



October 4, 2024
Weekly Situational Awareness Brief

Awareness Topics

Reemergence of Oropouche Virus in the Americas and Risk for Spread in the United States and Its Territories, 2024

"The recent expansion of the virus into previously nonendemic areas, identification of vertical transmission, and first reports of death from Oropouche virus disease have raised concerns about the broader threat this virus represents to the Americas, including the United States."

Specially designed video games may benefit mental health of children and teenagers

"In a review of previous studies, a Johns Hopkins Children's Center team concludes that some video games created as mental health interventions can be helpful -- if modest -- tools in improving the mental well-being of children and teens with anxiety, depression and attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)."

Wireless Calls to 988 Get a More Localized Response with Georouting

"The process to route cell phone calls to the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline based on the caller's approximate location, versus by area code, has started; FCC to vote next month

on a final rule that would require all U.S. wireless carriers to implement georouting with specific timelines.”

NFL and FEMA Launch National Strategy to Build Resilience in Communities, Designate Venues as Mission Ready Locations During Disasters

“Stadiums and venues provide a central and accessible location to help communities respond to extreme weather crises, providing safe storage and shelter in times of need. With these events becoming more frequent, severe and expensive, FEMA Administrator Deanne Criswell and NFL Chief Security Officer Cathy Lanier today announced that FEMA and the NFL are launching a new strategy to build resilience in communities through a program that will designate NFL stadiums and fields as mission capable venues that can be used during response and recovery missions.”

Port strike could cause severe healthcare supply shortages, AORN warns

“A joint communication from AORN and the Association of Healthcare Value Analysis Professionals (AHVAP, a strategic partner of AORN) provides advice and resources for affiliated healthcare professionals who could be impacted by the recent strike by port workers across major US shipping ports.”

Hurricanes are dangerous far from the coast. Communities are struggling to prepare

“Hurricane Helene’s destructive path tore across several states, causing the ocean surge on the Florida coast and cutting off power supplies in Georgia. But the heaviest rainfall, and some of the worst damage, was hundreds of miles from where the storm made landfall.”

Long COVID Rates in Kids Revised Upward: What to Know

“In the most expansive study of its kind, researchers have for the first time shown serious and prevalent symptoms of long COVID in kids and teens. The August study, published in the Journal of the American Medical Association, is among the first large comprehensive studies of the disorder in this age group. The study, which followed 5367 children, found that 20% of kids (ages 6-11) and 14% of teens met researchers' threshold for long COVID.”

Upcoming MESH Educational Offerings

October 8, 2024 (free) - MESH Grand Rounds Series | [Alcoholics Anonymous: How AA in Indianapolis Adapted and Evolved](#)

**During the COVID Crisis to Successfully Continue
Meeting the Needs of Alcoholics**

(Virtual. Registration Required.)

**October 15, 2024 (\$40) - When Words Aren't Enough: Mastering
the Art of Compassionate Companionship**

(Virtual. Registration Required.)

**November 7, 2024 (free) - Naloxone Administration Training and
Certification**

(In-person at 1202 W. 16th Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46202. Registration Required. Email with your name and preferred time- 10 am, 11am, or 1 pm.)

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