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News and Notes

Conferences, meetings and planning for up-coming events were among the activities this week. What looks to be a busy Fall appears likely to start early, in August, which arrives next week.

NACCHO360



Thanks to Tracy Dabbs for sending us an update on the NACCHO360 (National Association of County and City Health Officials) conference in Detroit this week. While there she presented on allocating healthcare resources. *It is the largest convening of local health department leaders and public health professionals in the US, offering the opportunity to learn, network, and share experiences and best practices across local health departments. Aligned with NACCHO360, PHI*con is NACCHO's Conference focusing on Public Health Informatics, Surveillance, and IT.*



Media/CERC Training

Registration is now open for the DPH Media / Crisis and Emergency Risk Communication training to be held at Georgia Highlands College in Rome, Thursday, September 19:

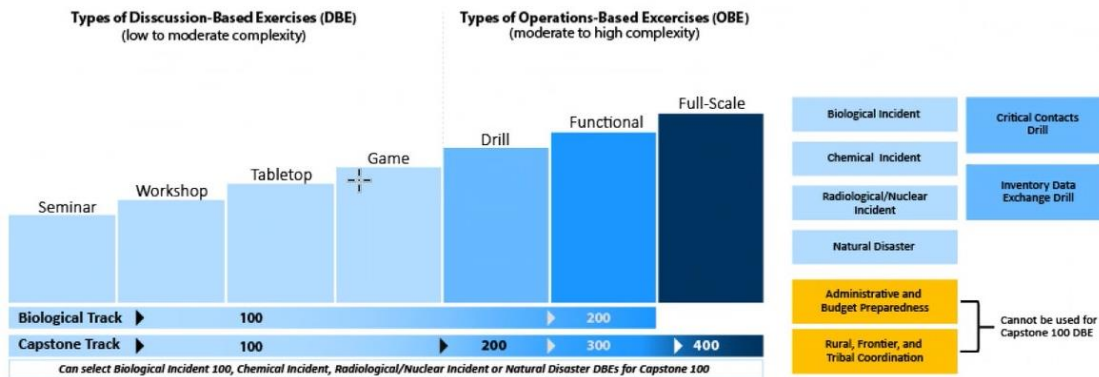
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There is still plenty of space available. We are planning for about 50 with a venue capacity that will accommodate more than that. In the first week of registration we have had 14 sign up.

Exercise Planning

Mapping out and organizing the state DPH exercise expectations was the focus of a Thursday meeting to help align efforts and work toward building exercise complexity. Conducting exercises on all levels and completing the follow-up documentation is part of the grant expectations. Saneika Thomas and Thalia Kenndey spearheaded the meeting and continue to keep these efforts in line with the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) format.

The following graphic summarizes the 2024-2028 PHEP Exercise Framework.



Farewell



We wish Kimberly James, DPH Opioid Prevention and Response Coordinator, all the best in her new role at CDC. Kimberly has always been active and engaging both with projects at the state office and in bringing the overdose prevention messages to communities throughout the state. Her last day at DPH was Wednesday, which included an in-person/virtual farewell gathering. Her first day as the Public Health Advisor in the Drug-free Communities Branch at CDC is Monday.

Next Week Preview

Among the highlights for next week will be an Instructor Development workshop held at the state DPH EOC for three full days Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

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