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Weekly Situational Awareness Brief

Awareness Topics

Carrying Firearms and Suicide Risk Among Adolescents

"Firearms are the most lethal method of suicide across all ages, with case fatality rates exceeding 90%, warranting urgent public health concern. Understanding how carrying of firearms by adolescents and suicide risk vary by race and ethnicity and by stringency of state firearm laws may inform prevention strategies."

Hostile Event Preparedness for First Responder Agencies

"First responders have long managed traditional emergencies, including structure fires, motor vehicle crashes, medical incidents, and natural disasters. Today, they must also respond to behavioral health crises, civil unrest, and targeted acts of violence that present increasingly complex operational challenges."

U.S. Disease Tracker Launches to Strengthen Monitoring of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases

"The U.S. Disease Tracker ([external link](#)), created and run by the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO), Johns Hopkins University ([external link](#)), and the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists ([external link](#)), in partnership with state and territorial public health agencies, will initially monitor cases of measles,

invasive meningococcal disease, and pertussis (also known as whooping cough), and later expand to include other vaccine-preventable diseases.”

Children's Mental Health Toolbox

“Resources to Cultivate Thriving Mental Health for Children and Families (appropriate for, but not limited to Ages 4-12). Our Mental Health Toolbox contains various materials to help children navigate their social-emotional landscapes, develop thriving mental health, and cultivate resilience, compassion and joy.”

Gunra ransomware targets hospitals: CISA, FBI issue new warning

“The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, FBI and international partners have issued a joint advisory warning healthcare organizations about Gunra, a ransomware-as-a-service group actively targeting the sector.”

Current National Blood Supply

“Centers with a blood supply of 3 or more days have enough blood to meet normal operating demands. Those with only a 2-day supply are running low and need blood donations. Centers with a day or less of blood are critically low on blood and need donations as soon as possible. "N/A" indicates centers that haven't yet reported a blood supply level.”

Upcoming MESH Educational Offerings

Q3 2026 MESH Grand Rounds Series 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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Talk Saves Lives TM: An Introduction to Suicide Prevention

Talk Saves Lives TM: An Introduction to Suicide Prevention is a one-hour, evidence-based education program created by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. In this powerful and informative session, you'll gain a deeper understanding of suicide as a public health issue, and more importantly, how to prevent it. This course empowers you with life-saving knowledge, tools, and resources. Whether you're a caregiver, teacher, student, faith leader, co-worker, or concerned friend or family member, this training will help you feel more confident and prepared to support those who may be struggling.

September 16, 2026 | 1-2 PM EST | Live, via Zoom | No Charge

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Q4 2026 MESH Grand Rounds Series
Disaster Preparedness for Healthcare Organizations
with Diane Logsdon

This presentation will:

- Assess current threats at the conference site.
- Discuss the fundamental preparedness frameworks for healthcare organizations, including the process of assessing threats to healthcare infrastructure.
- Describe the preparedness process and activities for response and recovery to incidents affecting the community and healthcare organizations.
- Demonstrate efficiencies in disaster preparedness using a medical surge “checklist” as a model for evaluation.

October 20, 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

Registration is now open for NHCP26!
Click here to register and lock in the lowest rate.



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