



May 22, 2026

Weekly Situational Awareness Brief



Awareness Topics

Ebola Disease Outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Uganda

“The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is issuing this Health Alert Network (HAN) Health Advisory to alert clinicians, public health practitioners, and travelers about a new outbreak of Ebola disease in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and Uganda caused by the Bundibugyo virus (species *Orthoebolavirus bundibugyoense*).”

Epidemic of Ebola Disease caused by Bundibugyo virus in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Uganda determined a public health emergency of international concern

“Unlike for Ebola-zaire strains, there are currently no approved Bundibugyo virus-specific therapeutics or vaccines. As such, this event is considered extraordinary.”

Andes Virus Outbreak on a Cruise Ship: Current Situation

“CDC is responding to a deadly outbreak of Andes virus, a type of hantavirus, among passengers and crews of a cruise ship in the Atlantic Ocean. To date, no cases of Andes virus have been confirmed in the United States as a result of this outbreak. The risk of a pandemic caused by this outbreak and the overall risk to the American public and travelers is extremely low. This outbreak evolving rapidly and the situation will continue to change.”

A century of suicide: Insights from long-term data in the United States

“High and rising suicide rates are a defining feature of the current US mental health crisis.”

Behavioral health ED visits projected to rise by 1 million

“Behavioral health emergency department visits are projected to increase by 1 million over the next decade, with adult visits expected to grow 12% and pediatric visits projected to rise 7% — outpacing physical health ED growth, according to an Sg2 report shared with Becker’s.”

2026 Heat Safety Week - May 18-22, 2026

“Most people are familiar with the Heat Index, which measures how hot it actually feels outside, though the values that are considered dangerous can vary by person and region.”

Cychlorphine ONDCP Drug Threat Notice

“Cychlorphine (N-Propionitrile Chlorphine) has been identified in the illicit drug supply in states covering all four U.S. Census regions, with the greatest prevalence in Ohio, Texas, and Tennessee.”

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.**

Only 5 seats available in the June 2026 Cohort | 4-week program | One 3-hour session per week | Virtual via Zoom | Free, Grant Funded

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2026 MESH Grand Rounds Series Q3 Surge: Managing Multi-Patient Incidents with Chief Christopher Chiara

This presentation will:

- Identify the challenges of multi-patient incidents and introduce best practices to address those challenges.
- Highlight the importance of a common operating perspective in incidents that require inter-agency coordination.
- Demonstrate training initiatives that lead to success in low-frequency, high-acuity.

August 18, 2026 | 1-2 PM EST | Live, via Zoom | No Charge

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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

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NHCPC 2026

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

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



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