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Weekly Situational Awareness Brief

Awareness Topics

At least 1,500 missing after deadly Nepal-Tibet floods

"More than 1,500 people have now been confirmed missing after deadly flash floods hit the Nepal-Tibet border early Wednesday, sweeping away roads, bridges and entire villages. At least 270 people have died in Nepal. In China, authorities say two people have been rescued and the death toll stands at three. The U.S. Geological Survey says a glacial collapse triggered the floods, after initially reporting the event as a 4.4 magnitude earthquake."

21 health systems warn of MyChart 'Medicare Kit' scam

"A phishing scam impersonating MyChart is targeting patients at health systems across the country, with fraudulent emails and texts dangling a "MyChart Medicare Kit" or "Senior Health Package" to trick recipients into clicking malicious links or handing over personal information."

HHS Seeks Public Input on Federal Vaccine Recommendation Categories and Shared Clinical Decision-Making

"The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) today announced a Request for Information (RFI) seeking public input on the categories used in federal vaccine recommendations and the role of shared clinical decision-making."

Factors influencing vicarious trauma among Generation Z nursing interns in ICU practice: a cross-sectional study

"The ICU is a high-stress environment characterized by frequent exposure to patient suffering and traumatic events, making vicarious trauma a significant occupational hazard for nurses. Generation Z nursing interns face unique challenges during ICU rotations due to insufficient skills and limited resilience. However, their current status regarding vicarious trauma and the factors influencing it still remain underexplored. This study aims to investigate the levels of vicarious trauma and its key influencing factors within this cohort."

Climate Change

"From the unique vantage point in space, NASA collects critical long-term observations of our changing planet."

Disaster preparedness capacity development: A scenario-based system for social vulnerability reduction

"While capacity development in the field of disaster risk management should be evidence-based, institutional capacity building is rarely rooted in a thorough vulnerability analysis. This study highlights gaps in all-hazards disaster preparedness approaches and examines how disaster preparedness planning can systematically draw upon social vulnerability triage. We propose a novel system for identifying and prioritising vulnerable groups in various hazard scenarios and for translating their needs into institutional capacity-development plans in five domains of disaster management: (1) governance, (2) infrastructure and critical services, (3) risk management, (4) communication, and (5) engagement. To enhance preparedness, scenario-based social vulnerability assessments must be integrated into disaster management capacity development."

Upcoming MESH Educational Offerings

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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Strong Hearts, Protected Minds

Caring for Others While Sustaining Yourself

Whether you are a caregiver, educator, volunteer, public health professional, healthcare professional, first responder, or community health worker, the emotional demands of caring for others can take a toll. Just as personal protective equipment (PPE) shields us from physical hazards, we also need practical strategies to protect our psychological well-being. *Strong Hearts, Protected Minds* is an engaging and practical training designed to assist helping professionals recognize stress early, build resilience, and develop sustainable habits that support both personal well-being and high-quality care for others.

5 course dates between Fall 2026 and Spring 2027 | Live, Via Zoom | No Charge

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Emergency Preparedness and Resilience Coach

Preparedness Reimagined

It doesn't take a hurricane to disrupt a life. For some people, a power outage, lost medication, or flat tire can be a disaster. 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. You'll learn how to use the framework of mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery to guide people through disruptions of any scale—not just the big emergencies. **This isn't just disaster training. It's people training—practical, human-centered, and real.**

5 cohorts available in Spring 2027 | 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

NHCPC 2026

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

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

Registration is now open for NHCPC26!
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