



January 30, 2026

## Weekly Situational Awareness Brief

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### Awareness Topics

#### **New World Screwworm Outbreak**

"CDC is closely following this outbreak and is working with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and other federal and state, local, and tribal partners to prevent further spread of NWS among people and animals."

#### **Substance Use Screening in Pediatric Emergency Departments for Youth in Behavioral Crisis**

"Substance use (SU) remains a public health issue among US youths."

#### **Enzyme-blocking treatment reverses chronic pain in preclinical study**

"Chronic pain affects more than 50 million Americans, yet for decades, treatment options for pain that persists in the absence of inflammation have been limited. Seventy-five percent of these patients, disproportionately women, experience pain that is inadequately managed by current therapeutics."

#### **Device supply gaps put pediatric patients at risk: FDA**

"The FDA is warning that rising medical device shortages pose an outsized risk to pediatric patients."

### Nipah Virus in India

“US health officials are 'monitoring' the deadly Nipah virus outbreak in India that has put nearly 200 people under surveillance and triggered COVID-era travel restrictions over fears of a fresh pandemic.”

### Geriatric Syndromes and Mortality Among Hospitalized Older Adults

“The global aging population is reshaping health care needs, placing considerable demands on systems worldwide.”

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## Upcoming MESH Educational Offerings

### Emergency Preparedness & Resilience Coach

**It doesn't take a hurricane to disrupt a life.** When resources are already limited, even small disruptions can have big consequences. This course helps you understand where real needs begin—with everyday vulnerabilities—and how to meet them through simple, powerful steps. **This isn't just disaster training. It's people training—practical, human-centered, & real.**

**Five cohorts offered between February & June 2026** | 4-week program | One 3-hour session per week | Virtual via Zoom | Free, Grant Funded

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### Q1 MESH Grand Rounds | Water Woes: A Hospital's Response to the Immediate Loss of Water

**This presentation will:**

- Provide participants with an approach to regional water distribution that impacts multiple healthcare and healthcare support locations across a coalition.
- Discuss key considerations for facilities to mitigate water disruptions and impacts to key systems within the campus.
- Share lessons learned on overcoming local challenges within healthcare during a water outage.

**February 17, 2026** | 1-2pm EST | Virtual Via Zoom | Free & Open to the Public

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### Talk Saves Lives TM: An Introduction to Suicide Prevention

Because starting the conversation can save a life.

**March 11, 2026** | 10-11am EST | Free

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## Upcoming MESH Conference Presentations

## **International Association of Police Chaplains - Region 4 Conference**

Dr. Jim Floyd is presenting "The Chaplain's Toolkit for Grief Group Leadership."

**March 9-11, 2026**

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## **Events**

### **[Click Here for Current and Upcoming Events List](#)**

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