



May 8, 2026

Weekly Situational Awareness Brief

Awareness Topics

State of the Air

“For 27 years, the American Lung Association has analyzed data from official air quality monitors to compile the "State of the Air" report. The more you learn about the air you breathe, the more you can protect your health and take steps to make the air cleaner and healthier.”

Infamous disaster scenario can rapidly unfold, study finds

“Scientists have been closely watching the Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation (AMOC) for years. In April, two studies noted the critical current is in danger of weakening or even collapsing due to climate change, which could impact the climate and weather for hundreds of millions of people.”

The 2026 National Pediatric Readiness Project Nationwide Assessment

“The 2026 National Pediatric Readiness Project Nationwide Assessment - which closes in less than four weeks, on May 31 — gives your ED customized feedback that can help you ensure you’re prepared next time a pediatric case comes through your

doors. The nationwide assessment is free, takes 30–45 minutes, and only occurs once every five years.”

Intimate partner homicide has clear warning signs and is often preventable, research shows

“Two-thirds of mass shootings in the United States are linked to domestic violence, and 40% of the victims in domestic violence-related mass shootings are children.”

Safe Minimum Nurse Staffing Requirements for Hospitals

“Evidence From Pennsylvania”

Documentation Discipline: Preparedness Before the Storm

“Disaster response operations focus on logistics, personnel deployment, and infrastructure restoration. However, one consistent challenge during recovery operations persists: effective documentation. In many disaster environments, the lack of structured documentation practices before an incident occurs can significantly delay recovery operations. It can also affect reimbursement for partner agencies and contractors.”

Caregiving stresses families as aging population grow

“Family caregivers are not a supplement to the health care system — they are load-bearing infrastructure,” said Jason Resendez, president and CEO of the National Alliance for Caregiving. “A confluence of forces are pushing the number of family caregivers to historic levels.”

Are attention spans really shrinking? What the science says

“The idea of an average attention span carries intuitive appeal. But the way it’s discussed can tangle distinct concepts. Researchers distinguish between people’s capacity to pay attention, that is, their underlying ability to concentrate on a particular task, and their real-world behaviour, or what people actually focus on from moment to moment.”

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.**

Limited seats open in the June 2026 Cohort | 4-week program | One 3-hour session per week | Virtual via Zoom | Free, Grant Funded

Talk Saves Lives TM: An Introduction to Suicide Prevention

Because starting the conversation can save a life.

May 13, 2026 | 3-4pm EST | Virtual via Zoom | Free

Naloxone Administration Opioid Overdose Death Prevention Training

You can learn how to save a life in just one hour!

May 14, 2026 | 11 am or 1 pm EST | In-Person at MESH Coalition | Free

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Upcoming MESH Conference Presentations

IHEPS 2026

Dr. James M. Floyd, Jr. | Keynote Session | Setting Down What Isn't Yours: An Overview of Vicarious Trauma

September 3, 2026 | Renaissance Indianapolis North Hotel

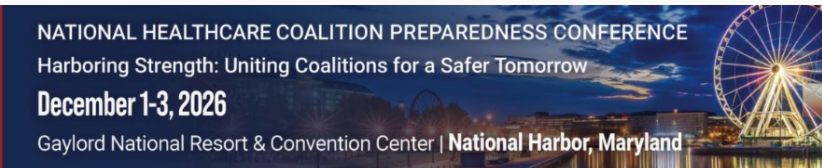
NHCPC 2026

Dr. James M. Floyd, Jr. | Psychological PPE

December 1-3, 2026 | Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center



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