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Weekly Situational Awareness Brief

Awareness Topics

AJPH Supplement Releases New Findings on the First Nationwide Community Health Worker Program

“Community health workers promote community health and address inequities, guiding the nation toward a healthier future. Findings from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) Community Health Workers (CHWs) for COVID Response and Resilient Communities (CCR) Initiative have been released in a new American Journal of Public Health supplement.”

FDA Approves Fall COVID-19 Vaccines

“The FDA has approved the 2026-2027 iterations of the Pfizer/BioNTech, Moderna, and Novavax/Sanofi COVID-19 vaccines.”

Flock cameras are fueling surveillance anxiety—and complicating psychiatric care

“The psychological consequences are intuitive: Uncertainty about who is watching—and when—can produce hypervigilance, avoidance, sleep disruption, loss of control, and mistrust.”

Food recalls are everywhere: Here's how to keep patients from fearing all produce

"Patients may arrive convinced that a whole category of food is now unsafe. The clinician's job is to replace that anxiety with a more useful framework."

Dangerous Humid Heat Rising Due to Climate Change

"On average globally, climate change contributed three dangerous humid heat days per year during the 1970s; that has ballooned to 18 days per year during the past decade."

Notes from the Field: Characteristics and Monitoring of the 2026 Outbreak of Ebola Disease Caused by Bundibugyo Virus — Democratic Republic of the Congo, August 2026

"Substantial improvements in established outbreak control measures are crucial to rapidly detect and diagnose cases and isolate and provide treatment for infected persons, prevent funeral-associated transmission to prevent additional spread, and control this rapidly expanding outbreak."

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

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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