WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

12.18.2025

NOONTIME NUGGET

January 27, 2026 from 12-1pm

Join us every 4th Tuesday of the month at noon to learn more about DEPR's different programs and software. Please ensure at least one person from each of the healthcare coalitions are in attendance.

Join the Noontime Nugget

PREPAREDNESS LUNCH AND LEARN

January 20th, 2026

Register For Preparedness Lunch and Learn

FRONTLINE CONNECTIONS: STREGTHENING OUR RESILIENCE

NETEC's latest podcast episode of Transmission Interrupted is now live!

Listen Now

PEDIATRIC EDUCATION HOUR

January 27th, 2026

Pediatric Education Hour October 1-Pager

SNS WEBCAST NOW AVAILABLE

The pre-recorded webinar is available via train.org. via the course ID number, 1128829. For related questions, contact dsnstrain@hhs.gov.

Note: to register, use code Form2025.

EMRESOURCE HOSPITAL OFFICE HOURS

January 7th, 2026
from 2:30-3:30pm

Link to Guidance Documents

XML Data Reference Sheet

NEW COURSE COLLECTION FOR NURSING CREDITS

There is a new a specially curated CNE course collection for nurses, now available on MI-TRAIN from the Public Health Foundation.

This collection brings together highly rated (4+ star) courses across key public health topics, making it easier than ever to earn Continuing Nursing Education (CNE) credits - all in one place.

MI-TRAIN UPDATE: MSP LMS CHANGE

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Emergency Preparedness and Response (MDHHS/DEPR) and the Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division (MSP/EMHSD) have partnered since 2011 to provide a learning management system (LMS), MI-TRAIN, to offer emergency management courses to partners across disciplines. Beginning in fall 2025, MSP is moving to a new LMS, Cornerstone, for all its courses and conferences.

MDHHS/DEPR continues to support the MI-TRAIN system and users will maintain access to their training histories within the system. MDHHS/DEPR and other partners will continue to host classes and conferences on MI-TRAIN. No accounts will be manually deactivated during the MSP transition. If prerequisites for classes in Cornerstone need certificates currently stored in MI-TRAIN, it is the user's responsibility to upload them into Cornerstone.

ASPR TRACIE - TIPS FOR HEALTHCARE FACILITIES

Assisting Families and Loved Ones after a Mass Casualty Incident

MCIs cause great concern among the loved ones of the wounded, missing, or deceased, who may rush to healthcare facilities, reunification centers, or the incident site to seek information and reunification. The updated resource Tips for Healthcare Facilities: Assisting Families and Loved Ones after a Mass Casualty Incident highlights best practices and issues related to planning for, activating, and operating hospital or healthcare facility Family Support Centers.

STRENGTHENING CYBER DEFENSES: CISA'S FREE VULNERABILITY SCANNING SERVICES

CISA Vulnerability Scanning Tool

MITESA POWERPOINT

MITESA Powerpoint Training

CRISIS STANDARDS OF CARE

Crisis Standards of Care Guide

OTHER UPDATES

PHEP RADE Results

Please review BP1's PHEP RADE results as part of the requirements of this year's notice of funding opportunity. This is an awareness to your local jurisdictions. No feedback is necessary.
Results

HHS and DARPA Collaborate with Industry to Enhance Domestic Health Manufacturing Efforts

The industry partners selected to launch projects under this program include Battelle Memorial Institute and Aprecia; BrightPath Laboratories; Rutgers University; and the Mark Cuban Cost Plus Drug Company. Four innovative demonstration projects are now underway, leveraging artificial intelligence, machine learning, and informatics to make essential medicines onsite at the point of care using small manufacturing platforms, some no larger than a standard refrigerator, rather than full-size production facilities. All of the projects are expected to submit abbreviated new drug applications to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration within a year as a part of this government-supported development work.

Additional details on these four projects can be found in the recent ASPR press release.
Press Release

BP2 TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR MICHIGAN VOLUNTEER REGISTRY ADMINISTRATORS

Please see the flyer below for information on upcoming Budget Period 2 (BP2) Michigan Volunteer Registry (MVR) training opportunities. These sessions, including both MVR Administrator trainings and monthly MVR virtual office hours meetings, will cover key topics such as the current and new MVR system platforms, volunteer management, and core MVR functionalities.

For any questions, please contact Elizabeth Shepard or Stephanie Steele.

MVR Training Opportunities

ASPR TRACIE - UPDATED TOPIC COLLECTION: CRISIS STANDARDS OF CARE

This Updated Topic Collection from ASPR Technical Resources Assistance Center Information Exchange (TRACIE) includes resources on understanding crisis standards of care, including education and training resources; lessons learned; plans, tools, and templates; and studies and reports.
Access Updated Collection

TRAIN COURSE - EFFECT OF DISASTERS ON MENTAL HEALTH: CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS

This course emphasizes practical skills: administering psychological first aid to children and adolescents in the immediate aftermath of a disaster, screening them for mental health disorders in the months that follow, and involving parents and other caregivers throughout the process.

Access the free one-hour course at the link below.
Access MI-TRAIN

TRAIN COURSES - EFFECT OF DISASTERS ON MENTAL HEALTH: AWARENESS LEVEL & TECHNICAL LEVEL

The Awareness Level course is intended for anyone who will come into professional contact with disaster victims, including DMAT, hospital workers, EMTs, primary care providers and public health workers. There are three sections in this course:

- Section 1: Disaster, Trauma and Proximity to the Event
- Section 2: Psychophysiology of Trauma and Fear
- Section 3: Tools for Understanding

The Technical Level course is intended for anyone who will come into professional contact with disaster victims, including DMAT, hospital workers, EMTs, primary care providers and public health workers. In addition to providing general knowledge, this course emphasizes two practical skills: administering psychological first aid to disaster victims in the immediate aftermath of a disaster, and screening disaster victims for common mental health disorders in the months that follow.

Access the free one-hour courses at the links below.
Awareness Level Course - MI-TRAIN
Technical Level Course - MI-TRAIN

STRATEGIC NATIONAL STOCKPILE UPDATE: KEY RESOURCE CHANGES

The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services has announced major changes to the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) aimed at improving efficiency and responsiveness during public health emergencies. Two long-standing federal assets are being retired:

Going forward, SNS responses will focus on delivering incident-specific medical countermeasures, reducing sorting time and waste at the receiving end. These changes will not reduce the availability of needed resources but will shift how support is requested and received.
SNS Update Letter

HPP IMPORTANT DATES

December 24th, 25th, 31st, and January 1st
State of Michigan offices and Region 7 HCC
CLOSED

MRSE
Scheduled for March 18th
10a-2p

NORTHERN EXPOSURE
TENTIVELY SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 5-8TH, 2026

NEW NETEC FUNDING OPPORTUNITY TO EXPAND THE NATIONAL SPECIAL PATHOGEN SYSTEM (NSPS) LEVEL 2 NETWORK.

The National Emerging Special Pathogens Training and Education Center (NETEC) will soon launch a new funding opportunity to expand the National Special Pathogen System (NSPS) Level 2 network.
Up to 75 facilities will be awarded $500,000 each to strengthen preparedness, training, and capacity for high-consequence infectious disease (HCID) response.
Award at a Glance:

- Award amount: $500,000 per facility
- Awards available: Up to 75 healthcare facilities
- Total funding: $37.5 million
- Anticipated award timeline: December 2025 - June 2026

Sign up for award notifications to be the first to know when the application opens. Complete a brief interest form and be notified by email as soon as the Request for Proposals (RFP) is live.

Sign up for Award Notifications

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