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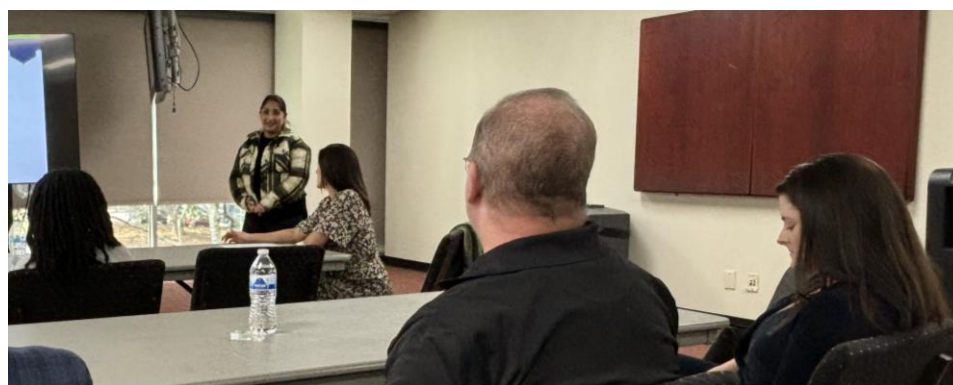
News and Notes

Highlights this week will include a state DPH visit for 27 international health professions, a quarterly meeting of the Atlanta BioWatch Advisory Committee and more.

BioWatch



The Atlanta BioWatch Advisory Committee held its quarterly meeting Monday at the Dekalb Board of Health office. The group heard an overview of the Threat Credibility Evaluation process used by the FBI. Plans for activities were discussed as they relate to the multiple large gatherings anticipated in the metro Atlanta area. This starts with the college football championship game January 20 and continues through the NFL Superbowl of 2028. There were also updates provided on HPAI and Measles.



Quarterly R/C-PIO meeting

The next quarterly DPH Risk Communicator / Public Information Officer meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, December 5 at 1:30 PM**. The agenda is still wide open to suggestions for topics and speakers, so please provide whatever input you may have.

International Visitors



Wednesday afternoon we welcomed 27 international health professionals and their CDC host to the state DPH EOC. Leah Hoffacker and Valerie Attell shared how emergency response plans are established and the procedure with which they are implemented. Our guests representing 16 different countries asked some great questions about setting up emergency operation centers and how they can function effectively. They also shared some of the high-level threats they face in their home countries, including avalanches and volcanos.



Suicide Prevention Funding

Thanks to Elizabeth Head for sending this notice of a funding opportunity for those in a 14-county area of Georgia. Eligible counties include Clay, Heard, Worth, Gilmer, Crawford, Putnam, Pickens, Lumpkin, White, Dawson, McIntosh, Haralson, Jasper, Madison and Charlton:

We would like to share with you a funding opportunity from NACCHO in partnership with the CDC for the [Expanding Community-Based Suicide Prevention \(ECSP\) project](#). ECSP is a two-pronged project that aims to strengthen the capacity of local health departments (LHDs) and their community partners to reduce suicides among disproportionately affected populations. LHDs are invited to apply one of the following tracks depending on their jurisdiction's needs:

*1) Planning Track- to develop a comprehensive suicide prevention strategic plan, or 2) Implementation Track- to implement and evaluate comprehensive suicide prevention efforts. NACCHO invites interested applicants to participate in an optional informational webinar on **Thursday, November 7, from 2:00-3:00 pm ET**. Register or view the recording after the webinar date via this [registration link](#).*

*The deadline for applications is **Friday, November 22, by 5:00 pm ET**.*

Next Week Preview

Next week we have a variety of webinars, meetings and general planning for up-coming events. Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday at 2:00 AM and serves as a reminder to change home smoke detector batteries. November is National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month. Elizabeth Head also shared some events set for next week:

Join us for our upcoming webinar, **Addressing Social Determinants of Health and Dementia Risk: Resources for Public Health Agencies**, on November 6.



Join us for Addressing Social Determinants of Health and Dementia Risk: Resources for Public Health Agencies on November 6 from 3-3:30 p.m. ET. This webinar will feature the launch of our new suite of social determinants of health (SDOH) resources including:

- SDOH and Dementia Risk Toolkit
- SDOH Science Summaries
- SDOH and Dementia Risk Video

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