

# PREPAREDNESS SUMMIT

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## NACCHO's 2019 Disaster Preparedness Summit Spotlights "The Evolving Threat Environment"

Session Topics Include: Disease Outbreaks, Health Equity & Social Justice, Health Security, Immigration, Mass Fatality Preparation, Natural Disaster Preparation, Opioid Crisis, Pediatric Disaster Preparedness & Care, and Radiation Preparedness

— *St. Louis Department of Public Health and Missouri State Health Department Public Health Official Available to Discuss Local Issues* —

**Washington, DC, March 21, 2019** — The [National Association of County and City Health Officials](#) (NACCHO), representing the nation's nearly 3,000 local health departments, will hold its [2019 Preparedness Summit](#) March 26-29 in St. Louis. This year's theme is "*The Evolving Threat Environment*" and the conference will feature experts from the healthcare and emergency management fields in addition to public health preparedness professionals to address the gaps between these life-saving industries in an effort to work more collaboratively and efficiently in the face of emerging threats.

Complimentary registration is available for the media. There will be multiple sessions on these newsworthy topics: disease outbreaks, health equity and social justice, immigration, mass fatality preparation, natural disaster preparation, the opioid crisis,

pediatric disaster preparedness and care, and terrorism among others. Click [here](#) to watch a video on the about conference.

### **Presentations by St. Louis and Missouri State Health Department Officials**

On **Tuesday, March 26, from 4:30 PM - 5:15 PM** St. Louis Department of Public of Health official Ms. Ntasiah Shaw, Emergency Preparedness Program Manager will lead the session, “Infectious Diseases and the Law Enforcement Community — a Collaboration for Prevention and Response.” This presentation will offer an overview of the collaboration between the St. Louis County Department of Public Health and local law enforcement and discuss how the training was developed and written specifically for law enforcement.

On **Wednesday, March 27 from 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM** representatives from the Missouri State Emergency Management Agency; the State of Missouri, Office of Administration; and the Missouri Dept. of Mental Health are panelists for the session “Collaborative Efforts to Provide Effective Disaster Evacuation for Affected Populations.” The presenters will share insights into the processes which guide Missouri’s efforts to incorporate affected populations in planning at all levels.

Find the full schedule of events [here](#). NACCHO encourages the media to join the conversation and monitor sessions as they happen on Twitter by following @PrepSummit and the conference hashtag, #Prep19.

#### **WHEN/WHERE:**

March 26 -29, 2019  
America’s Center Convention Complex  
701 Convention Plaza  
St. Louis, MO 63101

### **LEARNING SESSION TOPICS**

Here is a listing of some of the newsworthy topics covered at the conference.

#### **DISEASE OUTBREAKS**

- **Tuesday, March 26 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM**  
QH01 - Tacoma-pierce County Health Department Response to Hepatitis C Through Investigation, Community Engagement, and Partnerships

- **Tuesday, March 26 11:30 AM - 12:15 PM**  
QH10 - A Collaborative Response to Two Imported Cases of Measles in New Orleans, LA
- **Tuesday, March 26 3:30 PM - 4:15 PM**  
QH16 - Measles in Kansas City – Pediatric Hospital, Public Health, Coalition Response, and Recovery Lessons Learned
- **Tuesday, March 26 4:30 PM - 5:15 PM (St. Louis Presenter)**  
QH25 - Infectious Diseases and the Law Enforcement Community — a Collaboration for Prevention and Response. This session will offer an overview of the collaboration between the St. Louis County Department of Public Health and local law enforcement and discuss how the training was developed and written specifically for law enforcement. This session will also include an overview of the curriculum and practices used, evidence-based benefits, and increasing infectious disease prevention.
- **Wednesday, March 27 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM**  
E04 - Availability and Access to Antiviral Drugs - Combined Pharmacy Session
- **Wednesday, March 27 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM**  
F03 - Hepatitis A - Combined Session
- **Thursday, March 28 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM**  
G16 - Interim Federal Guidance on Allocating and Targeting Pandemic Influenza Vaccines During an Influenza Pandemic: Key Issues for Implementation

## **HEALTH EQUITY / SOCIAL JUSTICE**

- **Tuesday, March 26 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM**  
QH07 - Environmental Justice in Public Health — Tools for Equitable Emergency Response Efforts in Highly Burdened Communities
- **Tuesday, March 26 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM**  
B12 - Promoting Disaster Resilience in Residential Non-profit Organizations Serving Homeless Veterans
- **Tuesday, March 26 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM**  
C01 - Using Case Studies to Explore Health Disparities in Disaster Planning, Response, and Recovery
- **Wednesday, March 27 3:30 PM - 4:15 PM**  
QH29 - The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Community — Considerations in Preparedness

- **Wednesday, March 27 4:30 PM - 5:15 PM**  
QH34 - Pathways to Preparedness for Tribal Nations
- **Thursday, March 28 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM**  
G04 - Extreme Temperatures and Vulnerable Populations - Combined Sessions  
Part A: The Heat Is On: A Data-Driven Extreme Heat Response Program. Part B:  
Supporting Unsheltered Homeless Populations During Extreme Cold. Part C:  
Promoting Disaster Resilience in Residential Non-Profit Organizations Serving  
Homeless Veterans.

## HEALTH SECURITY

- **Tuesday, March 26 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM**  
A03 - In the Cross Hairs: A Rural Health Department's Actions to Increase Medical  
Countermeasure Capabilities to a Terrorist Event
- **Tuesday, March 26 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM**  
B05 - National Health Security Strategy 2019-2022: Improving Preparedness and  
Response Capabilities in an Evolving Threat Environment
- **Tuesday, March 26 3:30 PM - 4:15 PM**  
QH17 - Public Health Counterterrorism: Improving Collaboration Between Public  
Health and Law Enforcement
- **Tuesday, March 26 3:30 PM - 4:15 PM**  
QH20 - Cybersecurity: What Can Your Local Health Department Do to Prepare for a  
Cyber Attack?
- **Tuesday, March 26 4:30 PM - 5:15 PM**  
QH22 - Controlling the Spread of Infectious Agents in Healthcare Settings During  
Emergency Response Scenarios
- **Tuesday, March 26 3:30 PM - 4:15 PM**  
QH17 - Public Health Counterterrorism: Improving Collaboration Between Public  
Health and Law Enforcement
- **Wednesday, March 27 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM**  
D07 - Boosting Your Resilience to Cybersecurity Threats: Resources for Private  
Sector and Public Health
- **Wednesday, March 27 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM**  
E12 - National Biodefense Strategy - Outreach to State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial  
Healthcare Responders

## IMMIGRATION

- **Wednesday, March 27 3:30 PM - 4:15 PM**  
QH27 - Responding to a Public Health Emergency Impacting Immigrant and Low-English Proficiency Populations

## MASS FATALITY PREPARATION

- **Tuesday, March 26 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM**  
QH03 - Dealing with Death: How Colorado Is Building Its Fatality Management Capacity
- **Tuesday, March 26 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM**  
QH05 - Using the past to Prepare for the Future — Applying Lessons Learned to Better Prepare Hospitals and Their Staff for Mass Casualty Incidents and Triage
- **Tuesday, March 26 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM**  
C05 - Behavioral Health Mass Shootings/Civil Unrest - Combined Session  
Part A: Virginia Tech: A Survivor's Perspective. Part B: Building Community Behavioral Health Resilience Following Civil Unrest: Developing a Medical Reserve Corps Disaster Behavioral Health Team. In response to psychological trauma resulting from the August 11 and 12, 2017 Unite the Right Rally in Charlottesville, VA, public health staff coordinated with mental health groups to develop an MRC Behavioral Health Team to prepare for and respond to behavioral health needs for August 10-13, 2018, and beyond.
- **Wednesday, March 27 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM**  
E09 - Active Shooter Events in Schools: Leveraging Behavioral Health Coalitions for Response Incident Management

## NATURAL DISASTER PREPARATION

- **Tuesday, March 26 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM**  
QH02 - Supporting the Homebound: Lessons Learned from the Fall 2017 Hurricanes and Fires
- **Tuesday, March 26 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM:**  
A-01: After the Storms: Applying the 10 Essential Public Health Services Framework for Strategic Community Recovery and Risk Reduction
- **Tuesday, March 26 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM**  
A07 - Hurricane Maria Evacuees - Combined Session

- **Tuesday, March 26 3:30 PM - 4:15 PM**  
QH19 - From the Battlefield to the Homefront – Using Lessons Learned to Prepare Law Enforcement for Operational Medicine Delivery in Austere Environments and Disasters
- **Wednesday, March 27 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM – Missouri Presenters**  
D06 - Collaborative Efforts to Provide Effective Disaster Evacuation for Affected Populations. Work performed at the State Emergency Management Agency, with other agencies and organizations that work with affected populations, will be used as a best practice model for this session. The presenters will share insights into the processes which guide Missouri’s efforts to incorporate affected populations in planning at all levels.
- **Wednesday, March 27 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM**  
F04 - Climate Change - Combined Session

## **OPIOID CRISIS**

- **Tuesday, March 26 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM**  
B09 - Opioid Declarations - Combined Session  
Part A: Together, we can get this done : An Analysis of Pennsylvania's Approach to the Opioid Crisis. Part B: When Should a Public Health Crisis be Declared an Emergency? A Look at Using Emergency Powers to Combat Public Health Issues Like the Opioid Crisis.
- **Thursday, March 28 3:30 PM - 4:15 PM**  
QH44 - Mobilizing Strike Teams to Respond to the Opioid Epidemic
- **Thursday, March 28 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM**  
H07 - Philadelphia's Opioid Overdose Notification Network and How the Public Health Preparedness Program Supports the Opioid Response

## **PEDIATRIC DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND CARE**

- **Wednesday, March 27 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM**  
D15 - Childcare Preparedness - Combined Session
- **Wednesday, March 27 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM**  
D16 - Disaster Preparedness for Children
- **Wednesday, March 27 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM**  
E03 - Pediatric Outpatient/Urgent-care Emergency and Disaster Planning
- **Wednesday, March 27 4:30 PM - 5:15 PM**

QH37 - Emergency Risk Communication for At-risk Populations: Preliminary Findings from a Study of Information Needs of Families of Children with Special Healthcare Needs

- **Thursday, March 28 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM**  
G01 - A Comprehensive Coalition-based Regional Approach to Pediatric Disaster Planning
- **Thursday, March 28 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM**  
H02 - Three Stories: Adapting Exercises to Include Children and Improve Outcomes

## **RADIATION PREPAREDNESS**

- **Wednesday, March 27 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM**  
F01 - Public Health Strike Team Training Development for Radiological Response
- **Thursday, March 28 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM**  
G-07 – National Academy of Medicine Workshop on Exploring Medical and Public Health Preparedness for a Nuclear Incident
- **Thursday, March 28 4:45 PM – 5:30 PM**  
QH49 - Public Health and Radiation Disasters for Non-emergency Planning Zones

## **GENERAL SESSIONS**

### **TUESDAY, MARCH 26 (8:30 AM -10:00 AM)**

#### **GS01 - Public/Private Partnerships in Disasters: Business Emergency Operations Centers (EOCs) in Action**

##### **Presenters:**

- **Nicolette Louissaint, PhD, Executive Director, Healthcare Ready**
- **Kimberly Clement, MPH, Program Manager, Healthcare Preparedness Program, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services**
- **Michelle Burnett, CEM, CFM, Senior Manager, CVS Health**
- **Jason Jackson, Senior Director, Walmart**

Coordination between the public and private sectors before, during and after a disaster is a vital component to community resiliency. For this session, representatives from the business community and state and local health departments will describe their collaboration within business emergency operations centers in response to hurricanes. Attendees will gain useful information that they can use in their communities about strengthening public-private partnerships.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 28 (8:30 AM -10:00 AM)****GS02 – The Emerging Threat Environment: Building Regional Disaster Response Systems****Presenters:**

- **Shelly Schwedhelm, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, Executive Director, Emergency Management & Biopreparedness, Nebraska Medicine**
- **Tina Palmieri, MD, FACS, FCCM, Professor, University of California, Davis**

The goals of developing a network of regional of clinical and public health response capabilities are to create a coherent and comprehensive disaster response system that can respond to 21st century health security threats. Representatives from trauma, pediatric and burn systems will engage in a conversation about the opportunities and barriers to the developing regional systems and how the clinical systems can integrate with public health.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 29 (10:30 AM -12:00 PM)****GS03 - Engaging Communities for Response to Active Shooter Events****Presenters**

- **David Riedman, MS, Homeland Security Academic Researcher, Center for Homeland Defense and Security Naval Postgraduate School**
- **Terri Sudden, Director Public Health Preparedness and Planning, Florida Department of Health**

Unfortunately, the past several years have demonstrated that active shooter events are an ever-present threat to communities. How planners can engage communities in planning for and recovering from these events will be discussed. Panelists will share their experiences to provide attendees meaningful insights that they can use to increase community resilience.

Join NACCHO at this three-day event, which provides the only cross-disciplinary learning designed specifically for the preparedness community. Each year, the Preparedness Summit convenes nearly 1,100 diverse preparedness professionals representing public sector, nonprofit, academic, and industry partners, to leverage the field's emerging capabilities, innovation, and partnerships for a healthier, more resilient nation. To learn more about the Preparedness Summit, please click [here](#). Media interested in attending the event should contact Theresa Spinner, NACCHO's director of media and public relations, at 202-783-5551 or [tspinner@naccho.org](mailto:tspinner@naccho.org).



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**About the Preparedness Summit**

The Preparedness Summit is the first and longest-running national conference on public health preparedness. Since its beginning in 2006, the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) has taken a leadership role in convening a wide array of partners to participate in the Summit; presenting new research findings, sharing tools and resources, and providing a variety of opportunities for attendees to learn how to implement model practices that enhance the nation's capabilities to prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters and other emergencies.

**About NACCHO**

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) represents the nation's nearly 3,000 local governmental health departments. These city, county, metropolitan, district, and tribal departments work every day to protect and promote health and well-being for all people in their communities. For more information about NACCHO, please visit [www.naccho.org](http://www.naccho.org).