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## New & Noteworthy

### ASPR TRACIE News

#### **ASPR TRACIE: 2022 Year in Review**

[This 2022 Year in Review document](#) summarizes ASPR TRACIE's work during calendar year 2022 and includes links to all resources developed during that time.

#### **Opioids: Frequently Asked Questions (Updated)**

[The updated Opioids: Frequently Asked Questions document](#) was developed to provide answers to some of the most frequently asked opioid-related questions that affect our audience. It includes updated statistics and information, explains how the pandemic affected the opioid crisis, highlights the availability and use of Nalaxone, and answers questions about healthcare provider exposure and protection.

**Deadline Extended: Survey to Improve the Hospital Incident Command Systems (HICS)** The American Hospital Association shared a short survey from the California Emergency Medical Services Authority National Advisory Committee for hospitals and systems to share best practices and suggestions regarding HICS. The deadline for hospitals and health systems to complete the [Hospital Incident Command Survey](#) has been extended to February 28, 2023.

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### Enhanced Barrier Precautions for LTCFs

New CDC resources are now available to assist nursing homes with the implementation of [Enhanced Barrier Precautions](#). As a reminder, this is a new CDC infection prevention and control recommendation to protect residents from the threat of multidrug-resistant organisms (MDROs). Resources include the continuing education (CE) webinar recording and slides from November 15, 2022, a fillable or printable pre-implementation planning tool, a fillable or printable observations tool, an observations tool summary spreadsheet, and a template letter you can modify for nursing home leadership.

### **November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Continuing Education Webinar: Implementation and Use of Enhanced Barrier Precautions in Nursing Homes**

- [Webpage](#)
- [Video](#)
- [Slides](#)

### **[Pre-Implementation Tool - Enhanced Barrier Precautions](#)**

### **[Observations Tool - Enhanced Barrier Precautions Implementation](#)**

### **[Observations Tool Summary Spreadsheet](#)**

### **[Enhanced Barrier Precautions Letter to Nursing Home Leadership](#)**

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## **Infection Prevention and Control Resources Now Available**

A new report from the [Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality \(AHRQ\)](#) aims to help educate EMS clinicians about the latest evidence on infectious pathogen exposure among the EMS workforce. These evidence-based recommendations address the prevention, recognition and control of infectious diseases and other related exposures for EMS clinicians.

Key findings in this new resource, [“Infection Prevention and Control for the Emergency Medical Services and 911 Workforce,”](#) include:

- EMS clinicians are at higher risk for exposure to infectious diseases compared to other frontline workers.
- Regular hand hygiene decreases the spread of methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA).
- Standard precautions, such as gloves, decrease the chance of needlestick exposures.

### **[Read Report](#)**

This report was released by the Evidence-based Practice Centers (EPCs) at the AHRQ. This project is supported by NHTSA’s Office of EMS, which strives to reduce death and disability by providing leadership and

coordination to the EMS community in assessing, planning, developing, and promoting comprehensive, evidence-based emergency medical services and 911 systems.

EMS agencies are encouraged to inform their community about the new report by sharing on social media. Customizable social posts can be [found here](#).

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## JEMS Academy

The Journal of Emergency Medical Services, JEMS, hosts annual training events where subject matter experts from all over the country come to teach the next generation of EMS professionals. [The JEMS Academy](#) is now bringing you that training online in an easy-to-follow format specifically designed for online learning.

[JEMS Insights](#) is a series of short videos (micro-learning courses) filmed at the conference. Giving you access to experts explaining best practices from real-world examples.

Fan favorites include:

- ECMO for Cardiac arrest Patients
- Ocular Emergencies with Facial Trauma
- Red Flags to Look for in Patient Assessment

[Click here to learn more!](#)

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## Data & Situational Awareness

### EMResource API Q & A Webinar Recording

MHREF is working with Juvare to implement the Application Programming Interface (API) for EMResource. The API will utilize JSON or XML to pull information directly from a facility's EHR to populate data fields in EMResource including the required daily COVID Data. While this will not completely eliminate the need for manual data entry into EMResource the intent of this project is to ease the data reporting burden for facilities.

Click [here](#) to view the webinar recording. Passcode: AOA9^RP2. Please email [hppcoordinators@mtha.org](mailto:hppcoordinators@mtha.org) if you have any questions regarding the API.

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## Upcoming Events

Meetings

## Health Care Coalition Executive Committee Meetings

Central Region - February 16 at 0900

Eastern Region - February 23 from 1000 - 1200 via [Zoom](#)

Western Region - February 28 at 0830 in Missoula and via [Zoom](#)

Southern Region - TBD

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## Webinars

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### CISA Intro to Security and Protection of Dams and Levees Webinar

February 8, 1100 - 1300

[Register](#)

### Alert and Warning Communications Technical Assistance Workshop

Pre-Work Webinar: February 14, 1300 - 1430

Workshop: February 21 and 22, 0900 - 1400 each day

Participants should include those with a role in communicating emergency protective action to the public:

Emergency Managers, Public Information Offices, Social Media Communicators, etc.

[View Flyer](#)

[Register](#)

### Emergency Preparedness Planning Webinar Series

Third Wednesday of the month, beginning February 15, 1600 - 1700

Webinars presented by Health Services Advisory Group (HSAG)

[View Flyer](#)

[Register](#)

### CISA Securing Public Gatherings Webinar

February 23, 1000 - 1200

[Register](#)

### First Responder Resilience TeleECHO Program

Every other Monday, 14:00 - 15:00 MDT

[Register](#)

### EOC Virtual Classes hosted by EMI

View the full Course Catalog [here](#)

### [Montana Health Network Course Catalog](#)

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## In-Person Trainings

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### **G141 Instructional Presentation and Evaluation Skills**

February 15 - 16, 0830 - 1630 each day

Virtual or at Fort Harrison

Hosted by MT DES

[Register](#)

### **ICS 300**

February 28 - March 2

Great Falls EXPO Building

Contact [Glenna Violette](#) for details and to register

### **Tribal Nations Training Week**

March 11 - 18

Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP) at Anniston, AL

CDP training is completely funded for state, local, and tribal emergency responders to include travel, meals and lodging.

[Register through CDP](#)

### **Pediatric Disaster Response and Emergency Preparedness**

May 11 - 12, 0800 - 1700 each day

Logan Health Medical Center, Kalispell

[Register](#)

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Save the Dates

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### **ICS 449 Train-the-Trainer for FEMA ICS Courses**

March 27 - 31, 2023

Fort Harrison, instructed by TEEX

Email [Betsy Ross](#) for more information.

### **ICS 400**

April 12 - 13

Great Falls EXPO Building

Contact [Glenna Violette](#) for details and registration

### **L0212 Hazard Mitigation Assistance: Developing Quality Applications**

May 1 - 5, 2023

Helena, MT

More Information Forthcoming

## Emergency Management Forum

May 9 - 11

Great Northern Best Western, Helena

## Public Health Summer Institute

July 17 - 21

Missoula, MT

Email [phsdsi@mt.gov](mailto:phsdsi@mt.gov) with questions

## | Engagement & Other News

### CISA Cyber Update

Click [here](#) to view the most recent CISA Cyber Update.

### Cybersecurity Training Online Course Catalog

CISA released a [Cybersecurity Training Online Course Catalog](#) that includes no-cost cybersecurity online trainings. The catalog is organized into two sections highlighting introductory cybersecurity courses, and intermediate level courses compiled from the Federal Virtual Training Environment (FedVTE), DHS HQ Interim Training Site (HITS), CISA Virtual Learning Portal, and Microsoft.

### Questions?

We are committed to supporting you and answering questions as quickly as possible. Please send any questions or comments to [hppcoordinators@mtha.org](mailto:hppcoordinators@mtha.org).

Visit the [Montana Regional Health Care Coalitions](#) website for additional information and resources.



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