

June 2021 Preparedness Brief Digest

NACCHO Updates and Feature Articles

[There's Something for Everyone at NACCHO 360!](#)

This year, we are bringing together the best minds in the field to update you on emerging issues, share ideas and strategies, and adopt best practices. From June 29–July 1, make virtual connections with colleagues from all over the world in our engaging networking sessions. These opportunities to connect will be available every day, multiple times a day. NACCHO 360 will offer over 100 live and on-demand workshops, three captivating plenary sessions, the interactive poster gallery, and inspiring town halls. All our informative sharing sessions are designed to help you address real-world public health challenges in your community.

[NACCHO Seeks Member Feedback on 'Informing the Evolution' of the Public Health Emergency Preparedness \(PHEP\) Program](#)

NACCHO is recruiting members to provide feedback on the public health emergency preparedness (PHEP) program. Specifically, NACCHO is seeking to engage local and tribal preparedness coordinators that are directly involved with the PHEP program at their local agencies. Deadline to express interest: July 9.

[Opportunity for LHDs to Partner with Barbers and Salons on "Shots at the Shop" National COVID Initiative](#)

A part of the Biden Administration's National Month of Action, the "Shots at the Shop" initiative provides \$1,000 to enrolled and trained barber shops and beauty salons in communities all across the nation to support local vaccine education and outreach efforts. A partnership of the Black Coalition Against COVID, the University of Maryland Center for Health Equity, and SheaMoisture, NACCHO has established a webpage with project information, including how shops can contact their LHD to coordinate efforts, and, wherever feasible, support shops in serving as temporary vaccination sites.

[New Report: Public Health Authority: Dangerous for Public Health](#)

NACCHO and the Network for Public Health Law have released a new report, *Proposed Limits on Public Health Authority: Dangerous for Public Health*, to raise awareness about laws that would severely the legal authority of public health agencies to protect the public from serious illness, injury, and death. Specifically, this report finds that dissatisfaction and anger at perceived overreaches by governors and public health officials in response to the COVID-19 pandemic has led to an onslaught of legislative proposals to eliminate or limit the emergency powers and public health authority used by these officials. The report provides a brief history of public health authority and an overview of the forces seeking to limit public health authority. It offers examples of specific laws that would limit public health authority, and key arguments to counter proposed legislation.

[Meeting COVID-19 Vaccination Needs](#)

For several months now, Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) units across the country have been supporting COVID-19 vaccination clinics of all sizes. From mobile clinics to large-scale drive-thru sites, volunteers have filled a variety of roles. We are highlighting two units supporting large-scale clinics in their communities.

[Podcast from Washington: NY SACHO and the Local Health Department Response to COVID-19](#)

In a recent Podcast from Washington, the New York State Association of County Health Officials (SACHO) discusses their partnership with the Region 2 Public Health Training Center on their report In-Progress Review of LHDs' response efforts to COVID-19, lessons learned from the pandemic, and a series of recommended actions for departments, county governments, and New York State.

Additional Resources

- [Tell Us Your COVID-19 Story](#)
- [NPR Survey for County Health Officials: Share Your COVID-19 Efforts & Experiences](#)

Preparedness News, Tools and Resources

Call for Registration Forms and Other Data Collection Tools

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Radiation Studies Section is looking to sample registration and other data collection forms that may be used at Community Reception Centers or other locations such as Shelters, Mass evacuation sites, Vaccination sites, Point of Dispensing sites, Testing or screening sites, and Assembly centers. Please send form examples to SIMPLER@cdc.gov. If you would like to submit multiple forms, please do so. For electronic data collection tools, please send a pdf or a viewable link to the questionnaire.

[Introduction to the National Health Security Strategy and National Biodefense Strategy](#)

The 21st century health security environment is diverse, complex, and ever changing. The American public faces a variety of emerging infectious disease and biological threats that could be natural, accidental, or deliberate in origin. To address these threats, the National Health Security Strategy (NHSS) and National Biodefense Strategy (NBS) aim to advance the U.S. health security enterprise through prevention, preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation efforts to combat infectious disease and biological threats. This article is the first in a series of articles aimed to provide education regarding key national health security concerns such as new and evolving 21st century health threats, federal government mitigation strategies used to support state, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) authorities, and future health security priorities.

[Rural COVID-19 Vaccine Resource Library](#)

In an effort to improve vaccination rates in rural communities to help mitigate the COVID-19 pandemic, the National Rural Health Association (NRHA) has launched a new resource library that includes curated tools to assist rural stakeholders with immediate, easy to distribute, and co-brand materials to support any organization's vaccine uptake efforts.

[Encouraging Pet Preparedness](#)

Since more than half of U.S. households own at least one pet, local health departments can expect that animals will be a consideration for the majority of local families during an emergency response. In recognition of Pet Preparedness Month, we share are tips and resources to help your community prepare.

[Addressing the Needs of Pets During an Emergency](#)

This Pet Preparedness Month, we are highlighting three veterinary Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) units who received Operational Readiness Awards this year.

In the News

- [Why Contact Tracing Couldn't Keep Up With The U.S. COVID Outbreak](#) - NPR
- [The pandemic has pushed more than 250 public health officials out the door](#) - CNN
- [Kid Covid-19 vaccines: 3 takeaways from the FDA's big meeting](#) - Politico
- [A New Type Of COVID-19 Vaccine Could Debut Soon](#) - NPR
- [This chart shows how COVID cases have plummeted as more people get vaccinated](#) - PBS NewsHour

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

[Regional Approach to Infection Prevention and Control of COVID-19](#)

June 24, 3:00-4:00 pm ET

[Achieving Health Equity for People with Disabilities During the Pandemic and Beyond](#)

June 28, 1:00-2:00 pm ET

[NACCHO 360](#)

June 29-July 1

Virtual

COVID-19: Disaster Preparedness and Vulnerable Populations: A Workshop Series

Part 2: [July 1, 1:00-2:00 pm ET](#)

Part 3: [July 15, 1:00-2:00 pm ET](#)

[Achieving Health Equity: What's Next?](#)

Recorded

[Successful COVID-19 Messaging in Rural Communities](#)

Recorded

[The Preparedness Brief blog](#) provides updates and information from NACCHO's public health preparedness portfolio, which includes a range of projects that influence preparedness policy with federal decision makers and develop practical solutions that help local health departments build resilient communities. Check it out for the latest news, resources, tools, and events that help build healthy and resilient communities. To write a guest blog post or submit content for consideration, email preparedness@naccho.org.