



The Express

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Summer greetings from the [ASPR TRACIE](#) Team, and thank you for subscribing and spreading the word about our work. We are excited to share new and upcoming resources, events, and innovative features, and, as always, we [welcome your feedback](#).

LAST CHANCE! [REGISTER NOW](#) FOR JULY 14 EVENT.

Mass Gatherings Healthcare Coalitions Webinar

In anticipation of the upcoming presidential election, ASPR TRACIE will host a webinar on **Thursday, July 14, from 2:00-3:00 EDT** to highlight how healthcare coalitions can be invaluable in coordinating mass gatherings. 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**, MS, MA, Director, ASPR TRACIE.

[Click here to register](#) for the webinar. You can also check out our recently-released [Mass Gatherings Topic Collection](#).

Zika: Resources at Your Fingertips

On July 7, 2016 ASPR TRACIE released an updated version of "[Zika: Resources at Your Fingertips](#)," to reflect revised 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.

Cybersecurity Resources

In early July, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Burwell released [a letter and guidance for protecting networks from ransomware](#). At the same time, ASPR TRACIE released [Issue 2 of The Exchange](#), which focused on cybersecurity and hygiene and featured authors from the American Hospital Association, MedStar Health, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the Healthcare Industry Cybersecurity Task Force. We also hosted a roundtable with subject matter experts titled "[Cybersecurity and Healthcare Facilities](#)," where 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. Our [Cybersecurity Topic Collection](#) includes annotated resources reviewed and approved by a variety of subject matter experts. We hope this information makes your work easier and helps you secure your facility and data, and we encourage you to [share additional best practices](#) or ways you have addressed this issue with ASPR TRACIE, so others may benefit from your advances.

Domain Updates



There are currently 37 complete Topic Collections in the [Technical Resources](#) domain. Recent releases include [Cybersecurity](#) and [Mass Gatherings](#). Coming soon: Exercise Program 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 nearly 600 TTA requests from a variety of stakeholders. Readers may be interested in this compilation of [Extreme Heat Resources](#) (accessible through the Information Exchange). 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 1450 of your colleagues in the IE and check out the latest threads regarding [Zika resources developed by the State of Texas](#) and [medical countermeasure exercise documents](#). [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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