

# ON BOARD

November 10, 2024



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

Saturday, November 16, 2024  
**NJLBHA Board Meeting**  
10:00 AM EST

[Meeting  
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## Current Articles and Requests for Participation



October 30, 2024

This message includes updates on respiratory viruses from CDC.

Vaccines are an effective tool for protecting Americans against the most severe effects of many infectious diseases. Last week, CDC updated its vaccine recommendations for COVID-19 and pneumococcal disease based on advice from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).

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### **CDC Recommends Second Dose of 2024-2025 COVID-19 Vaccine for People 65 Years and Older and for People Who are Moderately or Severely Immunocompromised**

CDC has updated the vaccine recommendations for people 65 years and older and those who are moderately or severely immunocompromised

to receive a second dose of 2024-2025 COVID-19 vaccine 6 months after their first dose. These updated recommendations also allow for flexibility for additional doses (i.e., three or more) for those who are moderately or severely immunocompromised, in consultation with their healthcare provider (a strategy known as shared clinical decision making).

The recommendation acknowledges the increased risk of severe disease from COVID-19 in older adults and those who are immunocompromised, along with the currently available data on vaccine effectiveness and year-round circulation of COVID-19. It also provides clarity to healthcare providers on how many doses should be given per year to people who are moderately or severely immunocompromised and is meant to increase coverage of this second dose for that group.

Data continue to show that vaccination is important to protect the people most at risk for severe outcomes of COVID-19. Receiving the 2024-2025 COVID-19 vaccines can restore and enhance protection against the virus variants currently responsible for most infections and hospitalizations in the United States. COVID-19 vaccination also reduces the chance of suffering the effects of Long COVID, which can develop during or following acute infection and last for an extended duration.

CDC and ACIP will continue to monitor COVID-19 vaccine safety and effectiveness. CDC continues to recommend that everyone [stay up to date on their COVID-19 vaccines](#), especially people 65 years of age and older and [people with weakened immune systems](#).

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## CDC updates its recommendation for pneumococcal vaccination lowering the starting age for all adults to 50 years old

CDC now recommends adults get vaccinated against pneumococcal disease at 50 years old, lowering the age from 65 years.

Lowering the age for [pneumococcal vaccination](#) gives more adults the opportunity to protect themselves from pneumococcal disease at the age when risk of infection substantially increases. Pneumococcal bacteria can cause serious illnesses, including pneumonia, meningitis, and bloodstream infections, and older adults are at increased risk for pneumococcal disease.

Adults 50 years or older should talk with a healthcare provider to make sure they're up to date with pneumococcal vaccination. Now is a great time to get vaccinated against pneumococcal disease in preparation for

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HEALTHCARE COALITIONS

Coalition Members,

Following several months of development, feedback, and resource vetting we are pleased to announce the first edition of the NJHCC Orientation Packet is now available via digital download\*.

The purpose of this resource is to introduce new and existing emergency managers, healthcare preparedness staff, and other partners to the purpose behind the Coalitions, in addition to providing a compendium of preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery resources.

We'd like to emphasize that this is the first edition, this resource is a living document, and we encourage all forms of feedback as we continue to regularly update and tailor it to benefit all NJHCC members.

*\* = Please note, Adobe Acrobat Reader might be necessary to access this resource when downloading it directly to your device.*

## NJHCC Orientation Packet

2024-2025

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As noted above, this resource is intended to serve as a quick reference guide for a variety of emergency management resources. Additionally, this packet gives individuals a brief introduction to the NJHCC's core functions, as well as a brief introduction to the Juvare Incident Management System Suite.

As of writing, this resource exists digitally and can be accessed by clicking the button below. In the near future, we will have a dedicated space for this resource, amongst others, on our website at [www.NJHCC.org](http://www.NJHCC.org).

[NJHCC Orientation Packet \(2024-2025 1st Edition\)](#)

Please feel free to provide our team with feedback on this edition by clicking the button below. Your feedback and suggestions will be taken into consideration as our team develops future iterations of this resource.

[Resource Feedback Survey](#)

Thank you,  
New Jersey Healthcare Coalition EM Support Team

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to the Coalition Support Team at any time!

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# NJACCHO Programs & Sponsorships 2024-25

Don't miss a great variety of NJACCHO meetings, training programs and conference opportunities coming in late 2024 and early 2025.

## FEMA IS-800 Virtual Training

### FREE 3-Part Online training

Tuesday, 10/15  
Tuesday, 10/22  
Tuesday, 10/29

All sessions held  
2:00 - 3:00pm

More information and  
registration is available  
here

## Dale Carnegie: Effective Communication & Human Relations Training

### Central Option:

Princeton, NJ  
9:00am - 5:00pm

October 21, 2024  
October 28, 2024  
November 4, 2024

[Click here to register](#)

### Northern Option:

Maplewood, NJ  
9:00am - 5:00pm

October 23, 2024  
October 30, 2024  
November 7, 2024

[Click here to register](#)

## Media Training

10/16/24

Bergen County

11/13/24

Middlesex County

12/12/24

Hudson County

1/28/25

Cumberland County

Additional Date TBD

[Click here for full details  
& registration](#)

## League of Municipalities Conference November 19 - 21, 2024

### Learning Sessions:

November 19, 2024

2:00pm - LHDs in Action

November 20, 2024

10:45am - Commissioner of  
Health Address

\*12:00pm - NJACCHO Annual  
Meeting

2:00pm - Modernizing PH in NJ

### Networking Events:

November 19, 2024

\*\*\*6:00pm - Membership  
Networking Happy Hour

November 20, 2024

\*6:00pm - NJACCHO President  
Networking Reception

\*NJACCHO Support Package: [Register Here](#)

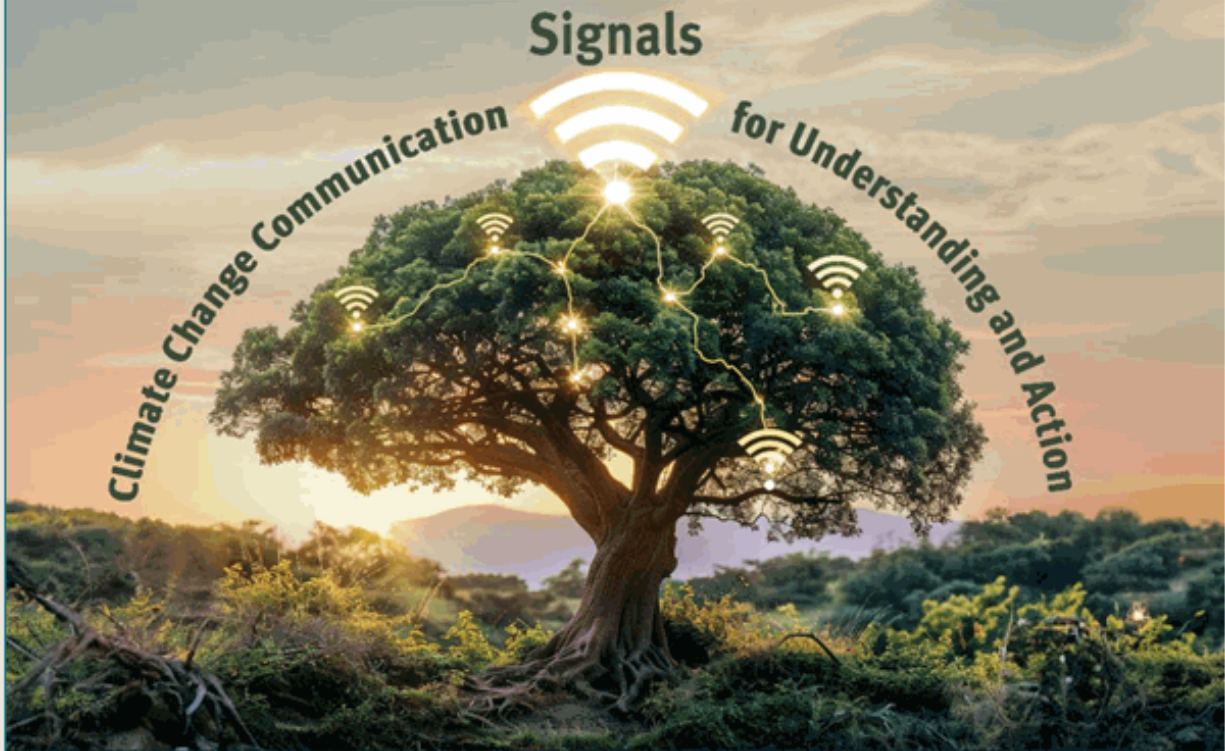
\*\*\*Networking Session (11/19/24): [Register Here](#)



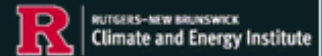
RUTGERS-NEW BRUNSWICK  
Climate and Energy Institute



Save The Date: November 13, 2024  
Douglass Student Center



Rutgers Climate Symposium 2024, featuring:



**Katherine Blunt**, *Author and Journalist*

**William Hallman**, *Distinguished Professor of Human Ecology, Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey*

**Benjamin Santer**, *Atmospheric Scientist, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute & UCLA*

**Julia Watson**, *Landscape Designer, Julia Watson LLC & Lo-TEK Institute*



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