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Weekly Situational Awareness Brief

Awareness Topics

CDC raises Ebola response to highest level: 6 updates

“The CDC has raised its Ebola response to its highest response level, signaling that the Ebola response is going to be a top priority for the agency.”

2026 Heat Safety Awareness Toolkit

“An action guide for communities, organizations, and advocates”

Duty to Reduce Uncontrollable Stress in Healthcare Workers. Help Is on the Way

“Objectives: To advise policy makers, law and administrative practitioners of the new science of physical injury to the brain of healthcare workers (HCWs) due to uncontrollable but not controllable occupational stress. Leaders have the potential and the means to affect the controllability of occupational stress on HCWs. Many resources and guides to do so are in the public domain. Without leadership interventions, the occupational stress remains uncontrollable. OSHA requires employers to provide a workplace free from recognized hazards likely to cause death or serious physical harm. New medical/neurologic findings now raise moral and legal duties for employers to protect healthcare workers from such hazards as uncontrollable occupational stress.”

Intervention and Strategies to Prevent Workplace Violence From Patients and Visitors Against Nurses: An Integrative Review

“Workplace violence (WPV) is a significant global occupational problem that challenges healthcare professionals. Annually, about 61.9% of health workers are exposed to WPV worldwide (Liu et al. [2019](#)). Nurses are more likely to experience WPV than other staff working in other careers (Escribano et al. [2019](#)) due to their direct contact with patients and their families. In the United States (U.S.), WPV incidents against nurses were around three times higher than in all other professions in 2018 (Dressner and Kissinger [2018](#)), which underscores the urgent need for workplace safety interventions in healthcare settings.”

Improving preparedness for mass casualty incidents in hospitals: insights from a large-scale simulation exercise with geotracking and validated questionnaires

“Mass casualty incidents (MCIs) rapidly exceed routine hospital capacity. Full-scale exercises are essential for preparedness, but systematic, multidimensional evaluations remain scarce. This study aimed to evaluate overall team performance in triage accuracy, workflow, and individual workload throughout a MCI exercise.”

How Wildfire Smoke Affects Your Body

“Wildfire smoke can reach far away from where fires burn. Wildfire smoke can make anyone sick, but some people have a higher risk of getting sick. Be ready to protect yourself against smoke and ash before, during, and after a wildfire.”

Surveillance of Cyclosporiasis

“Cyclosporiasis is caused by several species of the microscopic parasite Cyclospora. Cyclosporiasis is a nationally notifiable disease. CDC has received reports of 145 cases of cyclosporiasis acquired in the United States of people who became sick from May 1, 2026, through June 16, 2026. There is currently no evidence of a single, multistate Cyclospora outbreak linking all cases. Rather, this is a surveillance count of

cases across the United States. Investigations to identify potential clusters and potential sources of illness are ongoing.”

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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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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December 1-3, 2026

Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center | National Harbor, Maryland



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