or would like to request an account, click [here](#).
- Click [here](#) to access our Scribe (Slideshow/Video demonstration) on how to complete your HVA in Juvare eICS.

Learn More About This Year's HVA

Upcoming Exercises:

No scheduled exercises at this time.

Upcoming Training Opportunities:

**MGT-341: Disaster Preparedness for
Healthcare Organizations**

- **When:** 09.03.2025 - 09.04.2025/8:00

AM - 5:00 PM

- **Where:** Burlington County ESTC, Westampton, N.J. 08060
- **Cost:** No-Cost
- [Additional Information \(Flyer\)](#)
- [Registration](#)



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MGT-440: Enhanced Sports and Special Events Incident Management

- **When:** 09.16.2025 - 09.18.2025/8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- **Where:** Freehold, New Jersey 07728
- **Cost:** No-Cost
- [Additional Information & Registration](#)



TEXAS A&M ENGINEERING
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EXTENSION SERVICE

Tactical Medical for First Responder (One Day Class)

- **When:** 09.22.2025/8:00 AM - 5:00 PM & 09.23.2025/8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- **Where:** Ewing, New Jersey 08628
- **Cost:** No-Cost
- [Additional Information & Registration](#)



August & September FEMA CDP Virtual Classes (Healthcare Focus)

- **When:** Various times, please refer to the linked document
- **Where:** Virtual Classroom
- **Cost:** No-Cost
- **Additional Information:**
 - Click [here](#) to access the course listings
 - Thank you to Jim McDonald of NJACCHO for sharing this resource



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Additional Training Opportunities

The NJHCC EM Team regularly updates our Coalition Training Opportunities page on the Coalitions' website. Click the button below to be redirected to a collection of trainings from NJOEM, NJOHSP, FEMA, and

[Visit Our Coalition Training Opportunities Page](#)

[Featured Articles, Resources, and Reports:](#)

Featured Article:

NJDOH and NJDEP Investigate Case of Malaria in Morris County Resident with No Recent International Travel

(NJDOH)

The New Jersey Departments of Health (NJDOH) and Environmental Protection (NJDEP) are investigating a case of malaria in a resident of Morris County with no international travel history. NJDOH is working closely with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to investigate potential sources of infection; it is possible the resident was infected with malaria in New Jersey.

If confirmed, this would be the first known locally acquired case of malaria in New Jersey since 1998*. Although the *Anopheles* mosquitoes that transmit malaria are present in New Jersey, the risk of locally acquired malaria remains low.

"While risk to the general public is low, it's important to take the necessary precautions to prevent locally acquired malaria in New Jersey. The most effective ways are to prevent mosquito bites in the first place and to ensure early diagnosis and treatment of malaria in returning travelers," said Acting Health Commissioner Jeff Brown. "Anyone traveling to countries with widespread malaria should take appropriate steps to prevent malaria while traveling and monitor for symptoms."

"I urge the public to continue taking steps to eliminate standing water around their properties, which will go a long way to reducing the risk of mosquito breeding," Environmental Protection Commissioner Shawn M. LaTourette said. "As the summer winds down, taking this simple but necessary step will help ensure quality of life and protect public health." **Malaria** is a mosquito-borne disease caused by a parasite transmitted by certain mosquitoes and is widespread in many tropical and subtropical countries. Malaria typically causes fever, chills, headache, muscle aches, and fatigue. It can also cause nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea. In most cases, infected persons develop symptoms 7-30 days after exposure. Malaria can be cured with prescription antimalarial drugs, but it can be life-threatening if it is not diagnosed and treated quickly.

There are about 100 travel-associated cases of malaria reported in New Jersey each year. Locally acquired malaria typically occurs when a

mosquito bites a person infected with travel-associated malaria, acquiring the parasite, and then bites another person, passing the infection. Successful treatment of individuals confirmed to have malaria significantly reduces or eliminates the risk of further transmission.

Summer and early fall months are peak times for other mosquito-borne diseases in New Jersey, including West Nile virus and Eastern equine encephalitis. The best way to prevent all mosquito-borne diseases is to:

- Prevent mosquito bites by using EPA-registered insect repellent and wearing long-sleeved shirts, pants, and socks while spending time outdoors.
- **Reduce mosquito populations** by eliminating standing water around properties. **Mosquito-proof your yard** by removing and reducing places where mosquitoes can breed by removing or covering sources of standing water such as birdbaths, pools, tires, and other places where water may collect.
- Protect yourself while travelling to countries where malaria or other travel-associated diseases (e.g., dengue, chikungunya) are common. Review **travel notices** for your destination and contact a health care provider before travel to discuss if medications or vaccines are recommended. After returning home, travelers should take extra precautions to avoid mosquito bites for three weeks to reduce the risk of New Jersey mosquitoes becoming infected and potentially spreading the infection to others.

The New Jersey State Mosquito Control Commission and NJDEP Office of Mosquito Control Coordination are working closely with the Morris County Mosquito Control Division, NJDOH, and the CDC in an attempt to minimize risks to the public through support of local mosquito control needs.

[Read the Full News Release](#)

Additional Articles:

- [Hurricane Erin Triggers States of emergency in N.J. and N.C. \(UPI News\)](#)
- [Findings and Report Regarding the May 16, 2025 Tornado in the City of St. Louis \(Carmondy MacDonald\)](#)
- [Enhancing the Design, Conduct and Evaluation of Public Health Emergency Preparedness Exercises: A Rapid Review \(Chambers, et al.\)](#)

- [White House Restores Stalled CDC Research Funds \(The Hill\)](#)

Featured Resource:



epiENGAGE Disease Forecasting Tools

epiENGAGE provides several different disease forecasting tools including free-to-use simulation software for several respiratory diseases including measles, influenza (flu), and SARS-CoV-2 (COVID), amongst other diseases.

[Access epiENGAGE's Project Page](#)

Additional Resources and Reports:

- [NJHA Drug Shortage Report \(08.21.25\)](#)
- [NJ Healthcare Coalitions - Weekly NHSN Dashboard \(08.20.25\)](#)
- [NJDOH Vector Borne Surveillance Report \(Week of 08.10.25\)](#)
- [NJ Forest Fire Service - Wildfire Risk Assessment Portal](#)
- [NJ Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness 2025 Threat Assessment](#)
- [NETEC - HCID Exercise Templates and Resources](#)
- [CAHF - Nursing Home Incident Command System \(NHICS\)](#)

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