



May 1, 2026

Weekly Situational Awareness Brief

Awareness Topics

Kids' Mental Health Is as Important as Physical Health, the AAP Says—What Parents Should Know

"In time for May's Mental Health Awareness Month, the Academy of American Pediatrics (AAP) released a clinical report about the mental and emotional developmental challenges facing kids these days, along with some specific recommendations for pediatricians to support kids and their families."

CDC Data Show Weekly ER Visits for Tick Bites Higher than Usual

"Visits to emergency rooms for tick bites are higher than normal in many parts of the country right now, according to CDC's Tick Bite Tracker. In all regions except the South Central United States, weekly rates of ER visits for tick bites are the highest for this time of year since 2017."

Medtronic Hack Confirmed After ShinyHunters Threatens Data Leak

“Medical technology titan Medtronic has confirmed that its systems have been hacked after the notorious ShinyHunters group claimed to have stolen millions of records.”

Risks of Using TRUE METRIX Blood Glucose Monitoring Systems by Trividia Health: FDA Safety Communication

“The FDA recommends all TRUE METRIX users transition to an alternative method of testing their blood glucose (blood sugar), when possible. Users should continue testing their blood glucose and should not stop using their TRUE METRIX meter until they have an alternative method available for testing.”

America’s newest addiction? Sports betting is rewiring patients' brains

“US researchers writing in JAMA Internal Medicine emphasize the need for public health efforts to understand and address the potential harms associated with this rapid uptick in sports betting.”

‘Things are moving too fast’: Health systems intensify IT vendor scrutiny

“With the proliferation of AI and other technology vendors, health systems are applying a fresh level of scrutiny to IT solutions to ensure they’re actually solving the intended problems — and that their organizations can’t do the same thing themselves, executives told Becker’s.”

Airborne desert dust may warm climate far more than expected, new analysis shows

“New UCLA research shows that the heat-trapping effect of airborne desert dust in the atmosphere is about twice as big as previously believed.”

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

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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

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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



NATIONAL HEALTHCARE COALITION PREPAREDNESS CONFERENCE

Harboring Strength: Uniting Coalitions for a Safer Tomorrow

December 1-3, 2026

Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center | National Harbor, Maryland



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