

# e-Distance Learning



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**Welcome** to the **November 2020** New York State Department of Health's e-Distance Learning Newsletter.

**In this issue, you will find** on demand webcasts, and on demand webinars, many available on the NYSDOH Learning Management System (LMS, [www.NYlearnsPH.com](http://www.NYlearnsPH.com)). If you have questions or issues accessing the LMS, or if you need assistance enrolling in any of the programs, please contact the NYSDOH Office of Public Health Practice at [edlearn@health.ny.gov](mailto:edlearn@health.ny.gov). Check back each issue, some Live Webinars will be on [www.NYlearnsPH.com](http://www.NYlearnsPH.com) On-Demand .

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## STOP

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**COVID-19  
VIRUS**



As a **Case Investigator**, you stand at the critical juncture to realize the full potential of the COVID Alert NY app to stop the spread of the virus.



## START

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**COVID Alert NY  
APP**



**We depend on you** to provide the One Time Password (OTP) that enables the app to alert others who came into contact with the Case.

**We depend on you** to encourage the Case to download the app and recommend it to others.

**Be sure** to complete the **Exposure Notification** questions in the CommCare Case Investigator form.



The National Network of Public Health Institutes (NNPHI) is proud to announce its participation in Project Firstline, a collaborative made up of healthcare, public health, and academic partners, as well as 64 state, territorial, and local health departments funded through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity Cooperative Agreement.

Project Firstline's training and engagement opportunities will include short, accessible training videos, virtual interactive events, and telementoring to ensure healthcare and public health professionals are empowered with the science and reasoning behind essential infection control practices, and can confidently apply those practices to protect themselves, their facility, their family, and their community.

The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted gaps in infection control knowledge and practice in healthcare settings nationwide. CDC's engagement of partners, such as NNPHI and the [National Association of County and City and County Health Officials \(NACCHO\)](#), demonstrates the important role of public health and local health departments in advancing infection control.

- Be sure to check out CDC's Project Firstline [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and
- [Sign up to get the latest email updates from our Emergency Preparedness, Response and Recovery program](#) as new trainings and tools are released!

**[Learn How You Can be Part of this Important Mission](#)**

**Late October - December 2020:**

\*Some items are marked with **NEW!**, generally indicating that the promotion is new to this edition of the eDistance Learning newsletter.\*

**NEW! Engaging Infection Control Q&A Event with AMA and CDC**

Sponsored by CDC's Project Firstline

Thursday, October 29, 2020 1-2pm

[Register Here](#)

**NEW! Winter Is Coming: Prepare for Winter Weather Webinar**

Sponsored by The National Weather Service

Thursday, October 29, 2020 2 – 3pm

[Register Here](#)

**NEW! Addressing Unsheltered Homelessness Webinar**

Sponsored by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAPS)

Thursday, October 29, 2020 2:30 - 4:00pm

[Join Here](#)

**NEW! Views from the Big Cities: Houston and San Diego**

Sponsored by Big Cities Health Coalition

Wednesday, November 4, 2020 1-2pm

[Register Here](#)

**NEW! Aiming in the dark: What happens when disease spreads without diagnosis**

Sponsored by CDC

Thursday, November 5, 2020, 9-10am

[Register Here](#)

**NEW! COVID-19 and Native American Health, How Tribal Leaders Are Beating Back the Virus.**

Sponsored by US News & World Report

Monday, November 9, 2020 1-2pm

[Register Here](#)

**NEW! Log in 2 Learn: Succession Planning and Change: Growing and Developing Talent in Public Health**

Sponsored by Region 2 Public Health Training Center

Tuesday, November 10, 2020 12-1pm

[Register Here](#)

**Transportation Equity: The Time is Now!**

Sponsored by Rice University's Kinder Institute

Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020

[Register Here](#)

## **NEW! Relationship Education: A Trauma-Informed Approach for Youth**

Sponsored by the Dibble Institute

Wednesday, November 11th, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

[Register Here](#)

## **HANYS Disparities Series: Creating a Reduced Bias Care Encounter**

Sponsored by HANYS

Thursday, November 12, 2020

[Register Here](#)

## **NEW! Implementing changes that STICK: sustain the gains and continually improving**

Sponsored by Continual Impact

Thursday, November 12, 2020 11-11:45am

[Register Here](#)

## **Children Breathing Easier: The Expanded Use of Asthma Biologics to Treat Pediatric Asthma.**

Sponsored by Alabama Department of Public Health

Thursday, November 12, 2020, 1-2:30pm

[Register Here](#)

## **NEW! From Pre- to Post-Pandemic: COVID Vulnerability and the Plight of Migrants**

Sponsored by Center for Global and Community Health at UTMB

Monday, November 16th, 1-2pm

[Register Here](#)

## **Responding to difficult-to-treat infections: Role and responsibilities of governments, researchers, clinicians, industry and patients**

Sponsored by CDC

Thursday, November 19, 2020, 9 AM EST

[Register Here](#)

## **State of Obesity 2020: Better Policies for a Healthier America**

Sponsored by Trust For America's Health

Thursday, November 19, 2020 12:30 – 2:00 PM

[Register Here](#)

## **NEW! A Roadmap to 21st Century Public Health Data Infrastructure**

CSTE, APHL, HIMSS, and NAPHSIS

Thursday, November 19, 2020 1-2pm

[Register Here](#)

## **NEW! Virtual Summit: Infection Prevention in Nursing Homes**

Sponsored by Yale School of Nursing

Wednesday, December 2, 2020 11am-12:30pm

[Register Here](#)

**NEW! Measures of success – how to identify, select, define, Oh AND use measures throughout the organization**

Sponsored by Continual Impact

Thursday, December 3, 2020 11-11:45am

[Register Here](#)

**NEW! Virtual Summit: Infection Prevention in Nursing Homes**

Sponsored by Yale School of Nursing

Tuesday, December 8, 2020 8pm-9:30pm

[Register Here](#)

**NEW! 2020 National Opioid Leadership Summit**

Sponsored by Public Health Institute

December 8-9, 2020

[Register Here](#)

**Breastfeeding Grand Rounds 2020: Community Breastfeeding Support in the time of Public Health Emergencies**

Sponsored by UAlbany School of Public Health

\*POSTPONED UNTIL December 22, 2020\*

[Register Here](#)

Enroll in LMS Course: [UASPH-BFGR2020](#)

**Newly OnDemand Recordings and Courses from October 2020 – NOW Available on the NYLearnsPH.com LMS**

**Rolling out a Vaccine for COVID-19: Present Prospects and Lessons from the Past**

Sponsored by the Wilson Center's Maternal Health Initiative, in partnership with the University of Pittsburgh, March of Dimes, and the Jonas Salk Legacy Foundation

Recorded October 14, 2020

Enroll in LMS: [WWC-2020201014-C19](#)

**Views from the Big Cities: Boston and Baltimore**

Sponsored by Big Cities Health Coalition

Recorded October 14, 2020

Enroll in LMS: [BC-20201014-C19](#)

**Meet the Partner in Overdose Prevention: Saving Lives with Behavioral Health Leaders**

Sponsored by Dialogue4Health

Recorded October 14, 2020

Enroll in LMS: [PHI-20201014](#)

**COVID-19 and Mental Health in the Workplace: Solutions for Employers and Employees.**

Sponsored by NIHCM

Recorded October 19, 2020

[NIHCM-20201019-C19](#)

## **LogIn 2 Learn: Strategic Storytelling for Public Health**

Sponsored by Region 2 Public Health Training Center

Recorded October 6, 2020

Enroll in LMS Course: [Reg2PHTC-L2L202010](#)

## **Public Health Live! Person-Centered Healthcare in Planning and Practice**

Sponsored by University at Albany School of Public Health

Recorded October 22, 2020 (Note: Rescheduled from March 19, 2020)

Enroll in LMS Course: [UASPH-PHL20201022](#)

## **Additional Webinars and Courses that are NEW to NYLearnsPH.com LMS**

### **Thriving in an Online Work Environment**

Sponsored by the Midwestern Public Health Training Center, Rocky Mountain Public Health Training Center, and Region IV Public Health Training Center

Enroll in LMS Course: [RMPHTC-ThriveOnline](#)

### **Locating and Understanding Data for Suicide Prevention**

Sponsored by Suicide Prevention Resource Center

Enroll in LMS Course: [SPRC-Data](#)

### **Implicit Bias in Public Health**

Sponsored by Region V Public Health Training Center

Enroll in LMS Course: [RegVPHTC-ImplicitBias](#)

### **Rural LGBTQ+ Populations: Creating Welcoming and Inclusive Health Care Experiences**

Sponsored by Region V Public Health Training Center

Recorded June 16, 2020

Enroll in LMS Course: [RegVPHTC-20200616](#)

### **Coping Skills for Kids**

Sponsored by University of California Television

Recorded June 17, 2020

Enroll in LMS Course: [UCTV-20200617-C19](#)

### **Free Training Program on Home Care and COVID-19 Testing – Extended Several Months**

On-demand, web-

based training for home health and hospice RNs and other personnel. Available through December 31. [Enroll in the training here.](#)



# NYS Department of Health COVID-19 Resources

- **The New York State Department of Health's (NYSDOH) dedicated COVID-19 Resources webpage:** <http://coronavirus.health.ny.gov> The best place for updated case numbers, guidance, press releases, and additional information for the public and healthcare providers.
- **New York State Encourages Farms to Register For Free COVID-19 Testing Opportunities**  
The NYS Departments of Agriculture and Markets; Health; and Labor are encouraging farmers to register for the COVID-19 testing initiative for seasonal workers. The state is making available free, on-farm COVID-19 testing to agricultural workers in Wayne, Orleans, Genesee, Ulster and Clinton Counties, which see the highest number of out-of-state workers during harvest season. [The registration page is available here.](#)  
  
Farms who hire seasonal workers in these counties are Farms being offered an opportunity to have workers tested. This initiative is voluntary, free and will be set-up at sites selected by the farms who participate. For more information visit: <https://agriculture.ny.gov/news/new-york-state-encourages-farms-register-free-covid-19-testing-opportunities>
- **COVID-19 HOTLINE:** NYS DOH maintains a **Coronavirus Hotline (1-888-364-3065)** where New Yorkers with questions about the coronavirus can **speak with public health experts** in their preferred language.
- **MENTAL HEALTH HELPLINE:** New Yorkers can get free online mental health assistance related to COVID-19 by calling the state's hotline at **1-844-863-9314**.
- **Sign up for COVID-19 Email Updates from NYS:** <https://now.ny.gov/page/s/coronavirus-updates>
- **Ask NYSDOH questions about COVID-19 online here:** <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/form/ask-us-a-question>
- **Get info about the new COVID-19 Paid Sick Leave Law here:** <https://www.governor.ny.gov/programs/paid-sick-leave-covid-19-impacted-new-yorkers>

## Resources from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

CDC VaccineFinder <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/freeresources/flu-finder-widget.html>

These resources can be used to inform communities about the coronavirus (COVID-19):

**The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) COVID-19 webpage**

(<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>)

- **Spanish-language version: Enfermedad del Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19)**

<https://espanol.cdc.gov/enes/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

- **Chinese-language version:**

<https://chinese.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

**CDC Contact Tracing**—or reaching out to people who have an infectious disease, and those they came in contact with, to help them take care of themselves and protect others—is critical to slowing the spread of COVID-19.

Health departments can use CDC’s **COVID-19 Contact Tracing Communication Toolkit** to spread the word about the importance of contact tracing.

**Other CDC Resources in multiple languages:** <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/communication/factsheets.html?>

**CDC: How to reduce stigma around COVID-19:**

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/reducing-stigma.html?>

**HRSA-funded National Network of Public Health Institutes (NNPHI) and the 10 Regional Public Health Training Centers have compiled resources related to Coronavirus (COVID-19) and emergency response.** You can access resources [here](#).

**Urban Indian Health Institute (UIHI) COVID-19 Fact Sheets for Tribes and Urban Indian Communities:** <https://www.uihi.org/resources/covid-19-fact-sheets-for-providers-employers-and-the-general-public/>

**HHS Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)**

**COVID-19 Resources:** <https://www.samhsa.gov/coronavirus>

**Rural Health Information Hub’s (RHIH) Rural Response to Coronavirus Disease 2019**

**(COVID-19):** <https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/topics/covid-19>

**For the latest research on COVID-19 visit the National Institute of Health’s COVID-19 webpage:**

<https://www.nih.gov/health-information/coronavirus>



# Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) Want to learn about policy? Here are three Policy Courses designed to meet NYS Training Needs identified by PH-WINS



## Introduction to Policy Analysis in Public Health [CDC-PolAnalysis](#)

The 90-minute *Introduction to Policy Analysis in Public Health* course, designed for public health practitioners, introduces the learner to the CDC policy process and provides specific instruction on the policy analysis component of the process. Instructional content will result in the learner having a better understanding of what policy analysis is, its use in proactively assessing policy options under consideration, and how it can contribute to public health's role in policy.

## Introduction to Policy Evaluation in Public Health [CDC-PolEval](#)

The two-hour online *Introduction to Policy Evaluation in Public Health* course, designed for public health practitioners, introduces the learner to the use of policy evaluation in public health and provides specific instruction on applying evaluation methods throughout a policy process. Instructional content describes what "policy evaluation" is and will enable the learner to have a better understanding of how to apply the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Evaluation Framework to conduct an evaluation of adopted policies that may impact public health.

## Introduction to Economic Evaluation in Public Health [CDC-EconEval](#)

The one-hour *Introduction to Economic Evaluation in Public Health* course provides a broad overview of economic evaluation methods with illustrative examples from public health. It will help the learner understand and apply economic evaluation findings to their public health work.



## Four **NEW** Courses from Region 2 Public Health Training Center Strategic Skills Training Series

The Strategic Skills Training Series developed by the Region 2 PHTC aims to help prepare public health practitioners to develop the practices and competencies associated with being a Chief Health Strategist. The modules in this series use the community health improvement planning process to introduce you to the basics of the following four strategic skills areas. This first set of modules have been developed at an introductory level; the next parts of the series will build on these foundational modules.

[Reg2PHTC-Systems Thinking](#) - Strategic Skills Training Series:

Introduction to Systems Thinking

[Reg2PHTC-Persuasive Communication](#) - Strategic Skills Training Series:

Introduction to Persuasive Communication

[Reg2PHTC-Change Management](#) - Strategic Skills Training Series: Introduction to Change Management

[Reg2PHTC-Childhood Obesity](#) - A Systems Approach to Understanding Childhood Obesity

[Reg2PHTC-Change](#) Change Management: How Leadership can Support Staff during Crises

[Reg2PHTC-Collaboration](#) How To Assess Your Audience to Build Better Collaboration

[Reg2PHTC-Policy Process](#) Strategic Skills Training Series: Introduction to Policy Engagement

[Reg2PHTC-Systems](#) Problem Identification in the Policy Process and How Systems Thinking Fits In

[Reg2PHTC-Marketing](#) Reducing Obesity and Diet-Related Diseases by Limiting Predatory Marketing of Unhealthy Food

## Updated Data2Action Courses from Region 2 Public Health Training Center and the New York State Department of Health!

[Reg2PHTC-Data2Action1](#) Data-Based Decision-Making: Using Data to Intervene for Maternal and Child Health (Part One in a Series)

[Reg2PHTC-Data2Action2](#) Data-Based Decision-Making: Using Data to Intervene for Maternal and Child Health (Part Two in a Series)

# CLIMATE AND HEALTH COURSES

## Heat and Health in New York State

Enroll in LMS: [NYSDOH-Climate1](#)

“Heat and Health in New York State” is intended to educate social service providers and community leaders in preventing heat’s adverse health effects among vulnerable populations.

## WIC and Climate Change in New York State

Enroll in LMS: [NYSDOH-Climate2](#)

“WIC and Climate Change in New York State” describes the impacts of climate change and what it may mean for WIC programs. Both courses provide evidence of the climate changing, how people may be affected, and resources or mitigation strategies in response to the changing climate.

## Climate Change and Public Health 101 - Northeast Edition

Enroll in LMS: [BRACE-Climate101](#)

20 minute online course! This course focuses on the public health impacts from climate change that are of most concern to the Northeast and what local health departments can do to mitigate and prevent them.

## NYS Department of Health: Climate & Health Profile (Originally Aired March 30, 2016)

Enroll in LMS: [Reg2PHTC-Climate1](#)

Presenter: Asante Shipp Hilts  
The webinar will describe the changing NYS climate, climate-related health impacts, vulnerable populations, methods for assessing vulnerability, challenges and opportunities, existing NYS initiatives and collaborations, and implementation of the NYSDOH Climate and Health Strategic Map.

## **Six New Yorkers. Six weeks. Coping together.**

New Yorkers are coping with a lot. Coping Circles are **free** six-week support and resilience groups, held by video or phone, facilitated by licensed mental health professionals. Learn more and sign up at [ny.gov/copingcircles](https://ny.gov/copingcircles) for specialized circles including circles for Healthcare Workers and First Responders, Survivors of COVID-19 Infection, Job Loss due to COVID-19, or Loss of a Loved One to COVID-19.

## **Racism, Violence & Health Resources**

**Resources to Challenge Policing and Incarceration as Part of a COVID-19 Response**, Human Impact Partners, May 2020

**Key Public Health Resources for Anti-Racism Action: A Curated List**, National Collaborating Centre for Determinants of Health (Canada), 2018

**Racism and Health**, American Public Health Association

**Violence, Safety and Community Peace**, Racial Equity Tools

**Current Projects**, Center for the Study of Racism, Social Justice & Health

**Anti-Racism**, National Health Care for the Homeless Council

## **NEW 2020 Versions of the Continuing Ed Programs (CEPs) for**

- Public Health Educator (PHEd)
- Public Health Nurse 2 (PHN2)
- Supervising Public Health Nurse (SPHN)

- **Designed specifically for PHEds, PHN2s and SPHNs** working at NYS LHDs
- These CEPs replace outdated programs in need of update
- **Increase awareness/knowledge of emerging issues** important to PH practice
- **Align with professional and PH competencies** that staff may not have been exposed through their clinical education
- **If you were enrolled in an earlier version** of the PHEd2012, PHN22018 or SPHN2018 CEP?:
  - **You will automatically be enrolled in the 2020 version(s)** and all component courses by April 15<sup>th</sup>
  - 2020 CEPs share many component courses with earlier versions
  - **Previous course completion status is honored**, no need to retake courses.
- Participation in & completion of these **CEP is completely voluntary** at this time.
- **Access by logging into your [www.NYLearnsPH.com](https://www.nyllearnsph.com) LMS account and go to My Courses > Current Programs.**
- **Need to Enroll?: <https://www.nyllearnsph.com/Public/Catalog/program.aspx>**

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