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Weekly Situational Awareness Brief

Awareness Topics

Surveillance for *Candida auris* — United States, 2022–2024

Candida auris is an emerging, frequently drug-resistant yeast that can cause invasive infections with high mortality rates. It can colonize patients asymptomatically and persist on surfaces, facilitating rapid spread in health care settings, especially in acute care hospitals (ACHs), long-term acute care hospitals (LTACHs), and skilled nursing facilities (SNFs) equipped with a ventilator. Symptoms of *C. auris* infection are nonspecific and depend on the affected body site and infection severity, ranging from superficial skin infections to invasive forms such as bloodstream infections (i.e., candidemia). Because most *C. auris* isolates are resistant to the azole antifungal drug fluconazole, a common treatment for candidal infections, echinocandin antifungals are first-line treatments. However, echinocandin-resistant and multidrug-resistant strains (resistant to azoles, echinocandins, and polyenes) have been detected in the United States; although echinocandin resistance remains uncommon, these strains can limit available treatment options.”

Mitigating Swatting Events in the Healthcare Sector

“Swatting involves a person making a false report to emergency services or 911 in order to elicit a response to dispatch a team of police or specialized units such as a SWAT team. Swatting can impose a problem of diverting necessary resources to actual emergencies or to intimidate health professionals. Additionally, disruption of

hospital operations causes distress for everyone involved. It is important for hospitals to recognize the possibilities of a swatting call and develop safety protocols to address this risk and maintain the safety and security of all involved.”

Psychological safety, workplace incivility, and institutional betrayal: Organizational factors shaping mental health in first responders

“First responders operate in high-stakes environments where organizational culture may influence mental health outcomes.”

States looking for revenue to protect public health programs

“With states expected to pay millions or billions more apiece each year to keep programs such as SNAP and Medicaid operating, officials are seeking ways to raise dollars.”

The ‘tech neck’ time bomb: why 43 million young Americans could cripple U.S. health care within a generation

“In approximately 20 years this nation will face a medical crisis so widespread and so debilitating, that it has the potential to harm America’s health care economy. It will likely affect the vast majority of nearly 43 million Americans who demographers currently call Gen Alpha (10 to 12 years old) and Gen Z (12 to 18 years old).”

Be Ready: Healthcare Provider Tips for Families of Children and Youth with Disabilities & Medical Needs

“Health care providers play a vital role in preparing families of children with disabilities in their community. These resources are designed to position your community to “Be Ready” for disaster. Using these materials as part of on-boarding all health care providers during orientation, continuing education, workshops, exercises and emergency management planning groups can assure that families of children with disabilities are disaster ready.”

5 graphs that show how heatwaves are getting more dangerous

“Worldwide, heat is the deadliest type of weather, killing more than half a million people each year. The number will increase, since even if we reached net zero tomorrow, the carbon dioxide we have already emitted will keep raising temperatures.”

Tick Talk: Protecting Workers From Tickborne Diseases

“Summer is in full swing, and so is tick season. Ticks become more active as the weather heats up, and this year, a high number of tick bites already have been reported. The CDC Tick Bite Tracker shows visits to the emergency room for tick bites are at a 10-year high in some parts of the United States.”

Upcoming MESH Educational Offerings

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.

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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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