A Case Study: The Arts and Public Health Unite to Re-open During COVID-19 Pandemic

The arts community was and continues to be severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. This case study recaps and analyzes available data and a unique partnership between a non-profit festival company, public health authorities, stakeholders, occupational health and safety professionals, university faculty and students, and government officials.

SPEAKER(S):
Jennifer Tyson, MPH – Faculty and Public Health Consultant, Appalachian State University and Public Health Consultant to Glimmerglass Festival, Boone, North Carolina
HC Blesdoe, n/a – Graduate Student, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, Gillings School of Global Public Health, Carrboro, North Carolina
Kamryn King, Bachelor of Science – Clinical Studies Coordinator; Graduate Student, Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist; University of North Carolina Gillings School of Public Health MPH Candidate, Winston Salem, North Carolina

Addressing Health Equity during COVID-19 Response & Recovery

This session introduces the fundamentals of health equity to build competency and capacity within the public health workforce during COVID-19 disaster response and recovery. Participants will engage in activities to identify health disparities in their community, develop their health equity lens, and identify strategies to address health equity.

SPEAKER(S):
Sarah D. Matthews, MPH, MS, PhD – Consultant/Owner, Health Communications Consultants Inc., Winter Garden, Florida
Sandra Ruzycki, M.A. – Senior Administrative Consultant, Health Communications Consultants, Inc., Florida
From zero to 72 million-how we made it happen!

This session will discuss what was accomplished via a public/private partnership with state staff and a private warehouse to first allocate scarce PPE from the SNS, and a limited state stockpile, then receive, conduct quality assurance evaluations, and inventory $100 million plus of supplies, while completing mass statewide distributions.

SPEAKER(S):
Kay L. Mittelstadt-Lock, BS – State Medical Countermeasure and Strategic National Stockpile Coordinator, WI Department of Health Services, Madison, Wisconsin
Zoe Gibbons, BA – RSS Inventory Specialist, WI Department of Health Services, Madison, Wisconsin
David Clerkin, BA MLIS – Medical Countermeasures Inventory Database Coordinator, WI Department of Health Services, Madison, Wisconsin

MODERATOR:
Caitlin Washburn, BS, JD – Administrative Rules Coordinator, Department of Corrections, Wisconsin

Government Services Preparedness for Establishing Public Communication and Engagement Channels

Establishing bidirectional public communication and engagement within 24 hours of an emergency improves the visibility of the government response, effectiveness of a communication strategy, and facilitates integration of health, healthcare, and emergency management communication and data systems.

SPEAKER(S):
Amber B. Cox, MPH, PHD – Director- Public Health Epidemiology, Maximus Public Health, Port Deposit, Maryland
Nomana Khan, MBBS, MPH – Senior Director, Maximus, Atlanta, Georgia

MODERATOR:
Corinna Dan, MPH – Executive DIrector, Maximus Public Health
Partnering with community leaders to promote factual COVID-19 information

Join the Minneapolis Health Department’s Public Information and Outreach team for a discussion on the COVID-19 vaccination resources they developed in multiple languages for diverse cultural communities in the city. They will also talk about partnering with cultural communities to promote vaccine safety and acceptance among priority populations.

**SPEAKER(S):**
Leda Schuster, n/a – Communications Specialist, City of Minneapolis Health Department
Stephanie Graves, MA, BSN, RN – Coordinator, Maternal and Child Health, City of Minneapolis Health Department
Leslie Foreman, n/a – Environmental Health Community Liaison, City of Minneapolis Health Department

Safely Through the Storm: The Regional Pediatric Pandemic Network Builds Preparation and Resiliency

Members of the RPPN will share the national scope and structure of the network, and opportunities for preparedness summit participants to actively partner with the network locally and regionally. Communities that engage with RPPN gain access to resources for regional coordinated pediatric disaster capability and enhanced whole community readiness.

**SPEAKER(S):**
Mark X. Cicero, MD, FAAP – Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Emergency Medicine, Director, Pediatric Disaster Preparedness, Yale University School of Medicine, Connecticut
Joelle Simpson, MD – Division Chief, Emergency Medicine and Medical Director, Emergency Preparedness, Children's National Medical Center, Washington, District of Columbia
Marie Lozon, MD – Professor Pediatric Emergency Medicine, Chief of Staff, Michigan Medicine, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan
Patricia A. Frost, RN, PHN, MS, PNP – Vice Chair, National Pediatric Disaster Coalition, Danville, California
A Local Approach to Supporting Long-Term Care Facilities During the COVID-19 Pandemic Response

Supporting Long-Term Care (LTC) facilities is a top priority for ensuring the safety and welfare of one of our most vulnerable populations. Learn how the County of San Diego engaged and assisted the LTC facilities throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Steps taken today will help save lives tomorrow.

SPEAKER(S):
Jennifer Wheeler, MSW – Health Planning and Program Specialist, County of San Diego, Public Health Preparedness & Response
Grace Kang, BSN, MPH – Public Health Nurse Supervisor, County of San Diego Epidemiology & Immunization Services Branch
Raymond Chinn, MD – Medical Consultant, County of San Diego

Academia on the Frontlines: Lessons Learned & Recommendations for Enhancing Preparedness Post COVID

This session presents lessons learned from a higher education institution's COVID response efforts and proposes a framework for enhancing disaster preparedness capacity and build resilience for future pandemics as well as climate driven natural disasters.

SPEAKER(S):
Mona Arora, PhD, MSPH – Assistant Research Professor, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona

Building Resilience through Trauma-Informed Community-Facing Public Health Practice

In this session, public health professionals will learn about the individual, community, and systemic impacts of trauma, the fundamentals of the neurobiology of trauma, and how to deliver and implement trauma-informed care within their current role and within the context of community-facing public health service delivery.

SPEAKER(S):
Timothy N. Frie, MS, CNWE, CTSS – Independent Consultant & Researcher, Ruskin, Florida
Sasha M. de beausset Aparicio, B.A., M.Sc. – Independent Consultant & Researcher, Grosse Ile, Michigan
Capturing Lessons Learned from Pharmacy Partners in the COVID-19 Response in Oregon

This presentation examines the role of pharmacy partners—including Medicaid pharmacy teams, community, retail, and long-term care pharmacies—in Oregon during the COVID-19 pandemic response. It captures lessons learned and provides a potential framework for future coordination and collaboration between Oregon Health Authority and pharmacy partners.

SPEAKER(S):
Kinsley Ballas, n/a – Preparedness and Capacity Building VISTA, Oregon Health Authority - Health Security and Preparedness, Portland, Oregon

Capturing The Gains from the COVID-19 Experience to Build Organizational Resilience

Disasters serve as a catalyst for change, assessing the past is a critical component of future planning. Recognizing that traditional review processes would not be successful, our project builds upon an approach to conduct interviews, focus groups, and assessments, gathering lessons from the pandemic experience for long-term strategic planning.

SPEAKER(S):
Tina T. Wright, n/a – Director of Emergency Management, Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers, Boston, Massachusetts
Antonia McGuire, RN, MPH – Senior Consultant, John Snow, Inc., Rhode Island

Collaboration in Action: University Pandemic Response in Amherst Massachusetts

This session will describe our University public health practice model during COVID-19. This response builds upon our 15 year collaboration between local Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) and College of Nursing. This response provided valuable student practicum experiences while serving the needs of the University and surrounding community.

SPEAKER(S):
Sheila Pennell, PhD RN CHPN – Clinical Assistant Professor, UMass Amherst, Amherst, Massachusetts
Ann Becker, DNP RN – Clinical Associate Professor, University of Massachusetts Amherst
Community Partnerships for COVID-19 vaccine equity in the hardest hit communities across Los Angeles

Colleagues from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health will share their experience implementing a community partnership model to improve equitable distribution of COVID-19 vaccine in some of the hardest hit communities across LA County. They will highlight key achievements, challenges, and lessons from these partnerships for the future.

SPEAKER(S):
Jennifer Lee, PhD, MPH – Health Program Analyst III, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Los Angeles, California
Pamela Saelieb, MS – Medical Countermeasure Planning Specialist, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Los Angeles, California

COVID-19 and the Vector-Borne Disease Prevention Workforce

In winter 2020-2021, the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO), launched a survey to members of the National Association of Vector-borne Disease Control Officials (NAVCO), regarding how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected their vectorborne disease programs. This presentation discusses those findings.

SPEAKER(S):
Courtney Youngbar, MPH – Senior Analyst, Environmental Health, ASTHO, Arlington, Virginia

COVID-19 Learnings: Equity, the Butterfly Effect, & Crisis Response in King County

COVID-19 has catalyzed a reckoning around the need for the disaster life cycle to be founded in equity. Panelists will reflect on lessons learned in King County over the past twenty months on how both public health and local jurisdictions can reimagine their crisis response approaches into an equitable response.

SPEAKER(S):
Ellany Kayce, BS – Interim Executive Director, Nakani Native Program
Roi-Martin Brown, n/a – Governing Board Member, HealthierHere, Washington
Joon-Ho Yu, MPH, PhD – Research Assistant Professor, University of Washington School of Medicine, Seattle, Washington

MODERATOR:
Mariel T. Mehidpour, MPH – Deputy Equity Officer, Public Health - Seattle & King County, Seattle, Washington

COVID19 Vaccination among Veterans experiencing Homelessness and Veterans with Severe Mental Illness

This presentation will report findings from three studies conducted by the VA's Veterans Emergency Management Evaluation Center (VEMEC) that examine the factors that influence COVID-19 vaccination among three population groups: 1) general Veteran population, 2) Veterans with serious mental illness, and 3) Veterans experiencing homelessness

SPEAKER(S):  
Michelle D. Balut, MPH – Research Project Manager, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, North Hills, California  
Taona Haderlein, PhD – Investigator, Veterans Emergency Management Evaluation Center, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, North Hills, California  
MODERATOR:  
Claudia Der-Martirosian, PhD – Core Investigator, Veterans Emergency Management Evaluation Center, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, North Hills, California

COVID-19 vaccine uptake attitudes and behavior among homeless Veteran populations

This session examines research on COVID-19 vaccine receptivity of homeless Veterans enrolled in the VA Grant & Per Diem and homeless primary care programs. Most Veterans received the vaccine, while a substantial minority refused. Health care providers and peer-to-peer outreach are suggested as the most effective avenues for improving uptake.

SPEAKER(S):  
June L. Gin, PhD – Research Health Scientist, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, North Hills, California  
Michelle D. Balut, MPH – Research Project Manager, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, North Hills, California  
Aram Dobalian, PhD, JD, MPH – Founding Director, Veterans Emergency Management Evaluation Center, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, North Hills, California
Creating Evidence-Based COVID-19 Vaccine Health Campaigns for LGBTQ Pennsylvanians

Sharing accurate, timely information and healthcare services to the LGBTQ community has remained a high priority during the COVID-19 pandemic. In this presentation, Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center models an intersectional approach to address different issues of barriers to care and vaccine hesitancy.

SPEAKER(S):
Reilly Callahan, BS, MA – Health Outreach Coordinator, Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center, Allentown, Pennsylvania
Kimberly Levitt, BS, MPH, DHS – Health Programs and Supportive Services Manager, Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center, Allentown, Pennsylvania
Christina J. Graham, BA, MPH – Data & Evaluation Manager, Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center, Allentown, Pennsylvania
Adrian Shanker, BA – Executive Director, Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center, Allentown, Pennsylvania

Data Preparedness for COVID-19 and the Next Pandemic

APHL works with public health agencies across the country to ensure laboratories and testing partners can quickly share data to respond to emerging infectious diseases. APHL supports multiple initiatives that promote fast and secure electronic laboratory data sharing, and technologies that ensure partners have access to critical information.

SPEAKER(S):
Laura Carlton, n/a – Manager, Informatics, Non-profit, Silver Spring, Maryland
Emma Sudduth, n/a – Senior Consultant, Informatics, Non-profit
Matthew McCarroll, n/a – Chief of Laboratory Operations, Local government

MODERATOR:
Samuel Abrams, MPH, PMP – Sr. Specialist, Informatics, Non-profit, Silver Spring, Maryland
Designing Resilient Cooperative Procurement for Medical Supplies: Continuity of Supply Initiative

The Continuity of Supply Initiative (CoSI) comprises procurement specialists with federal, state, and local experience who are working with industry representatives, public officials, and subject matter experts to develop a model framework of resilient contracts for goods and services that must be available at all times.

SPEAKER(S):
Nathan Myers, Ph.D., MPA – Professor/Academic Advisor, Indiana State University/Continuity of Supply Initiative, Brazil, Indiana
Stephen Gordon, Ph.D. – Coordinator, Steering Committee, Continuity of Supply Initiative

Digital Tools for Health Situational Awareness

BARDA has a new funding program, “Digital Health Tools for Pandemic Preparedness,” to develop digital medical countermeasures that can be broadly available within the first days of a major health security event. This poster will highlight program successes and provide information on funding opportunities for researchers with relevant technologies.

SPEAKER(S):
Katrina Caravelli, MS – Technical Project Manager, Booz Allen Hamilton, Supporting HHS/ASPR/BARDA/DRIVE, Washington, District of Columbia
Dev Mittar, n/a – Program Manager, HHS/ASPR/BARDA/DRIVE

Distribution of Pulse Oximeters to Support Patient Management During the COVID-19 Health Emergency

NYC DOHMH developed a distribution program for pulse oximeters to providers to monitor disease progression aiding in the clinical management of patients at high-risk of progressing to severe disease. A post-distribution survey showed that the use of pulse oximeters had a positive impact on patient management, potentially reducing negative outcomes.

SPEAKER(S):
Mary Foote, Board Certified in Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases – Senior Medical Coordinator for CD Preparedness, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, New York City, New York
Elizabeth Navarro
Engaging Community Partners to Enhance Vaccine Uptake in School Aged Children

This session will review school based collaboration and opportunities for partnership enhanced during the COVID-19 response.

SPEAKER(S):
Jennifer L. Krawic, Bachelor of Arts, Sociology – Administrator, Oklahoma City-County Health Department, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Expanding the Impact of a CERT Program: partnering with union nurses and worker training programs

This presentation describes partnerships which have expanded the impact of the Watts CERT Program in Los Angeles. The presentation will provide guidance for other organizations interested in exploring partnerships with labor unions, worker training programs and other nontraditional community organizations.

SPEAKER(S):
Shamika Ossey, RN BSN PHN – Co-Program Manager, Watts CERT Program, Los Angeles, California
Sharon Sylvers-Sidney, RN, BSN, PHN, MPA – Co-Program Manager, Watts CERT Program, Los Angeles, California
Katherine Hughes, RN – Executive Director, SEIU Nurse Alliance of California, Chico, California

MODERATOR:
Mark D. Catlin, N/A, BS BA – Industrial Hygienist, MDC Consulting and Training, Columbia, Maryland
Facilitating recovery: A three-pronged approach to stepping down the COVID response

Through a 3-pronged approach to planning, San Francisco’s DPH maintained readiness to respond to surges in cases while at the same time ensuring a smoother transition to an endemic response. This session will outline the process used.

SPEAKER(S):
Doug Walsh, EMT-P – PHEP Manager, San Francisco Department of Public Health, San Francisco, California
Tiffany Rivera, BSN, CEN, TCRN – Deputy Director, Emergency Preparedness and Response Branch, San Francisco Department of Public Health, San Francisco, California

MODERATOR:
Charles Fann, n/a – Department of Public Health COVID Taskforce Co-Lead, San Francisco Health Network, San Francisco, California

From response too recovery, an MRC’s approach to supporting HCC partners during COVID19

During COVID-19 response, RCFEs were under prepared for the number COVID patients encountered. Learn how an MRC unit evolved their response mission to one of recovery, focusing on the mental health of the staff. In this train-the trainer-session, receive the education and resources needed to develop a program.

SPEAKER(S):
Lisa Vajgrt-Smith, BSN, MPH – Emergency Preparedness Consultant, tbd, Richmond, California
Monica Joy, MA – Administration and Logistics Officer, Contra Costa Medical Reserve Corps, California
Arley Fong, LPCC,LFT – MRC Volunteer, Contra Costa Medical Reserve Corps, California
Functional Assessment Service Team: Meeting Access and Functional Needs at Vaccine PODs and Beyond

Overview of the development of a Functional Assessment Service Team to conduct functional assessments and provide support to individuals with disabilities and others with access and functional needs at COVID-19 vaccine points of dispensing, community shelters, and centers. Approach taken, lessons learned and case examples will be discussed.

SPEAKER(S):
Debra Young, M.Ed., OTR/L, SCEM, ATP, CAPS, FAOTA – Disability & Preparedness Specialist, ASTHO/Wanderly/ Delaware DHSS, Division of Public Health, Office of Preparedness, Smyrna, Delaware

Getting to the Root of Health Inequities by Integrating Multiple Sources of Data During Disasters

This presentation will provide strategies to address the long-standing systemic issues that have created inequities disproportionately seen in racial minorities using additional environmental and census data to fill in gaps and inform decision-making.

SPEAKER(S):
Rachel C. White, MPH – Disaster Epidemiologist, Harris County Public Health/Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response, Houston, Texas
Alison Hare, MIA – Interim Chief/Community Resilience Officer, Harris County Public Health, Houston, Texas
Jennifer N. Kiger, MPH – Director, Covid-19 Division, Harris County Public Health, Houston, Texas

Home Health Agency Emergency Management During Covid-19

Medicare-certified Home Health Agencies (HHAs) provide skilled, interdisciplinary care to patients at high risk of harm due to disasters, and thus play a critical role in community readiness. Ensuring the safety of home health patients requires HHAs be included in emergency planning coalitions as essential providers on par with hospitals.

SPEAKER(S):
Tamar Wyte-Lake, DPT, MPH – Associate Director of Clinical Research, Veterans Emergency Management Evaluation Center, North Hills, California
Emily Franzosa, DrPH, MA – 1) Research Health Science Specialist 2) Assistant Professor, 1) Geriatric Research, Education and Clinical Center, James J. Peters VA Medical Center 2)
Hotwashing a Pandemic

Hotwashes are standard after responses but nothing has been standard about COVID-19 response. Collecting lessons learned presents challenges due to response scale and importance of capturing health equity perspectives and innovative practices. This session focuses on hotwash work, preliminary themes, changing directions, technology, templates.

SPEAKER(S):
Mickey Scullard, MPH MEP – Planning Director, Minnesota Department of Health, St. Paul, Minnesota
Deb Radi, MBA – PHEP Manager, Minnesota Department of Health, St. Paul, Minnesota

Improving Risk Communication through Rapid Implementation of a Call Center in Response to COVID-19

Tri-County Health Department rapidly activated a COVID-19 Call Center in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic. This presentation will provide an overview of utilizing a call center to increase community engagement, ensuring responder health and safety through a virtual call center, best practices, strategic deactivation planning, and lessons learned.

SPEAKER(S):
Matthew Newman, MPH – Emergency Preparedness and Response Planner, Tri-County Health Department, Greenwood Village, Colorado
Sara Garrington, MA, MSW – Emergency Preparedness and Response Manager, Tri-County Health Department, Greenwood Village, Colorado

Is This Legal? Enhancing Public Health Legal Literacy in a Post-COVID World

Public health departments are inundated with complex regulatory requirements and often confusing legal guidance. This session will provide a review of some of the legal issues that came up frequently during the pandemic (quarantine law, vaccine mandates, HIPAA, etc.) and discuss the need for greater public health legal literacy.

SPEAKER(S):
Novel Partnerships to Respond to COVID-19

Novel Partnerships to Respond to COVID-19 Public-Private Partnerships are essential to a successful public health response. COVID-19 has emphasized the value of public health public and private partnerships. This session will outline successful partnerships before and during the COVID-19 pandemic and discuss ideas towards future partnerships.

SPEAKER(S):
Carrie Anglewicz, MS – Biosafety Officer, State Training Coordinator, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Bureau of Laboratories
Dana White, BS/BA – Outreach Services Director, Mississippi Public Health Laboratory
Carol Glaser, PhD – Chief, Encephalitis and Special Investigations Section, Division of Communicable Disease Control, California Department of Health

MODERATOR:
Víctor R. De Jesús, PhD – Chief, Quality and Safety Systems Branch, Division of Laboratory Systems, CDC

Planning and Exercising Protocols for Disruptions in Access to Opioid Prescriptions

This session will illustrate lessons learned from state preparedness exercises and highlight the benefits of planning for disruptions in access to opioid prescriptions. A representative from a state that has participated in an exercise and subsequently experienced an opioid provider closure will co-present with ASTHO to describe best practices.

SPEAKER(S):
Ashley Plaster, MPH – Senior Analyst, Social and Behavioral Health Integration, The Association of State and Territorial Health Officials, Arlington, Virginia

MODERATOR:
Thomas W. Richey, MPH, BSN – Social and Behavioral Health Analyst, ASTHO
Policy in a Panic: How to cut through the politics and focus on public health

Educating policy makers on public health preparedness is more critical than ever, but with a politically divided landscape, what really resonates? Whether your elected officials are red, blue or purple, find out what key messages we should all be pushing right now, and how to navigate the current political climate.

SPEAKER(S):
Ian Goldstein, MA – Government Affairs Senior Specialist, NACCHO
Phil Maytubby, BS; Registered Public Health Specialist/Environmental Specialist – Chief Operating Officer, Oklahoma City-County Health Departmen, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Rachel Santamaria-Schwartz, n/a – Director of Policy and Strategic Initiatives, DOHMH, Long Island City, New York

Prioritizing Disaggregated Race/Ethnicity Metrics in NYC DOHMH COVID-19 Molecular Testing Data

Breaking down the Latino/x demographics in COVID-19 molecular testing by country of origin and highlighting the need for expanding the race/ethnicity categories in the data collection and data analysis phases to support more tailored and community-resonant preparedness and response.

SPEAKER(S):
Laura Gomez, BA, MS (candidate) – Problem Resolution Specialist, NYC DOHMH
Ryan Duerme, MPH – Director of Racial Equity and Social Justice Initiative, Division of Disease Control, NYC Health Dep, CDC/COTPER: NYC Health Department, Queens, New York


Development of COVID testing clinics across New York City aiming to offer rapid molecular testing (within 24hrs) to New Yorkers, modeled on a clinic-based system that provides rapid testing for chlamydia and gonorrhea, which could be used as a model to rapidly expand testing capacity during a public health response.

SPEAKER(S):

The NYC Department of Health created a public facing COVID-19 call center to meet the needs of New Yorkers during the Covid Pandemic. We describe the development of the Call Line, its evolution over time, its role in advancing health equity and lessons learned for future public health emergencies.

SPEAKER(S):
Mary Foote, Board Certified in Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases – Senior Medical Coordinator for CD Preparedness, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, New York City, New York
Katherine Austin, MD, MPH – Manager Coronavirus Call Line, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, New York City, New York

Secrets to Successful PHEPR Collaborations Among Academic Public Health and Public Health Practice

The development of evidence-based PHEPR practice necessitates collaboration between academic public health and public health agencies. This session will present and discuss successful examples of academic public health and public health practice collaborations to promote evidence-based PHEPR, and identify common elements of success.

SPEAKER(S):
Resham Patel, MPH – Organizational Preparedness & Evaluation Manager, Public Health - Seattle & King County, Seattle, Washington
Jamie Vickery, PhD – Research Scientist, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington

MODERATOR:
Nicole A. Errett, PhD, MSPH – Assistant Professor, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington

Shifting together from response to resiliency building: Communities using COPEWELL

This demonstration will provide communities with a new resource in furthering community resilience efforts. It includes a description of COPEWELL resilience tools and concrete use cases to make meaningful change and improve preparedness for future threats.

SPEAKER(S):
Special Healthcare Needs in Hurricane Evacuation

Hurricane Evacuation Studies inform deliberate planning and operational response for hurricanes. In light of the impact of COVID-19 on response operations, there is opportunity to examine gaps in the current Hurricane Evacuation Study process and deliverables, and identify opportunities to improve planning for special healthcare needs populations.

SPEAKER(S):
Rebecca A. Downey, MPS – Consultant, Hagerty Consulting, Washington, District of Columbia

Supporting Recovery: Connecting Regional Stakeholders to Resources for Recovery from Disasters

This poster will include visual prompts that clearly explain how the HSS-RSF can successfully support the recovery of STTLs impacted by disasters.

SPEAKER(S):
Roberto C. Garza, DrPH, MPA, MA – Branch Chief, Recovery Missions Branch, HHS/OS/ASPR/EMMO/DCMR, Washington, District of Columbia

Tools to Manage Staffing Rapidly and Efficiently during a Public Health Emergency

Presenter will discuss about the processes for mobilizing, deploying and demobilizing Public Health emergency personnel to manage staffing efficiently during a public health emergency; share lessons learned and best practices of utilizing a management
system for Public Health emergency personnel during COVID-19 Vaccine Administration response.

SPEAKER(S):
Sukhi Lee, MPH – Emergency Staffing Coordinator, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Los Angeles, California
Jee Kim, EdD, MPH – MCM Dispensing and Emergency Staffing Manager, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Los Angeles, California

Uses of EHR Data during the COVID-19 Pandemic and for Public Health Surveillance

MITRE, in collaboration with the Mayo Clinic, stood up the COVID-19 Healthcare Coalition to support the private sector's response to the pandemic. The Coalition was composed of >1,000 organizations, whose work, started in March 2020, has continued, especially as it relates to real-world data studies from electronic health records (EHRs).

SPEAKER(S):
Rakhee P. Palekar, MD, MPH – Chief Scientist for Public Health and Epidemiology, MITRE, VIENNA, Virginia
Ryan Luginbuhl, MD – Principal, MITRE, mclean, Virginia

Variations in all-cause mortality among racial groups at the VA during COVID-19

We examined all-cause mortality within the VA system to determine an excess of deaths among Blacks, Whites, and Hispanics between March 2020 - February 2021. Understanding variations of all-cause mortality among racial groups allow to better navigate challenges to health equity and to further eliminate health disparities.

SPEAKER(S):
Lilia Lukowsky, PhD – Health Research Scientist, US Department of Veterans Affairs, North Hills, California

Hawai‘i Public Health Institute (HIPHI) COVID-19 Food Systems and Resiliency in Hawai‘i

Hawai‘i Public Health Institute (HIPHI) began in 1996 with the mission to create a Tobacco-Free Hawaii, since then it has initiated various other programs that focus on
local community wellness and public health. Including the preparedness strategies that has evolved during the emergence of COVID-19 to the community.

SPEAKER(S):
Susan Mercado, Doctor of Medicine/Masters in Public Health – Director, Food Systems and Resiliency, Hawai'i Public Health Institute