Welcome to the December 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). 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. Check back each issue, some Live Webinars will be on www.NYLearnsPH.com On-Demand.

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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.

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 Investigation App.
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
NEW! Region 2 PHTC LogIn2Learn: Collecting, Creating and Sharing Ethical Stories
Sponsored by Region 2 Public Health Training Center
Tuesday, December 1, 2020 12-1pm
Registration: Step 1: Register for webinar here
Step 2: Please click the link below to join the webinar:
https://columbiacuimc.zoom.us/j/94373298933?pwd=aVcwZUE4RElheHlDVK53a2JGMkZCZz09
Passcode: 841835

NEW! Virtual Summit: Infection Prevention in Nursing Homes
Sponsored by Yale School of Nursing
Wednesday, December 2, 2020 11am-12:30pm
Register Here

NEW! COVID-19 Vaccination Implementation and 'Vaccinate with Confidence' Strategy
Sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
December 3 at 1:00 pm
Register now

NEW! Global Resilience Commission Webinar: Leadership, Communities, and Strategic Risk Solutions and Requirements in the Time of COVID
Sponsored by Global Resilience Commission
Thursday, December 3, 2020 11am-12pm
Register Here

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

An Anti-racist Imperative for Public Health Data: How can data integration platforms and strategies be designed to do no harm?
Sponsored by New England Public Health Training Center
Thursday, December 3, 2020 12-1pm
Register Here

Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders in the Era of COVID-19: With a Special Focus on the Impact of the Pandemic on Communities of Color: A Virtual Workshop
Sponsored by National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine
Thursday, December 3, 2020 1-2pm
Register Here
NYS Department of Health COVID-19 update for healthcare providers
Thursday, December 3, 2020 1-2pm
To accommodate the large number of participants, find our webinar streaming via YouTube Live (and available for viewing immediately thereafter) on the NYSDOH COVID website for providers: https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/weekly-healthcare-provider-update
Audio number and code: 844-512-2950 Access code 6286826#

NEW! COVID-19 Vaccination Implementation and 'Vaccinate with Confidence' Strategy
Sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
Thursday, December 3, 2020 1-2pm
Register Here

Vaccine Distribution: How Governments Can Prepare
Sponsored by Everbridge
Friday, December 4, 2020 1-2pm
Register Here

Best Practices for Facilities Management during Public Health Emergencies
Sponsored by (Mid-Atlantic Regional Public Health Training Center)
Monday, December 7, 2020
Register Here

#WeGovern: How do we go from imagining a world without violence to building it?
Sponsored by Prevent Connect
Tuesday, December 8, 2020 2-3pm
Register Here

Virtual Summit: Infection Prevention in Nursing Homes
Sponsored by Yale School of Nursing
Tuesday, December 8, 2020 8pm-9:30pm
Register Here

2020 National Opioid Leadership Summit
Sponsored by Public Health Institute
December 8-9, 2020
Register Here

Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders in the Era of COVID-19
Sponsored by National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine
Monday, December 14, 2020 1-3pm
Register Here

NEW! Social Determinants of Health Congressional Briefing
Sponsored by Aligning for Health and Trust for America’s Health
Tuesday, December 15th, 2020 12-1pm
RSVP Here
For more info contact: ddelgado@tfah.org or cadamec@aligningforhealth.org
Breastfeeding Grand Rounds 2020: Community Breastfeeding Support in the time of Public Health Emergencies
Sponsored by UAlbany School of Public Health
Tuesday, 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 Course: WWC-2020201014-C19

Views from the Big Cities: Boston and Baltimore
Sponsored by Big Cities Health Coalition
Recorded October 14, 2020
Enroll in LMS Course: 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 Course: PHI-20201014

COVID-19 and Mental Health in the Workplace: Solutions for Employers and Employees.
Sponsored by NIHCM
Recorded October 19, 2020
Enroll in LMS Course: 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

Views from the Big Cities: Houston and San Diego
Sponsored by Big Cities Health Coalition
Recorded November 4, 2020
Enroll in LMS Course: BCHC-20201104-C19
NEW! Relationship Education: A Trauma-Informed Approach for Youth
Sponsored by the Dibble Institute
Recorded November 11, 2020
Enroll in LMS Course: DI-20201111

NEW! Inside and Out: Extending Hospitals’ Healthy Food Environment Work into Communities
Sponsored by American Cancer Society and Public Health Law Center
Recorded November 17, 2020
Enroll in LMS Course: ACS-20201117

NEW! PopTalk: Healthcare’s New Diagnosis: Poverty (Z59.5) A Standard of Care to Treat the Social Determinants of Health
Sponsored by Population Health Alliance and Jefferson College of Population Health
Recorded November 18, 2020
Enroll in LMS Course: PHA-20201118

NEW! Meet the Partner in Overdose Prevention: Saving Lives with Health Care Leaders
Sponsored by Public Health Institute
Recorded November 18, 2020,
Enroll in LMS Course: PHI-20201118

NEW! A Roadmap to 21st Century Public Health Data Infrastructure
Sponsored by the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE), Association of Public Health Laboratories (APHL), Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society, Inc. (HIMSS) and National Association for Public Health Statistics and Information Systems (NAPHSIS)
Recorded November 19, 2020
Enroll in LMS Course: CSTE-20201119

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
NYS Department of Health COVID-19 Resources


- 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 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

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

CDC Vaccine Finder 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**

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

**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:**

**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)
# 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.
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](http://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

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**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 15th
  - 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](http://www.NYLearnsPH.com) LMS account and go to My Courses > Current Programs.
- **Need to Enroll?**: [https://www.nylearnsph.com/Public/Catalog/program.aspx](https://www.nylearnsph.com/Public/Catalog/program.aspx)

**Questions?** Email edlearn@health.ny.gov or call 518-473-4223 and speak with Tom Reizes or Abbey Greenbaum.