

e-Distance Learning



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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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STOP
the spread of the
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
the spread of the
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](#)

December 2020: *Note: **NEW!** Indicates an item is new to this edition of eDistance Learning News

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=aVcwZUE4REIheHIDVk53a2JGMkZCZz09>

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: ddegado@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

- **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 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 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](https://www.nyllearnsph.com) LMS account and go to My Courses > Current Programs.**
- **Need to Enroll?: <https://www.nyllearnsph.com/Public/Catalog/program.aspx>**

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