

# ON BOARD

February 10, 2024



News and Views from the New Jersey Local Boards of Health Association

**Saturday, March 9, 2024**  
**NJLBHA Board Meeting**  
**10:00 AM EST**

**Meeting  
Details**

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## Current Articles and Requests for Participation

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### **Local Health Input is Needed for the New Jersey Rural Health Council**

Health Officers:

The NJ State Office of Rural Health runs the NJ Rural Health Council/Migrant Coalition, an organizational body, comprised of 180 members from different organizations. They have members from federal/state agencies, academia, CBOs, health providers, and advocacy groups. The Council is a 2-year term and meets every quarter via Zoom. They discuss different health topics, funding opportunities, resources available to rural communities, projects, and initiatives. They also conduct a general session and breakout sessions to allow members to have discussions, network and collaborate.

A few Health Officers do participate, but the NJ Rural Health Council/Migrant Coalition is seeking additional local health department participation. The next meeting is on March 19th, 10:30-12PM and agenda is attached.

If you serve rural communities, please consider joining the NJ Rural Health Council/Migrant Coalition. One representative per LHD may be accepted. Please contact [marisol.meyer@doh.nj.gov](mailto:marisol.meyer@doh.nj.gov) if interested in participating.

Thank you,

Jamie Weller, MSN, RN (she/her)

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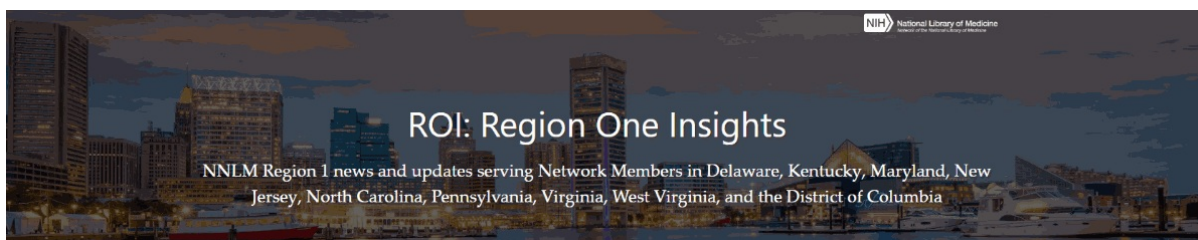
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# HIGHLIGHTS FROM The NATION'S HEALTH

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Thanks to eligibility expansion in almost all states and new policies on its use, Medicaid is protecting and improving health in new ways. Check out these recent Medicaid-related stories from *The Nation's Health*.

## [States using Medicaid funds for firearm violence prevention](#)

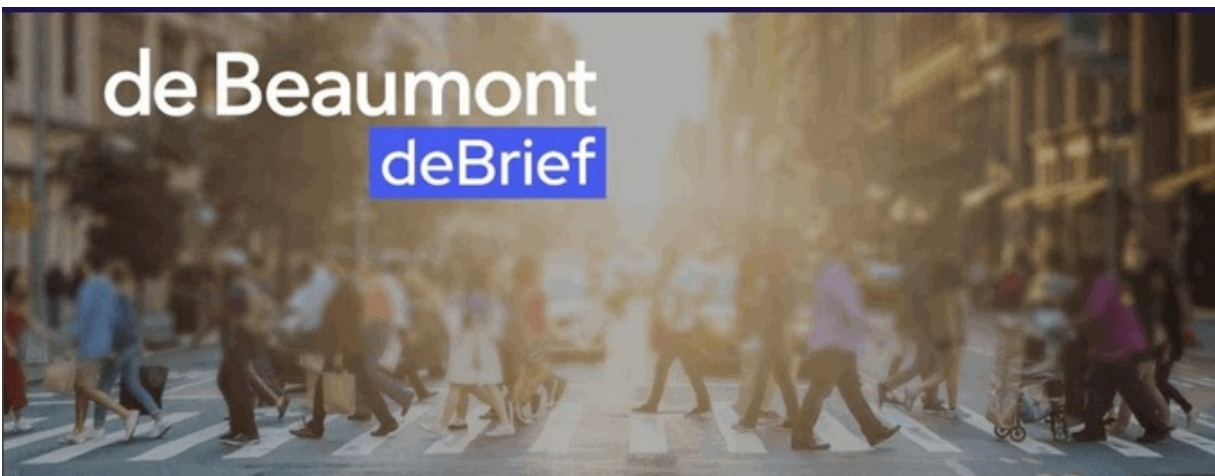
As gun violence increased during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Biden administration in 2021 made it easier for states to use Medicaid funds to invest in violence prevention.

## [States embrace move to cover Medicaid users for a year after childbirth](#)

In rare agreement on a public health issue that has reached crisis levels, nearly two-thirds of U.S. states have extended Medicaid coverage for a full year postpartum.

## [Community health worker funding drying up, but Medicaid reimbursement offers hope](#)

After a hiring burst during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, community health workers are getting laid off as federal funding ends. Medicaid reimbursement could be a way to save jobs.



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**March 2024**

## NEW APPROACHES TO INVESTING IN THE NEXT GENERATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH LEADERS

Town Hall  
Wednesday, March 13  
3-4 p.m. ET



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Join us on Wednesday, March 13, from 3-4 p.m. EDT for our free town hall on "New Approaches to Investing in the Next Generation of Public Health Leaders."

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- Judy Monroe, MD, president and CEO, CDC Foundation
- Pam Pontones, MA, deputy health commissioner of local health services, Indiana Department of Health
- Orlando Reboredo, senior director of service programs, Community Health Care Association of New York State
- Brandi Roberts, EdD, senior director for national service, Baltimore Corps
- Andrea Young, PhD, acting director, Division of Workforce Development, CDC Public Health Infrastructure Center
- Susan Polan, PhD, associate executive director for public affairs and advocacy, APHA

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# Public Health Newswire

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## **[Educating Americans can restore trust in science and vaccinations](#)**

Rising measles cases are a powerful reminder of how misinformation undermines public health, says Georges Benjamin, MD, APHA's executive director.

## **[APHA condemns gun violence, calls for action](#)**

Recent mass shootings lead APHA to call on Congress to take up legislation to end gun violence.

## **[Health workers experiencing high levels of burnout](#)**

Even as many of the intense pressures of the COVID-19 pandemic receded, high stress levels among U.S. health workers did not, recent research finds.

## **[US homelessness hits record levels](#)**

Challenges in the rental market and an end to eviction protections helped drive U.S. homelessness to record levels last year, a recent federal report finds.

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# RESPIRATORY VIRUS UPDATES NEWSLETTER



February 16, 2024

This message includes updates on respiratory viruses from CDC.



## Vaccine Effectiveness and COVID-19

[New data from CDC show](#) that the updated (2023-2024) COVID-19 vaccines were effective against COVID-19 during September 2023 – January 2024, including against variants from the XBB lineage, which is included in the updated vaccine, and JN.1, a new variant that has become dominant in recent weeks. To estimate [vaccine effectiveness](#) of the updated COVID-19 vaccine, CDC analyzed data from the [Increasing Community Access to Testing \(ICATT\)](#) COVID-19 pharmacy testing program. The protection provided by the updated vaccine was compared to not receiving an updated vaccine, regardless of a person's infection history or the number of previous COVID-19 vaccines received.



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