Welcome to the July 2021 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.NYLeansPH.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.NYLeansPH.com On-Demand.

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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.

Feeling stressed by the COVID-19 epidemic? You are not alone. Call the NYS Emotional Support Helpline 7 days a week, 8am-10pm at 1-844-863-9314.
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 tele-mentoring 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!

**Earn CE with two new courses from Project Firstline**

Looking to earn additional continuing education (CE)? Project Firstline is excited to announce the launch of two new CE courses on Infection Control, with additional courses scheduled for release throughout the summer.

Learn how to safely use a multi-dose vial with Project Firstline’s course, Injection Safety.

Learn the important role that eye protection, gowns, and gloves play in infection control in PPE Basics.

If you haven’t already, we also encourage you to check out our first CE course, Introduction to Infection Control and Virus Basics.

The courses are available through Training and Continuing Education Online (TCEO), and available CE includes CME, CNE, CPE.
Alarming disparities within the COVID-19 pandemic — such as higher hospitalizations and death rates among Black, Latino and Native communities — are sadly predictable and highlight the urgent need to address the root causes of health inequities. APHA hosted this webinar series to give an in-depth look at racism as a driving force of the social determinants of health and equity. This series explores efforts to address systems, policies and practices designed to limit and shape opportunities for people of color. Our presenters highlight collective and individual actions we can take to advance racial equity and justice.

Check out other APHA racism and health resources, including our popular book, *Racism: Science & Tools for the Public Health Professional*.

We encourage you to view webinars from the 2015 series *The Impact of Racism on the Health and Well-Being of the Nation* in advance of the 2020 webinar series.

Questions? Contact the [Public Health Policy Center](mailto:publichealthpolicycenter@apha.org).

**The Webinars**

- **Webinar # 1 | Racism: The Ultimate Underlying Condition**
- **Webinar #2 | A Path to Reproductive Justice: Research, Practice and Policies**
- **Webinar #3 | Reborn Not Reformed: Re-Imagining Policing for the Public’s Health**
  - Brought to you by APHA and the [Bloomberg American Health Initiative](https://www.bloombergamericanhealthinitiative.org)
- **Webinar #4 | Racial Healing for Ourselves, Our Communities and Our Future**
- **Webinar #5 | Housing is a Human Right**
- **Webinar #6 | Mobilizing Public Health to Achieve Environmental Justice**

**Other Racism, Violence & Health Resources:**

- [Resources to Challenge Policing and Incarceration as Part of a COVID-19 Response](https://www.humanimpactpartners.org/resources), Human Impact Partners, May 2020
- [Key Public Health Resources for Anti-Racism Action: A Curated List](https://www.apha.org/about-apha/key-public-health-resources-anti-racism-action), National Collaborating Centre for Determinants of Health (Canada), 2018
- [Racism and Health](https://www.racismhealth.org), American Public Health Association
- [Violence, Safety and Community Peace](https://www.racialequitytools.org) , Racial Equity Tools
- [Current Projects](https://www.centerforthestudyofrace.com), Center for the Study of Racism, Social Justice & Health
- [Anti-Racism](https://www.nationalhealthcareforthehomeless.org), National Health Care for the Homeless Council
COVID-19 Resources

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Remember, mental health resources are available for New Yorkers who need them. Even though it’s officially summer and New York continues to reopen and rebuild, we can't underestimate the mental and emotional strain of the pandemic. New Yorkers can visit http://headspace.com/ny for free mindfulness resources or call our support hotline at 1-844-863-9314.

The Vaccine Equity Taskforce Fireside Chat series: This website features multi-lingual resources. Scroll down for recordings of Fireside Chats: https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/covid-19-vaccine-equity-task-force.

We are excited to announce that the Opioid Surveillance Data Dashboard application on the NYSDOH website: https://www.health.ny.gov/opioiddashboard, has been updated with the most recent and complete data. Please direct questions and requests for additional information to opioidprevention@health.ny.gov.


FDA Updates of COVID-19 Vaccine Safety Activities — During the June 10th Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee (VRPBAC) meeting, CDC provided an update on vaccine safety, including early safety data of Pfizer-BioNTech vaccination among adolescents and myocarditis and pericarditis following mRNA COVID-19 vaccination. Key Points:

- As of May 31, VAERS had received 475 reports of myocarditis or pericarditis among people 30 years of age and younger who received a COVID-19 vaccine. Through follow-up, including medical record reviews, CDC and FDA have confirmed 226 reports meet CDC’s working case definition.
- More than 18 million people between ages 12-24 have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine in the United States.

You can watch VRPBAC online at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=70Xhn3K9SIQ. Slides from the meeting are posted online here. CDC has public content and clinical considerations on myocarditis and pericarditis following mRNA COVID-19 vaccination online.

**June 2021:** *Some items are marked with NEW!, generally indicating that the promotion is new to this edition of the eDistance Learning newsletter.*

**NEW! Preparing for the Next Pandemic: Strengthening the Public Health System**
Sponsored by Bipartisan Policy Center
Tuesday, June 29th, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Register Here
NEW! Roots of Health Disparities Webinar #2  
*Sponsored by Mid-Atlantic Regional Public Health Training Center*  
Tuesday, June 29, 2021, 10-11am  
[Register Here](#)

NEW! Retaining a Resilient Public Health Workforce #2: Succession Planning  
*Sponsored by Region V Public Health Training Center*  
Tuesday, June 29, 2021, 11am-12pm  
[Register Here](#)

NEW! How Public Health Contributes to an Age-Friendly Society  
*Sponsored by Grantmakers in Aging*  
Tuesday, June 29, 2021, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.  
[Register Here](#)

NEW! Protecting Tribal Environmental Health: Challenges and Opportunities for Risk Assessments  
*Sponsored by The Tribal Public and Environmental Health Think Tank, National Tribal Toxics Council, and APHA*  
Tuesday, June 29, 2021, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.  
[Register Here](#)

NEW! Strategies and Innovations for Preventing and Addressing Homelessness  
*Sponsored by Population Health Learning Collaborative and InsightFormation*  
Tuesday, June 29, 2021, 3-4pm  
[Register Here](#)

NEW! OSHA COVID-19 Emergency Temporary Standard webinar  
*Sponsored by Office of the Occupational and Safety Health Administration*  
Wednesday, June 30, 2021, 10-11am  
[Register Here](#)

NEW! The Newest Frontier of Health Equity  
*Sponsored by Healthcare Leadership Council*  
Wednesday, June 30, 2021, 2-3pm  
[Register Here](#)

NEW! Framing Health Equity: Communication Strategies that Work  
*Sponsored by Dialogue 4 Health*  
Wednesday, June 30, 2021, 2:30-4:00 pm  
[Register Here](#)

NEW! Models for Health Equity In Covid-19 Vaccine Distribution  
*Sponsored by New York Academy of Medicine*  
Wednesday, June 30th at 3:00 – 4:00pm  
[Register Here](#)

NEW! Indoor Air Quality and Ventilation in America’s K-12 Schools: Guidance and Strategies for Improved Results  
[Register Here](#)
July 2021:

**NEW!** COVID-19: Disaster Preparedness and Vulnerable Populations: Webinar Series
Sponsored by National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine
July 1st and July 15th
For More Information and to Register - Click Here

**NEW!** Asthma Care Coverage in 2021
Sponsored by American Lung Association
Thursday, July 8th, 2:00 p.m.
Register Here


**NEW!** A National Priority: Investing in Public School Infrastructure
Sponsored by Healthy Schools Campaign, in partnership with the Center for Green Schools
Friday, July 9, 2021 10:30-11:30am
Register Here

**NEW!** Safe Kids Worldwide Prevention Convention
July 12th - 16th
Register Here

**NEW!** How We Move Matters: Exploring the Connections Between New Transportation and Mobility Options and Environmental Health Virtual Workshop
Sponsored by National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine
July 13, 16, and 21, 2021
Register Here

**NEW!** Guidance on PFAS Testing and Health Outcomes Upcoming Public Meetings
Sponsored by National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine
July 13-15, 2021
Register Here

**NEW!** Advancing and connecting racial justice and sexual violence prevention during the COVID-19 pandemic
Sponsored by Prevent Connect
Wednesday, July 14, 2021, 2-3:30pm
Register Here

**NEW!** Authentic Community Engagement - Best Practices for Equitable Work
Sponsored by America Walks
Wednesday, July 14, 2021, 2-3pm
Register Here
NEW! Guidance on PFAS Testing and Health Outcomes
Upcoming Public Meetings
Sponsored by National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine
August 11-12, 2021
Register Here

NEW! Fall 2021 - Minority Health Council meeting
Sponsored by the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities Prevention
Friday, September 17, 2021 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Location: TBD
If you would like to be added to the Council’s meeting invitation list or have questions about the Council, please contact omhhdp@health.ny.gov or 518-474-2180.

NEW! Art & Science of Health Promotion Conference
Sponsored by International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans
September 27th - October 1st
Hilton Head, SC
Register Here

NEW! SOPHE 23rd Annual Advocacy Summit
Sponsored by Society for Public Health Education
October 13th - 14th
Abstract deadline extended to June 25th

Free, self-paced trainings from the Public Health Law Academy. Nine courses provide training on our legal system and how to use law as a tool for improving health. These online trainings are for public health professionals, public health lawyers, educators, and students. Start your training with the Public Health Law Academy: https://go.usa.gov/xHUkB

Newly OnDemand Recordings and Courses from January 2021 – NOW Available on the NYLearnsPH.com LMS

NEW! Region 2 PHTC Log-in2Learn - Making community colleges and public universities incubators of health equity for young adults
Sponsored by Region 2 PHTC
Recorded June 1, 2021
Enroll in LMS Course: Reg2PHTC-L2L202106

NEW! Truth, healing, and transformation: Addressing structural racism and building multiracial solidarity to prevent sexual and domestic violence
Sponsored by Prevent Connect and the Prevention Institute
Recorded June 2, 2021
Enroll in LMS Course: PC-20210602

CMS OMH Building COVID-19 Vaccine Confidence Webinar
Sponsored by CDC
Recorded May 13, 2021
CDC-20210513-C19
Log-in2Learn - State changes to alcohol availability during COVID-19: What can state/local public health departments do to protect communities’ health?
Sponsored by Region 2 Public Health Training Center
Recorded May 4, 2021
Enroll in LMS Course: Reg2PHTC-L2L202105

Implementing Performance Management Systems in Local Health Departments
Sponsored by New York State Association of County Health Officials (NYSACHO)
Recorded April 29, 2021
Enroll in LMS Course: NYSACHO-20210429

Region 2 PHTC- Log In 2 Learn: Breaking Through Public Health Bureaucracy: tools and tips to successfully navigate internal administration and processes
Sponsored by Region 2 Public Health Training Center
Recorded April 6, 2021
Enroll in LMS Course: Reg2PHTC-L2L202104

Creating a Learning Agenda for Systems Change: A Toolkit for Building an Adaptive Public Health Workforce
Sponsored by Region 4 Public Health Training Center
Enroll in LMS Course: Reg4PHTC-202102

Sponsored by Region 2 Public Health Training Center
Recorded March 2, 2021
Enroll in LMS Course: Reg2PHTC-L2L202103

Region 2 PHTC- LogIn2Learn: Strategic Storytelling: Using Data to Tell a Story and Telling Stories with Data
Sponsored by Region 2 Public Health Training Center
Recorded February 2, 2021
Enroll in LMS Course: Reg2PHTC-L2L202102

Region 2 PHTC- LogIn2Learn: Policy Making and Systems Thinking: Tools to help the public health workforce address challenging times
Sponsored by Region 2 Public Health Training Center
Recorded January 12, 2021 12-1pm
Enroll in LMS Course: Reg2PHTC-L2L202101
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.

Strategic Skills Training Series (SSTS):
Reg2PHTC-Systems Thinking - SSTS: Introduction to Systems Thinking
Reg2PHTC-Persuasive Communication - SSTS: Introduction to Persuasive Communication
Reg2PHTC-Change Management - SSTS: Introduction to Change Management
Reg2PHTC-Childhood Obesity - A Systems Approach to Understanding Childhood Obesity
Reg2PHTC-Change Leadership - Change Management: How Leadership can Support Staff during Crises
Reg2PHTC-Collaboration - How To Assess Your Audience to Build Better Collaboration
Reg2PHTC-Policy Process - SSTS: Introduction to Policy Engagement
Reg2PHTC-Problem Identification - Problem Identification in the Policy Process and How Systems Thinking Fits In

New! Reg2PHTC-Policy Analysis - Policy Analysis 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
New! Reg2PHTC-Marketing2 - Reducing Promotion and Consumption of Ultra-Processed Food
New! Reg2PHTC-Community Engagement - Community Engagement: The People’s Approach to Improving Health and Social Outcomes
New! Reg2PHTC-Succession Planning - Succession Planning for Public Health Agencies

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](#) | 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](#) | 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-Clima101](#) | 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-Clima1](#) | Presenter: Asante Shipp Hils  

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. |

### Climate Change and Zoonoses Overview

| Enroll in LMS: [UASPH-CPH2016](#) | This presentation provides an introduction and overview of climate change and zoonotic diseases, the potential impact of climate change on human and non-human animal health, vulnerable populations, and activities to address the risk including the One Health approach, mitigation, and adaption. Risks are summarized world-wide. |

### National Weather Service: Hazard Simplification Partner Webinar

| Enroll in LMS: [NWS-20200723](#) | National Weather Service: Hazard Simplification Partner Webinar  

Sponsored by National Weather Service  

Originally Aired Thursday, July 23, 2020 |

### Public Health Live! Climate Smart Communities: Connections With Public Health

| Enroll in LMS: [UASPH_PHL20190516](#) | Speakers: Dazzle Ekblad, Climate Policy Analyst, Office of Climate Change, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Neil Muscatello, M. S., Research Scientist and Principal Investigator Climate Ready Cities and States Initiative/Building Resilience Against Climate Effects, New York State Department of Health |

### Climate Change and Health Equity: Tribal Challenges and Actions

| Enroll in LMS: [TPEH-20201215](#) | The Tribal Public and Environmental Health Think Tank, in partnership with APHA and with support from CDC’s National Center for Environmental Health/Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, invites you to join a conversation on climate and health in tribal communities. |
2020 (Current) Versions of Mandated 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 Local Health Departments (LHDs).

Why have new 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.

Enroll today by logging into your www.NYLearnsPH.com LMS account and go to My Courses > Current Programs. Enroll Here

Mandated CEPs: Voluntary during COVID-19 Response:

These CEP are required to be completed within the first year of hire for people in civil service titles: PHEd, PHN2 and SPHN. During COVID-19 response, participation and completion of these CEP became voluntary. As New York State returns to work these CEPs will return to their previous mandated status per the NYS Sanitary Code. These CEPs are intended to ensure baseline knowledge for staff working in the civil service titles. These CEPs are not meant to be punitive. If you have any concerns about these course please contact us (see below).

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