

PHEP Update 2/8/2024

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PHEP Grant

The NJDOH has requested NJACCHO work with Local Health Departments to assess and identify certain capabilities and gaps relating to emergency preparedness.

Surveys for the following areas were created this past December and January and went live 1/24/24.

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| • Capability 1 – Community Preparedness | 30 completed |
| • Capability 4 – Emergency Public Information and Warning | 21 completed |
| • Capability 6 – Information Sharing | 16 completed |
| • Capability 13 – Public Health Surveillance and Epidemiological Investigations | 16 completed |

Surveys have been promoted through various avenues including NJACCHO Forum, BOD, HCC meeting, email to all 103 HD Hos.

Surveys will “Close” Valentines Day 2/14/24. Analysis to be completes by end of February and provided to NJDOH and results shared with to Membership at future meeting.

Training and Education

Goal for 2024 is to provide opportunities for membership to expand and refresh knowledge with a focus on preparedness.

1st Offering relating to Introduction to FEMA online classes and Incident Command I-100 starting this month on 2/21 at 2PM then every 2 weeks. Course available on NJLMN.

NJACCHO continues developments for Risk Communication Training with John Hopkins for this Spring.

NJACCHO to support NJDOH and create opportunity for Medical Reserve Corp training through the MRC Strong Training Grant.

Outreach

Attend several monthly Virtual meeting for OPLH, LINC, Vaccine Provider Calls.

Attend in person Healthcare Coalition meetings in North and Central regions. Next meeting in March.

HCCs preparing for Operation Iron Horse Exercise during the last week February. Exercise to test Chemical Surge on Health Care Facilities. Attending to Support as a Facilitator.

In Person meets with Somerset County, Hillsborough and Montgomery Township HD.

Planned attendance for NACCHO Preparedness Summit and NJEPA conferences.

Currently planning for bi-monthly Preparedness Committee meetings.