



## The Express

June 2016

Summertime, and the weather is heating up—almost as much as the [ASPR TRACIE](#) website! As of June 1, we are nearing 40,000 visitors, and we have processed more than 500 requests for training and technical assistance (TTA). Our subject matter expert cadre continues to grow, enabling us to continue to share information on a wide variety of healthcare system and disaster topics. Special thanks to our new subscribers and to those of you who spread the word about our work. We are excited to share news about new and upcoming resources, events, and new features, and, as always, we [welcome your feedback](#).

### **REGISTER NOW: Mass Gatherings Healthcare Coalitions Webinar**

In anticipation of the upcoming election, ASPR TRACIE has just released a [Topic Collection](#) and scheduled a webinar on **Mass Gatherings**, with lessons learned from a variety of events (e.g., political, religious, and athletic). The webinar will be held on **Thursday, July 14, from 2:00-3:00 ET** and will highlight how healthcare coalitions can be invaluable in coordinating these types of events. The panelists for this webinar include:

- Welcome: **Melissa Harvey**, RN, MSPH, Director, National Healthcare Preparedness Programs, HHS ASPR.
- Moderator: **John Hick**, MD, HHS ASPR and Hennepin County Medical Center.
- **Joseph Lamana**, BSN, MPA, HHS ASPR Operations Division Director: the federal perspective on NSSEs and other planned mass gatherings.

- **Mary Russell**, EdD, MSN, Emergency Services, Boca Raton Regional Hospital: Florida's healthcare coalitions' involvement in numerous mass gatherings, including major sporting events.
- **Tom Grace**, RN, PhD, Vice President, Emergency Preparedness, The Hospital & Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania: Southeastern PA Healthcare Coalition's role in planning for and executing the health and medical response to the Papal visit and the planning efforts currently underway for the Democratic National Convention (DNC) taking place in Philadelphia over the summer.
- Closing Remarks: **Shayne Brannman**, Director, ASPR TRACIE.

[Click here to register](#) for the webinar.

### **Zika Virus**

On June 8, 2016 ASPR TRACIE released an updated version of "[Zika: Resources at Your Fingertips](#)," to reflect updated resources and new information. As the situation unfolds and new information is released, ASPR TRACIE will continue to update the document (and indicate changes in **red font** with the date), so be sure to check back often. Included in this recent update is a newly released resource from ASPR's At Risk, Behavioral Health, and Community Resilience program, titled [Promoting Stress Management for Pregnant Women during the Zika Virus Disease Outbreak: A Resource for Healthcare Providers](#). Also included in this update are [Planning Resources](#) from ASPR designed to enhance healthcare coalition and healthcare system preparedness and response to a domestic Zika virus disease outbreak.

### **New Surge Evaluation Tools from ASPR!**

ASPR recently released two new tools developed by RAND: the [Healthcare Coalition Surge Evaluation Tool](#) is designed to help healthcare coalitions identify gaps in their surge planning through a no- or low-notice drill. The [Hospital Surge Evaluation Tool](#) is a user-friendly peer assessment tool that was designed to identify gaps in a hospital's preparedness and help assess its ability to respond to a mass casualty event. Both are free and available online.

### **Coming Soon**

ASPR TRACIE is closely tracking the impact of **cybercrime/cyber hygiene** on healthcare facilities. We recently hosted a roundtable with subject matter experts titled "Cybersecurity and Healthcare Facilities" (recording to be released at the

end of June). Speakers shared lessons learned from the recent attack on MedStar Health, general information about cyberattacks and cyber hygiene, and the collaborative effort being taken by the federal government to address this threat. In addition, we are developing a Topic Collection and Issue 2 of our newsletter *The Exchange*, which will feature articles from the American Hospital Association, MedStar Health, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the Healthcare Industry Cybersecurity Task Force. Be on the lookout for our next listserv message at the end of June.

### Domain Updates



There are currently 37 complete Topic Collections in the [Technical Resources](#) domain. Recent releases include [Emergency Operations Plans/Emergency Management Program](#) and [Mass Gatherings](#). Be on the lookout for the new Cybersecurity and Healthcare Facilities collection and an updated version of the Ebola and Viral Hemorrhagic Fever collection. Follow [this link](#) to access all comprehensively developed collections. Don't forget to [log in](#) and rate and comment on resources in Topic Collections or the Resource Library!



The [Assistance Center](#) has processed over 500 TTA requests from a variety of stakeholders. At production time, TTA staff were responding to over 12 new requests. Requests have ranged from researching and providing individuals with topic-specific resources (e.g., coalition supply cache lessons learned, hospital stockpiling resources, crisis standards of care), providing an ASPR TRACIE briefing to coalition members, to putting requestors in direct contact with a subject matter expert. We maintain [a summary of many of the TTA requests received](#) and we encourage you to [reach out](#) if you need assistance.



Have you visited the [Information Exchange](#) (IE) domain lately? Join over 1370 of your colleagues in the IE and check out the latest threads regarding Extreme Heat Resources. Don't forget to provide input on the National Healthcare Preparedness Program (NHPP) [HPP Capabilities](#) and [Performance Measures](#). [Register for the IE now](#) to join the conversation. Need help navigating the IE? Check out this quick [how-to video](#)!



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