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This Week's Highlights

COVID-19 has taught us difficult lessons about our nation's preparedness and resilience. Now, a new question looms large: how will we handle the next pandemic? The National Homeland Security Consortium has released a [robust after-action report](#), featuring over 90 recommendations for improving our pandemic readiness.

"We've made good contact with the ball, but we still need to round the bases." Yesterday, ASTHO hosted a desk-side briefing with state health officials on the ongoing push to get Americans vaccinated. [Listen to the recording](#) and read coverage from the call in [The New York Times](#), [Chicago Sun-Times](#), [The Atlanta Journal-Constitution](#), [Best Life](#), and [AP](#).

ASTHO assigned 14 disability and preparedness specialists to state health agencies around the country to spearhead accessibility initiatives and support vaccination site inclusivity. In our [latest brief](#), three of these specialists recount their experiences and share best practices to maximize accessibility.

Vaccine passports are a divisive issue, but the reality is that many businesses will require patrons to show proof of COVID-19 vaccination. On this [bonus episode](#) of *Public Health Review*, a global affairs expert discusses how organizations can create sophisticated vaccine credentials that protect your personal information.

As COVID-19 vaccination guidance for adolescents continues to evolve, it's critical that families have the latest information available. On June 23, join Nicole Alexander-Scott (SHO-RI) and Karen Remley (alumni - VA) for a webinar on developing messaging to keep parents in the know on unfolding updates. [Register here](#).

ASTHO is continuing to seek out opportunities to close health equity gaps around HIV care. Join us on July 12 for a webinar on a new HIV support system model that targets the needs of marginalized communities. [Learn more and register here](#).