



TN NHSN User Call

from the Tennessee Department of Health

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Monday, July 15, 2024

Agenda

- **Respiratory Illness Update**
 - Ashley Gambrell, MPH
- **NHSN Update**
 - Vicky Lindsey, RN, CIC
- **Middle TN APIC**
 - Rachel Goodman, MT, CIC
- **Smoky Mountain APIC**
 - Kathy Buechel, BSN, RN, CIC, LTC-CIP
- **Upper Cumberland Preparedness Coalition Training Opportunities**
 - Kate Liepins, Vulnerable Populations Coordinator
- **Hemodialysis Infection Prevention Simulation**
 - Michelle Nation, MHIA, BSN, RN, CIC
- **The WATCH Coalition**
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TDH NHSN Team

- **Ashley Gambrell, MPH**
 - **Senior NHSN Epidemiologist**

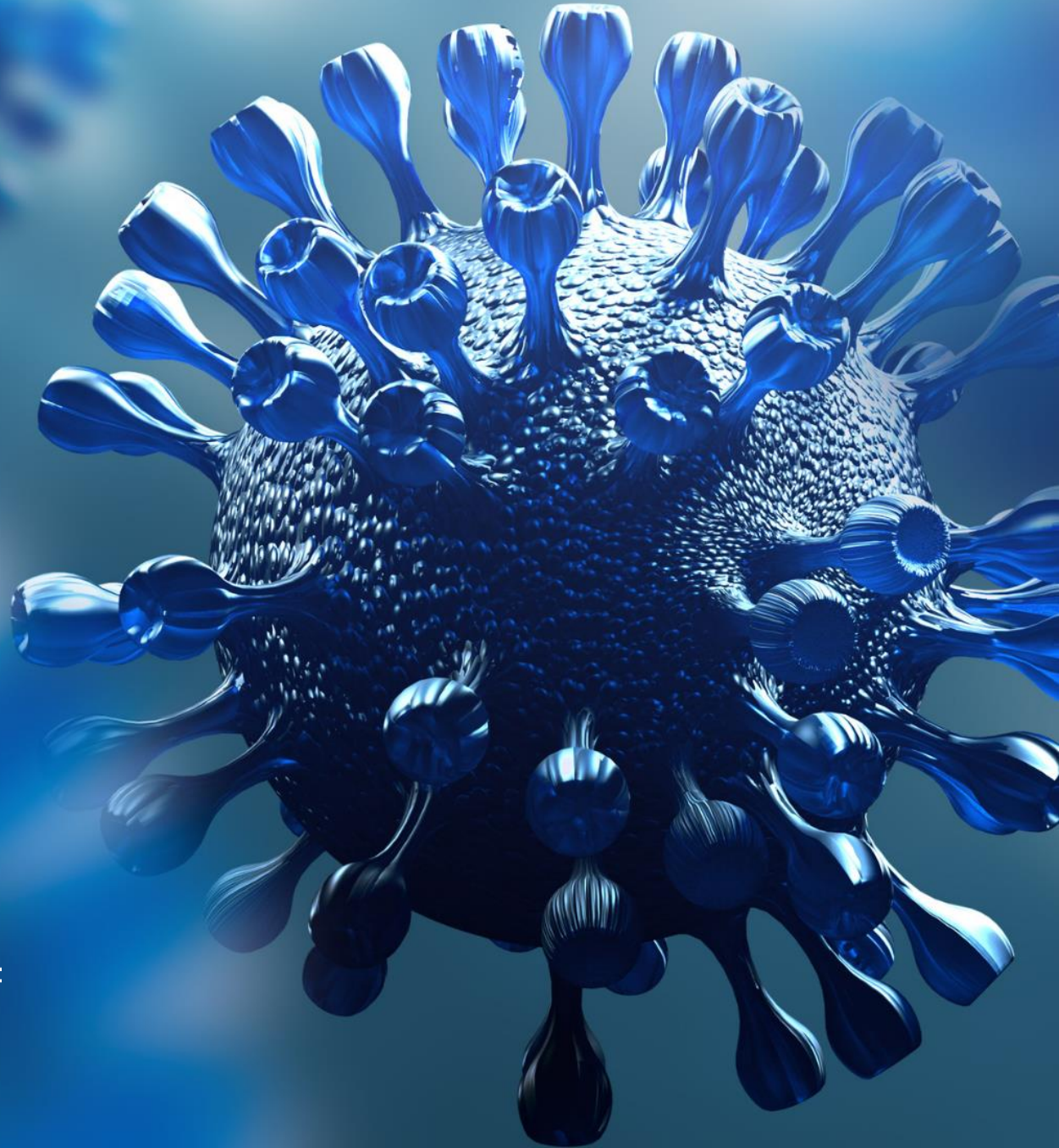
- **Vicky Lindsey, AAS, RN, CIC**
 - **Senior NHSN Public Health Nurse Consultant**
 - **Lead Technological Assistance**
 - **Infection Prevention and Control Specialist**

- **Marissa Turner, MPH**
 - **Assistant NHSN Epidemiologist**

- **Alex Kurutz, MPH**
 - **Dialysis Epidemiologist**

- **Jordan Morris, MPH**
 - **Assistant NHSN Epidemiologist**

Respiratory Illness Update



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COVID-19 Trends in TN & US

- Tennessee

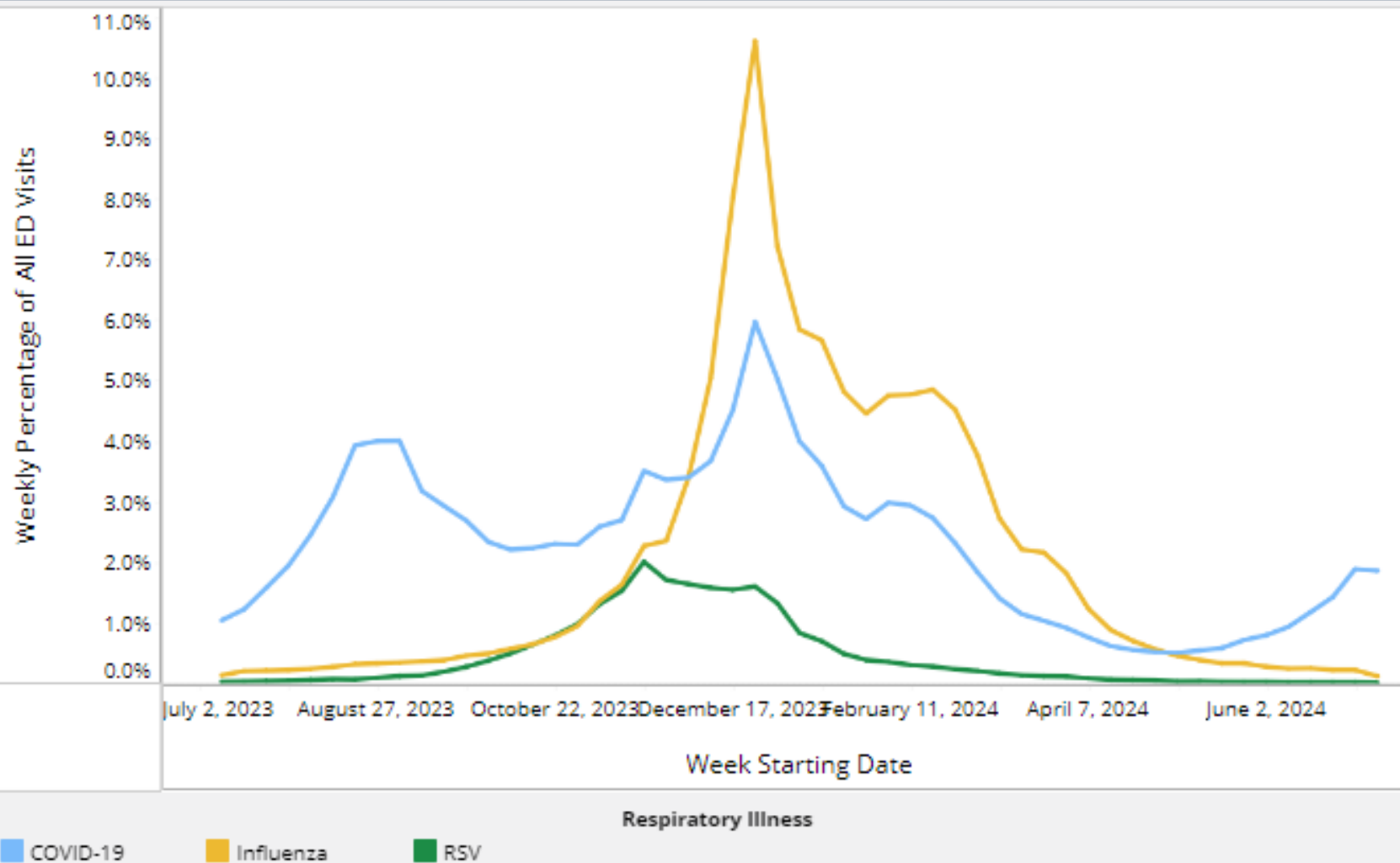
- New cases increased ▲
(total ~ 1849/week)
- Hospitalizations increased ▲
(106 – hospitalized)
- Deaths stable ▶
(total <5/week)

- U.S.A.

- Emergency department visits increased ▲
- Hospitalizations increased ▲
- Deaths stable ▶

Syndromic Surveillance

Statewide Weekly Percentage of ED Visits with Viral Respiratory Illness Discharge Diagnosis Codes

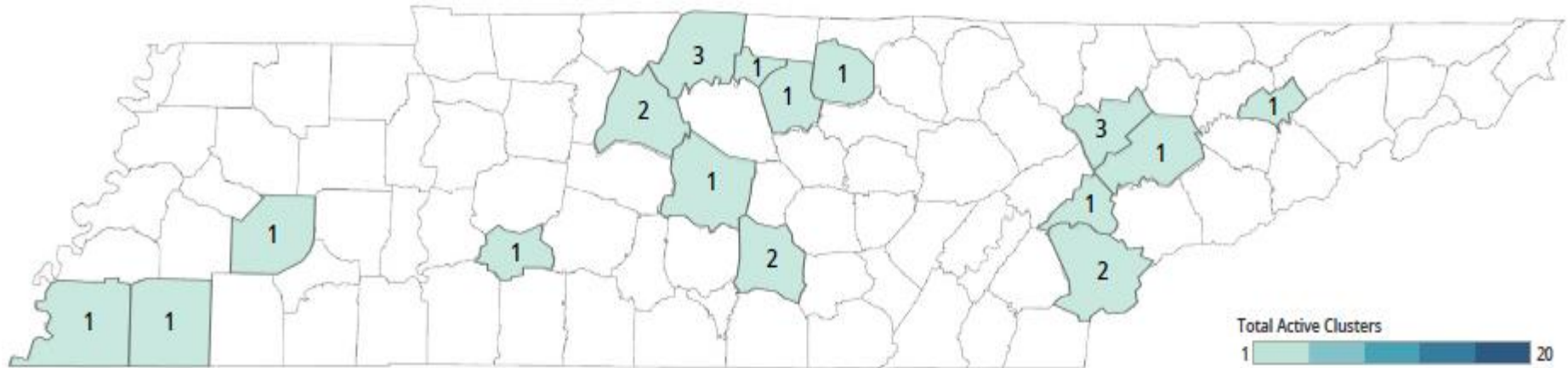


COVID Cluster in High-Risk Settings

23
Total Active
Clusters

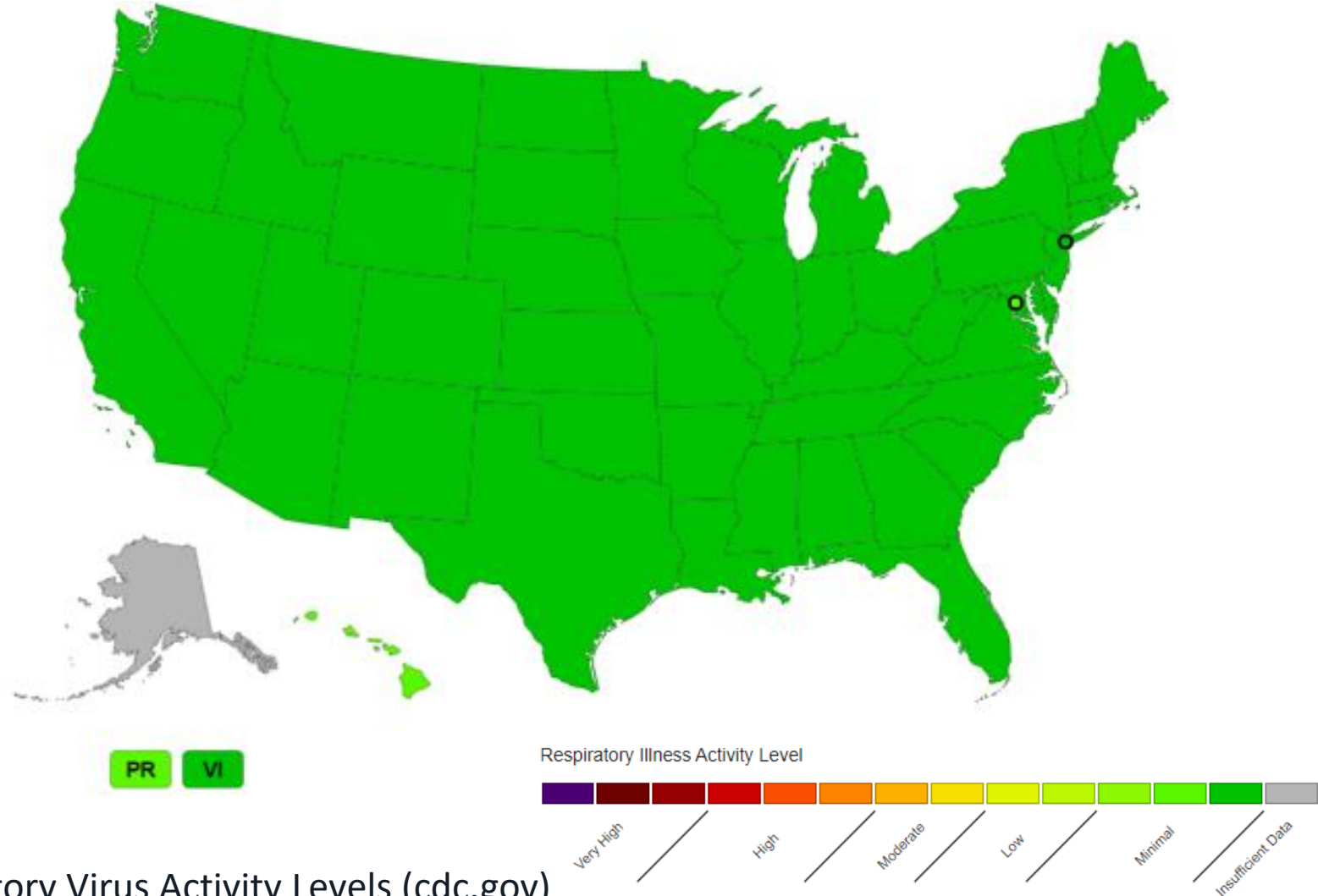
High-risk settings include long-term care facilities, correctional facilities, shelters, and other congregate settings

Active Clusters by County



Bottom Line

- Respiratory Illness Activity in Tennessee is **minimal**



[Respiratory Virus Activity Levels \(cdc.gov\)](https://www.cdc.gov)

CDC Resources

- [Protect yourself from COVID-19, Flu, and RSV \(cdc.gov\)](#)
- [Weekly Viral Respiratory Illness Snapshot \(cdc.gov\)](#)
- [Infection Control: Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 \(SARS-CoV-2\) | CDC](#)
- [Interim Guidance for Managing Healthcare personnel with SARS-CoV-2 Infection or Exposure to SARS-CoV-2](#)



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NHSN Updates

Vicky Lindsey, AAS, RN, CIC | Tennessee Department of Health | Communicable and Environmental Diseases and Emergency Preparedness

NHSN Q2 Newsletter

- The 2024 Q2 newsletter is now available on the NHSN website at <https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/newsletters/index.html>.
- Inside this issue –
 - Protocol Updates,
 - AUR Module Updates,
 - Rebaseline Information,
 - NHSN Education and Training Highlights,
 - Update on Weekly COVID-19 Vaccination Data Reporting Forms for the Healthcare Personnel Safety Component,
 - NHSN Dialysis Component Q1 2024 QIP Deadline,
 - NHSN Vendor Corner information
 - other General NHSN Updates.

NHSN –Training Resources for NHSN Administrators

- [NHSN Administrator Training | NHSN \(cdc.gov\)](#)

These training videos cover essential topics such as:

- Adding a User to a Facility
- Enrolling a Facility in NHSN
- Deactivating and Activating a User in a Facility
- Reassigning the Facility Administrator in a Facility
- Adding a Component to a Facility

2024 Virtual NHSN Post-Acute Care Training



- **2024 Virtual NHSN Post-Acute Care Training:**
 - **Long-term Care Component**
 - **Dialysis Component**
 - **Healthcare Personnel Safety (Healthcare Personnel Vaccination) Surveillance**
 - **Analytics**

2024 Virtual NHSN Post-Acute Care Training

****Registration for this training began July 1, 2024.****

- This virtual training event will feature live presentations, pre-recorded training videos for self-paced viewing, and opportunities for Q&A.
- Training topics include surveillance definitions and analysis for:
 - COVID-19 Surveillance
 - Respiratory Pathogen Reporting
 - Resident, Patient, and Healthcare Personnel Vaccination
 - Hospital-acquired Infection (HAI) Events
 - Dialysis Event Surveillance
 - Standardized Infection Ration (SIR) Reporting

2024 Virtual NHSN Post-Acute Care Training

- You will receive more information from the vFairs company which is the platform they are using to deliver this training to you. Stay tuned for more emails regarding registration information and the agenda.
- Continuing education is pending for this activity.

NHSN-2024 Virtual Annual Training

- All videos, slide PDFs, and CE information are located on the NHSN Annual training page at:
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/training/annualtraining.html>.
Click the 2024 NHSN Training – Videos and Slides button to view.
- Videos and slides may also be accessed from the “Training” option on the specific HAI webpages.
- Any questions about the webinar series can be addressed at the NHSN Helpdesk via <https://servicedesk.cdc.gov/nhsncsp>, please select Patient Safety>Training>Annual Training or send an email to NHSNTrain@cdc.gov

NHSN – Protocol & Training Team



**PROTOCOL & TRAINING TEAM
VIRTUAL TRAINING SERIES 2024**

- Upcoming webinar Zoom registration link is in the email.
- Sessions are 60 minutes
- No recordings for external use
- **Audience:**
 - Acute care or other short-term stay hospitals (for instance, general hospitals)
 - Critical access hospitals, oncology hospitals, military/VA hospitals)
 - Long-term Acute Care Hospitals (LTACH), Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (IRF) & Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities (IPF).
 - OPC users – ASCs reporting SSI events.

Webinars will be held on Wednesdays at 2:00 pm EST
Mark your calendars

Date	Topic
July 17 th	Open Forum
Aug 21st	Primary BSI
Sept 18	Secondary BSI



BD BACTEC Blood Culture Media Bottles

- July 10, 2024, FDA updated the Medical Device Shortages List to include these Blood Culture Media Bottles
- [FDA - BD BACTEC Blood Culture Media Bottles Shortage](#)



Middle Tennessee APIC

Rachel Goodman, MT, CIC | Tennessee Center for Patient Safety, THA

MIDDLE TN APIC FALL CONFERENCE

WHEN:

THURSDAY, SEPT 19, 2024

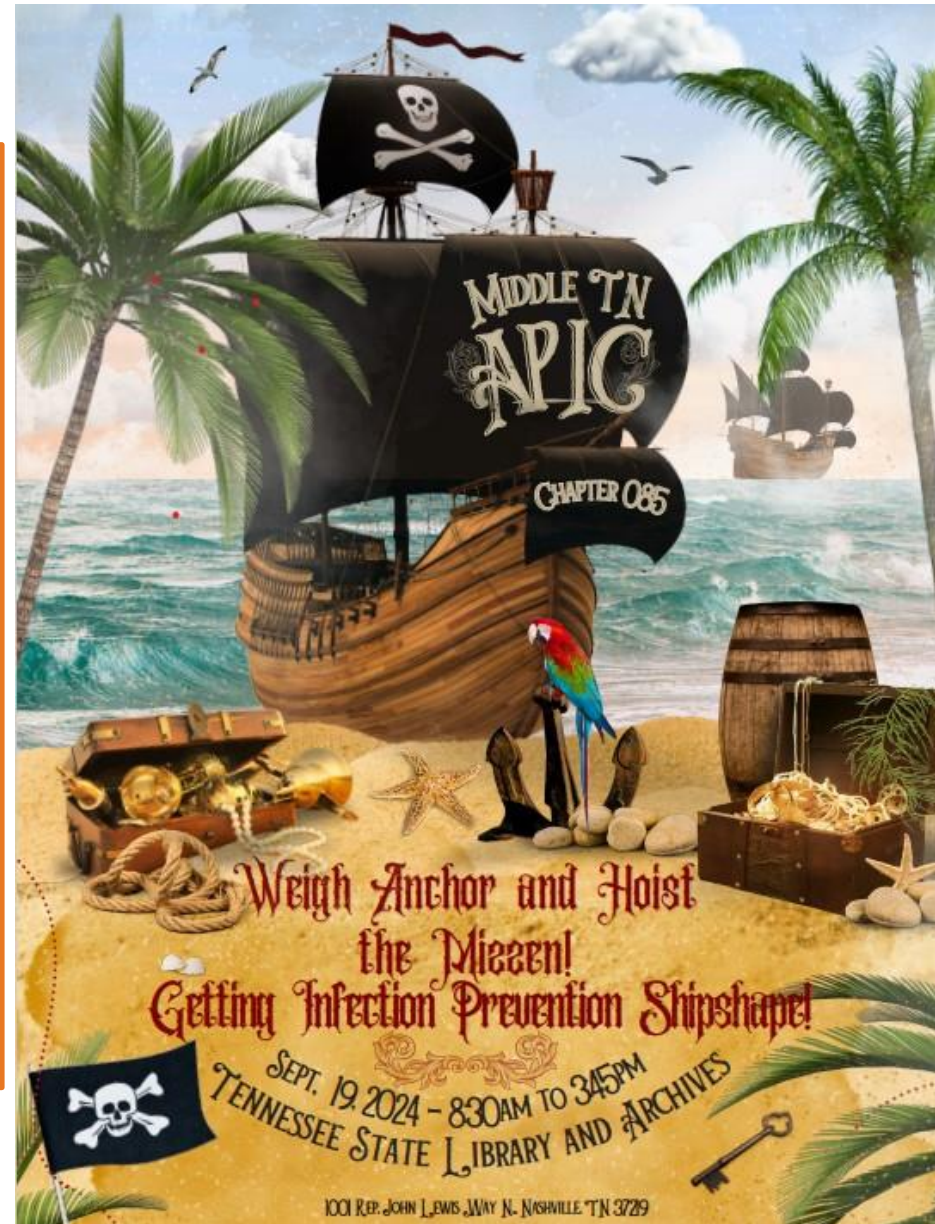
WHERE:

TENNESSEE STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES

TOPICS:

TJC IC STANDARDS FOR ACUTE CARE
ANTIMICROBIAL STEWARDSHIP FOR LTC
BIOFILM
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES PRIORITIES
HOT TOPICS IN PUBLIC HEALTH

REGISTRATION OPENS JULY 18, 2024





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Smoky Mountain APIC

Kathy Buechel, BSN, RN, CIC, LTC-CIP | Tennessee Department of Health | Communicable and Environmental Diseases and Emergency Preparedness


APIC SMOKY MOUNTAIN

Join us for the 39th Annual Fall Conference



Thursday – Friday, November 7 & 8, 2024

Black Fox Lodge, Pigeon Forge, TN

- Obtain CEUs/IPUs
- Exhibitors showcasing products
- New this year – Welcome Reception (evening of 11/6/24)
- Special conference rate available for Black Fox Lodge





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Upper Cumberland Preparedness Coalition Training Opportunities



TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

(FREE!!!)

Kate Liepins
Vulnerable Populations Coordinator

COMMUNITY DISASTER PREPAREDNESS FOR HEALTHCARE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

This program enhances knowledge and skills related to healthcare and public health disaster preparedness while earning continuing education credits.


**MEDICAL MANAGEMENT OF CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL, RADIOLOGICAL, NUCLEAR AND
EXPLOSIVE EVENTS PER-211**

MEDICAL COUNTERMEASURES: POINT OF DISPENSING, PLANNING AND RESPONSE— MGT-319


MEDICAL PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE FOR BOMBING INCIDENTS — MGT-348— PER-233

PEDIATRIC DISASTER RESPONSE AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS— MGT-439

Registration Links and Dates of each Course:



MGT 348 07/30/24 - 07/31/24: Medical Preparedness and Response for Bombing Incidents
<https://my.teex.org/TeexPortal/Default.aspx?MO=mCourseCatalog&D=FP&C=MGT348&S=767>



MGT 319 10/16/24 – 10/17/24: Medical Countermeasures POD Planning and Response
<https://my.teex.org/TeexPortal/Default.aspx?MO=mCourseCatalog&D=FP&C=MGT319&S=572>

MGT 439 01/08/25 – 01/09/25: Pediatric Disaster Response and Emergency Preparedness
<https://my.teex.org/TeexPortal/Default.aspx?MO=mCourseCatalog&D=FP&C=MGT439&S=538>

PER 211 04/10/25 – 04/11/25: Medical Management of CBRNE events
<https://my.teex.org/TeexPortal/Default.aspx?MO=mCourseCatalog&D=FP&C=PER211&S=1227>

INFRASTRUCTURE DISASTER MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

This program provides the emergency management community a deep dive into key sub-sectors of Critical Infrastructure.

DISASTER MANAGEMENT FOR PUBLIC SERVICES — MGT-317

**DISASTER PREPAREDNESS FOR HOSPITALS AND HEALTHCARE ORGANIZATIONS
WITHIN THE COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE — MGT-341**

DISASTER MANAGEMENT FOR ELECTRIC POWER SYSTEMS — MGT-345

DISASTER MANAGEMENT FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITIES — MGT-343

Registration Links and Dates of each Course:

MGT 317 02/12/2025 - 02/13/2025: Disaster Management for Public Services

<https://my.teex.org/TeexPortal/Default.aspx?MO=mCourseCatalog&D=EU&C=MGT317&S=600>

MGT 341 11/12/2024 – 11/13/2024: Disaster Preparedness for Hospitals & Healthcare Organizations

<https://my.teex.org/TeexPortal/Default.aspx?MO=mCourseCatalog&D=EU&C=MGT341&S=582>

MGT 345 05/07/2025 – 05/08/2025: Disaster Management for Electric Power Systems

<https://my.teex.org/TeexPortal/Default.aspx?MO=mCourseCatalog&D=EU&C=MGT345&S=347>

MGT 343 06/04/2025 – 06/05/2025: Disaster Management for Water and Wastewater Utilities

<https://my.teex.org/TeexPortal/Default.aspx?MO=mCourseCatalog&D=EU&C=MGT343&S=740>



Cybersecurity Certificate Series

FREE Training & Lunch is provided!



CERTIFICATE II: CYBERSECURITY PREPAREDNESS

AWR376 Understanding Targeted Cyber Attacks (Instructor-Led)

- Course Date IN-PERSON: November 7, 2024
- Address: 700 County Services Dr. Cookeville TN 38501
- Time: 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM CST

REGISTRATION LINK:

AWR376 - Cookeville, TN - 11/7/2024

[https://urldefense.com/v3/https://my.teex.org/TeexPortal/Default.aspx?MO=mCourseCatalog&D=EC&C=AWR376&S=179...:lIPRiDf9Alu-zof3Hc7yyqalotNf0qy0q6AP0oN09E9v761rQ-ITBmNuPIGIQMYDR4DXbmTsVyfXGDFWYMABe17qMXw6tJ8IYcoAn\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/https://my.teex.org/TeexPortal/Default.aspx?MO=mCourseCatalog&D=EC&C=AWR376&S=179...:lIPRiDf9Alu-zof3Hc7yyqalotNf0qy0q6AP0oN09E9v761rQ-ITBmNuPIGIQMYDR4DXbmTsVyfXGDFWYMABe17qMXw6tJ8IYcoAn$)

AWR169 Cyber Incident Response and Analysis (Online)

AWR177 Information Risk Management (Online)

AWR395 Cybersecurity in the Workplace (Online)

AWR399 Detecting and Responding to a Cyber Attack (Online)

AWR176 Disaster Recovery for Information Systems (Online)

MGT384 Community Preparedness for Cyber Incidents (Instructor-Led)

- Course Date IN-PERSON: October 9, 2024 – October 10, 2024
- Address: 700 County Services Dr. Cookeville TN 38501
- Time: 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM CST

CERTIFICATE I: CYBERSECURITY ESSENTIALS

AWR397 Cybersecurity for Everyone (Online)

AWR395 Cybersecurity in the Workplace (Online)

AWR136 Essentials of Community Cybersecurity (Instructor-Led)

AWR376 Understanding Targeted Cyber Attacks (Instructor-Led)

- [AWR136 Nov 6th and AWR376 Nov 7th](#)
- Course Date IN-PERSON: November 6, 2024 – November 7, 2024
- Address: 700 County Services Dr. Cookeville TN 38501
- Time: 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM CST

1100 England Dr. Cookeville TN 38501

UCH Coalition hosting

Fire & Building Codes

By the Health Facilities Commission

August
07
Wednesday



9am – 12pm (CST)

If you are interested in attending this FREE training.
Please register by either scanning the QR code
or completing the ReadyOp link below:

<https://tdh.readyop.com/fs/4eS8/78b9ba66>

AWR-326

TORNADO AWARENESS



Date: October 22nd, 2024

Time: 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM (CST)

Location: UCH Coalition, Regional Health Dept.
1100 England Dr. Cookeville TN

38501

Registration Link:

<https://ndptc.Hawaii.edu/training/delivery/3731/>

ELIGIBLE CONTINUING EDUCATION:

APA, AICP Member
IAEM, CEM/AEM
IACET

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SAVE THE DATE

**AUGUST
15TH, 2024**



**Vulnerable Populations Tabletop Exercise 2024
brought to you by the UCH Coalition**

Date: August 15th, 2024

Time: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM (CST)

Location: 1100 England Dr. Cookeville TN 38501

AND Virtual Attendance Option

Please Register **ASAP** for In-Person Attendance, seating is **LIMITED** to 50 participants. All other attendees can join the exercise virtually.
(LUNCH will be PROVIDED)

ReadyOp Registration Link:

<https://tdh.readyop.com/fs/4eSe/4dad81b9>



COURSE TITLES

COURSE DATES

HAZWOPER & DOT REFRESHER COURSE(S) Register via ReadyOp Link: https://tdh.readyop.com/fs/4e1vc049b6f7	4/25/2024 - 4/26/2024
NDPTC FLOODING HAZARDS: SCIENCE & PREPAREDNESS Registration Link: https://ndptc.hawaii.edu/training/delivery/3684/	6/13/2024
WATCH COALITION (VIRTUAL) - WATER MANAGEMENT EDUCATION AND TRAINING Training on development of Water Mgmt. Plans, Legionella Testing, Dialysis Water Mgmt. & Emergency Water Supply Planning Registration Link: https://wth.readyop.com/fs/4cg8/22aae042	7/23/2024
TEEX MGT 348: MEDICAL PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE FOR BOMBING INCIDENTS Community Disaster Preparedness for Healthcare Certificate Program Registration Link: https://my.teex.org/TeexPortal/Default.aspx?MO=mCourseCatalog&D=FP&C=MGT348&S=767	7/30/2024 - 7/31/2024
TEEX MGT 384: COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS FOR CYBER INCIDENTS Certificate II Cybersecurity Preparedness Certificate Registration Link: https://my.teex.org/TeexPortal/Default.aspx?MO=mCourseCatalog&D=FP&C=MGT384&S=572	10/9/2024 - 10/10/2024
TEEX MGT 319: MEDICAL COUNTERMEASURES POD PLANNING AND RESPONSE Community Disaster Preparedness for Healthcare Certificate Program Registration Link: https://my.teex.org/TeexPortal/Default.aspx?MO=mCourseCatalog&D=FP&C=MGT319&S=572	10/16/2024 - 10/17/2024
TEEX AWR 136: ESSENTIALS OF COMMUNITY CYBERSECURITY Certificate I Cybersecurity Essentials Certificate Registration Link: https://my.teex.org/TeexPortal/Default.aspx?MO=mCourseCatalog&D=FP&C=AWR136&S=582	11/6/2024
TEEX AWR 376: UNDERSTANDING TARGETED CYBER ATTACKS Certificate I Cybersecurity Essentials Certificate & Certificate II Cybersecurity Preparedness Certificate Registration Link: https://my.teex.org/TeexPortal/Default.aspx?MO=mCourseCatalog&D=FP&C=AWR376&S=582	11/7/2024
TEEX MGT 341: DISASTER PREPAREDNESS FOR HOSPITALS AND HEALTHCARE ORGANIZATIONS Infrastructure Disaster Management Certificate Program Registration Link: https://my.teex.org/TeexPortal/Default.aspx?MO=mCourseCatalog&D=EU&C=MGT341&S=582	11/12/2024 - 11/13/2024



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The logo consists of a red square containing the letters 'TN' in white, serif font. Below the red square is a thin blue horizontal bar.

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Hemodialysis Infection Prevention Simulation

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The entire program is FREE +
7.25 CEUs offered + lunch
provided!



Scan here to register!

Hemodialysis Infection Prevention Simulation

***Get 7.25 CEUs
at no cost!**

About the Simulation:

The purpose of this project is to provide CDC guidance on infection prevention covering topics such as CVC, AVF/AVG, environmental disinfection, patient safety, and MORE! Each session will have a classroom style presentation and hands on simulation experiences!

Details for Attendees:

- **Audience:** Hemodialysis Nurses, Technicians, and Infection Preventionists
- **Date:** Tuesday, July 16th, 2024
- **Location:** Knox County Health Dept
140 Dameron Ave
Knoxville, TN 37917
- **Time:** 8:30 am - 4:00 pm, light breakfast and lunch provided

*This activity has been submitted to Georgia Nurses Association for approval to award contact hours. Georgia Nurses Association is accredited as an approver of nursing continuing professional development by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

Upcoming Events
September 10th - Jackson, TN
November 5th - Columbia, TN

For more information email: HA1.Health@tn.gov



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The WATCH Coalition

West Area TN Coalition for Healthcare (WATCH)

- Virtual Water Management Education Webinar
- Tuesday, July 23rd from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m. CST
- Training will include how to develop a Water Management Program, Legionella and Waterborne Pathogen education, Dialysis Water Management, Emergency Water Supply Planning, and more!



<https://wth.readyop.com/fs/4cg8/22aae042>

This nursing continuing professional development activity was approved by the Georgia Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.



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Next NHSN User Call

- **Monday, August 19, 2024**
 - **10am CT / 11am ET**
- **NHSN Related**
 - Vicky.Lindsey@tn.gov
 - Ashley.Gambrell@tn.gov
- **AU/AR Module**
 - Christopher.Evans@tn.gov
- **Infection Prevention**
 - HAI.Health@tn.gov