



## NORTHWEST REGION HEALTHCARE COALITION

# WEEKLY RECAP

May 15 - 19, 2023

## VDH Office of Emergency Preparedness Update

Overall respiratory illness activity is stable near baseline levels. Although the WHO mpox PHEIC declaration ended last week, CDC cautioned that mpox cases may rise over the next few months due to increases in gatherings and events. Chicago is currently experiencing a resurgence of mpox with 12 confirmed cases and one probable case. Traffic accident fatalities are on the rise in Virginia. Hampton Roads led all metropolitan areas in Virginia for vehicle crashes in 2022. Two EF1 tornados touched down in Southwest Virginia causing limited damage. VDH launched the SARS-CoV-2 wastewater surveillance dashboard on Thursday.

### COVID-19

8%

Chance that the WHO will identify a new COVID-19 Variant of Concern in 2023. (Metaculus [forecast](#))

4%

Chance that Virginia will experience a COVID-19 case surge before **September** 2023. (Metaculus [forecast](#))

123

New COVID-19 [hospital admissions](#) in Virginia for the week ending May 13.

### Mpox

3

Metaculus [forecast](#) of the number of mpox cases Virginia will experience in Q2, 2023

### Motor Accidents

1004 vs. 752

Crash [fatalities](#) in Virginia in 2022 compared 2015.

38%

Increase of [fatal crash rates](#) in Hampton Roads from 2019-2021 compared to 2010-2012.



## NWRHC

Please be on the lookout for an email from Ron with both the Radiation Annex Tabletop Exercise and Medical Response and Surge Exercise Tabletop Exercise After-Action Reviews. Please reply to his email and either approve or disapprove the AARs as presented so we can ensure our members have the completed exercise documentation as soon as possible and ensure all participants have everything they need for CMS, Joint Commission, or DNV surveys.

We would also like to ensure that our regional partners have access to any PPE or inventory from the NWRHC regional cache prior to the merger on July 1, 2023. If you would like and PPE or inventory from the cache, please submit a request using our [request form](#) by May 31, 2023. Once PPE has been requested, you will be able to schedule a time to pick up your requested PPE.

## In the News

[The Tragedy Of 'St. Joe's'](#)

[California governor signs bill to allocate \\$150M to struggling, closed hospitals](#)

[HCA Healthcare's lack of transparency, low staffing draws concern from workers](#)

[Mount Sinai ordered to pay \\$127K fine for understaffing NICU](#)

[Norton Healthcare says it's working with FBI after receiving fax with 'threats and demands'](#)

[Workforce Development For Direct Care Workers Could Help Stabilize The Long-Term Care Industry](#)

[A 10-Year Reflection on the Boston Marathon Bombing and a Call for a National Emergency Management Strategy](#)

## Other Resources

2023 Public Health Webinar Series for Virginia Hospital and Health Systems

[Recording](#)

[Slides](#)

Your Disaster Preparedness Plan After the End of Federal Emergency Declarations

[Recording](#)





# LOOKING AHEAD

## Trainings, Exercises & Education

### **Community-Based Emergency Response Seminar**

Did your facility feel unprepared to respond to the COVID-19 Pandemic? Do you wish your facility had the opportunity to practice or talk through what you would do in an infectious disease outbreak scenario? If so, don't get caught off guard again. The Virginia Department of Health along with VHHA, VDOE, and VDOC will be conducting the Community-Based Emergency Response Seminar (CBERS) on several [dates](#) this Spring 2023 throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia.

[Register](#)

### **Compliance Insights Straight From Surveyors**

May 23 at 2:00pm

A panel of experienced surveyors will share the best ideas and learnings from on-site visits with hundreds of organizations. Even if you don't need accreditation, their compliance tips and suggestions will improve your document organization, keep your team on track, and accelerate your transition from paper to technology.

[Register](#)

### **Are You Prepared for the 2023 Hurricane Season?**

May 24 at 12:00pm

The Virginia Healthcare Emergency Management Program (VHEMP), in conjunction with the Virginia Department of Health's (VDH) Office of Emergency Preparedness and the Virginia Hospital & Healthcare Association (VHHA), is hosting a webinar briefing on May 24 at noon featuring Eric Seymour, Warning Coordination Meteorologist with the National Weather Service (NWS). The briefing will focus on the 2023 Atlantic hurricane season outlook and available NWS resources to assist in readiness and response.

[Register](#)

### **Making Mitigation Work**

The Natural Hazards Center, in partnership with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, is pleased to present the Making Mitigation Work Webinar Series. These free one-hour webinars feature innovative speakers and highlight progress in mitigation policy, practice, and research. The dates for these webinars are on our website calendar and the individual registration and topics will be announced prior to each webinar offering.

[All Dates and Information](#)

