



CSTE Non-Infectious Disease News

CSTE's Non-Infectious Disease (Non-ID) News is a quarterly feature publication that highlights non-infectious disease related programs and activities from across CSTE and its public health partners.

To suggest content for Non-ID News, please contact Preksha Malhotra at pmalhotra@cste.org.

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CSTE Updates



This section includes updates and opportunities relevant to non-infectious disease epidemiology across CSTE programs.

CSTE APHIF Host Site Application Deadline Extended

The CSTE [Applied Public Health Informatics Fellowship \(APHIF\) Host Site Application](#) is now open! APHIF is a training program for early career professionals in the fields of public health informatics and data science. Fellows work on a variety of projects at their host site and in return explore long-term career opportunities in public health informatics. To host a fellow for the upcoming APHIF Class 8 (2024-2025), host sites must submit an application that describes their ability to provide mentorship, applied projects supporting data modernization work and hands-on learning experiences. The APHIF host site application is available [here](#), and the deadline for applications has been extended to **June 24, 2024**.

Note that this is a condensed application window to support placing fellows at host sites before the

end of summer 2024. Fellow applications are also open and the duration of fellowship placements will be 12 months, with the possibility of an extension based on funding availability. Project scope should be appropriate for a trainee who will be placed at the host site for 12 months. For more information on APHIF, please [visit our website](#).

New Resource: CSTE's Applied Epidemiology Competencies Toolkit

CSTE recently launched the [Applied Epidemiology Competencies \(AECs\) toolkit](#), a free, interactive resource designed to help applied epidemiologists put the 2024 AECs into everyday practice. Funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) through a cooperative agreement, the toolkit provides resources for health department supervisors and individuals to assess applied epidemiology knowledge, skills, and abilities [across the AEC domains](#) or competency areas and use the results to identify areas of professional development; inform performance reviews and training plans; and ultimately aid in career maturation, recruitment and retention. Specific components include:

- Toolkit worksheets to provide practical how-to steps to incorporate the competencies into recruitment and retention efforts in health departments
- Job descriptions (including step-by-step instructions for creating competency-based job descriptions to attract the right candidates for the positions)
- Worksheets for career portfolios and training plans, as well as competency-based interview questions specifically for the four tiers of epidemiologists
- Free course trainings on [CSTE Learn](#)
- Online, interactive evaluation tools to determine knowledge gaps, inform performance reviews and more

To learn more about how to implement the competencies in your jurisdiction, join us for an upcoming CSTE AEC webinar featuring schools of public health and public health jurisdictions on June 26 from 12:00 – 1:00 pm EST. [Register here](#). Also, participate in the [All Member CSTE Connect community](#) to ask your questions and share your experiences with other CSTE members. Please spread the word through the [AEC partner toolkit](#) or by sharing posts from CSTE's social media channels. Contact Sarah Auer at sauer@cste.org with any questions.

New Resource: CSTE Occupational Health Surveillance for Tracking Climate Related Health Impacts on Workers: Heat, Wildfires & Floods

This [document](#) developed by the CSTE Occupational Health Surveillance Subcommittee and Occupational Health and Climate Workgroup in April 2024 serves as a resource to accelerate

occupational surveillance focused on heat, wildfires, and floods. By offering a framework for occupational health surveillance in the context of climate impact, this [white paper](#) intends to support health departments in developing their own approaches to monitoring climate-related health outcomes among workers.

To learn more, please attend the discussion session at the 2024 Annual Conference on June 12, 2024 from 1:00-1:45 pm titled “Facing the Crosswinds – Facilitating Dialogue and Collaboration on Climate Change Issues.”

CSTE HIV Surveillance Training Manual

CSTE is pleased to announce the release of the newest version of our [CSTE HIV Surveillance Training Manual](#). This updated resource serves as a tool for state, tribal, local, and territorial (STLT) health department staff working in HIV surveillance. In response to the evolving landscape of HIV surveillance, prevention, and treatment, CSTE collaborated with CDC, NASTAD, Tsuro Consulting, and the CSTE HIV Surveillance Training Resources Workgroup to update the manual to ensure it reflects the most current information, references, best practices, and activities in HIV surveillance. If you have any questions regarding the CSTE HIV Surveillance Training Manual, please contact Symone Richardson at srichardson@cste.org.

CDC Foundation: Workforce Acceleration Initiative Cohort 2 Application Open Now

The [application for Cohort 2 of the CDC Foundation Workforce Acceleration Initiative \(WAI\)](#) is open now! The goal of the WAI is to strengthen public health agencies' (PHA) capacity to conduct information system improvements that are of top priority to each PHA by adding technology and data experts to their teams. By supporting diverse PHAs to improve their information systems through the WAI, progress will be made towards CDC's Public Health Data Strategy (PHDS) goals. The WAI seeks to increase the ability of PHAs serving state, tribal, local or territorial jurisdictions to leverage modern technology and interoperable data for public health action.

Please view the [Request for Applications \(RFA\) here](#) and the [submission form here](#). There is an information session on June 13 at 3:00pm EDT, [register here](#). The deadline for submission is June 28, 2024 at 11:59 pm PST. Contact WAI@cdcfoundation.org for more information.



CSTE 2024 Annual Conference - Epi Ascending: Building Healthier Communities Together

This issue of the CSTE Non-ID Newsletter is a special edition for the upcoming [2024 CSTE Annual Conference](#) in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania from June 9-13, 2024. If you haven't already, please [register now](#) to attend this incredible in-person event!

Please note that Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania is on Eastern Daylight Time. All conference sessions will take place at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center (DLCC) except for the position statement sessions and position statement office which will be held at the Omni William Penn Hotel.

This newsletter will provide an overview of events happening at the conference and will highlight some of the non-infectious disease related sessions. Please view the [CSTE Conference website](#) for detailed information on all conference events and sessions and the [pocket agenda](#).

#CSTE 2024 Online Agenda and Mobile App Now Available!

The 2024 CSTE Annual Conference online agenda and mobile app are now available to all registered attendees. Start building your agenda, view session details, and connect with your colleagues today. Please see links below to download now!

[Login to the Online Agenda](#)

[Download the App for Android](#)

[Download the App for iPhone/iPad](#)

DEI One-Pager

CSTE staff have developed this [CSTE Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion \(DEI\) One-pager](#) to spotlight specific DEI-related presentations and sessions at the annual conference as well as local events happening in Pittsburgh, PA.

Note that not all DEI-related presentations and sessions are listed in this one-pager. CSTE recommends searching in the Conference virtual platform using keywords such as "health equity" to find additional sessions of interest. If you are interested in learning more about DEI activities at CSTE, please consider joining the Health Equity Subcommittee. Contact Dhara Shah for more information: dshah@cste.org.

Commitment to Service Activity

During every Annual Conference, CSTE partners with a local organization to highlight the excellent work happening in the community and to give back to our host city. This year, we are excited to partner with the [Neighborhood Resilience Project](#), an organization inspired by the American Civil Rights Movement with a mission to support the transformation of neighborhoods from Trauma Affected Communities to Resilient Healing and Healthy Communities through Trauma Informed Community Development.

The Neighborhood Resilience Project serves thousands of Pittsburgh residents every year and provides:

- Community support programs (emergency food pantry, document recovery program, backpack feeding program and clothing pantry)
- Health and well-being services (free health center, micro-community interventions, trauma response team and community health deputies)
- Leadership development programs (training trauma responders, training cohorts from across the nation in the framework)

[Donate HERE](#) to support the work of the Neighborhood Resilience Project!

Note: To help us track the number of donations facilitated through the conference, please put “CSTE” in the comments of your donation.

Position Statements

Please join us in vetting this year's draft CSTE Position Statements! These position statements are available on [CSTE Connect](#) and will be finalized and voted upon during the Annual Conference.

Disclaimer: Position statements are considered to be in draft form until finalized and approved by the Council at the CSTE Annual Business Meeting. Draft position statements are under active review/vetting and discussion. They shall not be widely distributed and are intended only for official CSTE members, invited disease/condition subject matter experts, and position statement authors and writing groups prior to approval. Direct all media inquiries related to any draft CSTE position statement to the CSTE National Office at positionstatements@cste.org.

The below position statement sessions are only available to active CSTE members. The position statement sessions will occur in the William Penn Ballroom at the Omni William Penn Hotel. The position statement office is in the Anchor room at the Omni William Penn Hotel. Computer stations are available for attendees to view and print proposed position statements and for position statement authors to edit and print proposed position statements. Printing and photocopying are only available for position statements.

Non-ID Position Statement:

Injuries Related to Firearms (24-INJ-01) standardizes the case definition for injuries related to firearms and is the only non-infectious disease position statement under the Injury, Substance Use and Mental Health conference track. The roundtable for discussion on the INJ position statement is on Tuesday, June 11 from 1:00-1:45 pm in the William Penn Ballroom at the Omni William Penn Hotel. The position statement voting session for INJ will take place on Wednesday, June 12 from 2:15-3:30pm in the William Penn Ballroom at the Omni William Penn Hotel.

ID Position Statements:

There are twelve total infectious disease position statements under the infectious disease conference track and will be discussed and voted on during various infectious disease roundtable and voting sessions.

The information for all the position statement roundtable sessions and voting sessions is in the table below:

Position Statement Sessions:

Roundtables		
Infectious Disease	Monday, 6/10	7:30am to 8:15am
Infectious Disease	Monday, 6/10	1:00pm to 1:45pm
Infectious Disease	Monday, 6/10	5:30pm to 6:15pm
Infectious Disease	Tuesday, 6/11	7:30am to 8:15am
<i>Injury</i>	<i>Tuesday, 6/11</i>	<i>1:00pm to 1:45pm</i>
Infectious Disease	Wednesday, 6/12	7:30am to 8:15am
Infectious Disease	Wednesday, 6/12	1:00pm to 1:45pm
Voting Sessions		
Infectious Disease	Monday, 6/10	4:00pm to 5:15pm
Infectious Disease	Tuesday, 6/11	4:00pm to 6:15pm
<i>Injury</i>	<i>Wednesday, 6/12</i>	<i>2:15pm to 3:30pm</i>
Infectious Disease	Wednesday, 6/12	4:00pm to 6:30pm

Conference Session Schedule

Conference sessions on Monday to Wednesday June 10-12, 2024 follow this standard schedule:

Session Type	Morning	Afternoon
Discussion	7:30-8:15am	1:00-1:45pm 5:30-6:15pm*
Poster	8:15-8:45am 10:15-10:45am	3:30-4:00pm*
Plenary	8:45-10:15am	
Breakout	10:45am-12:00pm	2:15-3:30pm* 4:00-5:15pm*

*Only Monday and Tuesday

Plenary Sessions

There will be a plenary session each morning Monday to Wednesday, June 10-12, 2024 from 8:45-10:15 am EDT. The plenaries will occur in-person in the Spirit of Pittsburgh Ballroom on level 3 of the David L. Lawrence Convention Center.

- Monday, June 10 at 8:45-10:15 am EDT: *Opening Plenary and Member Awards*, Speakers: **Dr. Sharon Watkins**, PhD, Retired State Epidemiologist and Past CSTE President 2019-2020
- Tuesday, June 11 at 8:45-10:15 am EDT: *Working with Communities*, Speakers: **Dr. Melanie Nadeau**, PhD, MPH, Graduate Program Director, Assistant Professor, Indigenous Health at University of North Dakota and **Dr. Ruth Abaya**, MD, MPH, Senior Director, Health Systems and CVI Integration at The Health Alliance for Violence Intervention
- Wednesday, June 12 at 8:45-10:15 am EDT: *OneHealth*, Speakers: **Dr. Richard Chipman**, Coordinator, National Rabies Management Program at USDA, APHIS, Wildlife Services and **Dr. Stephen Cole**, MS, VMD, Assistant Professor of Clinical Microbiology at University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine

Poster Sessions and Poster Awards

All posters will be displayed for the entire conference in the Networking Hall. Poster board number assignments can be found in the online agenda and app. Posters from all tracks at conference will be presented during the break times between sessions. See below for when posters are being presented:

- Monday, June 10 from 8:15-8:45am, 10:15-10:45am (Poster Award Finalists), and 3:30-4:00pm
- Tuesday, June 11 from 8:15-8:45am, 10:15-10:45am, and 3:30-4:00pm
- Wednesday, June 12 from 8:15-8:45am and 10:15-10:45am

The poster awards session is on **Monday, June 10 from 10:15-10:45am**. Posters presented during this time have been nominated for poster awards from each track and will be voted on by members of each of the conference track planning committees.

Evening Networking Events

There will be [networking events](#) every evening from Sunday, June 9 to Tuesday, June 11 that are open to all conference attendees.

- Sunday, June 9 from 5:30-7:00pm, *Savor the City with Network Dining* (**prior sign-up and payment required**)
 - CSTE has made reservations at ten restaurants in downtown Pittsburgh and each table is for up to four attendees. Use the link below to complete the form to request one spot at a table and connect with other attendees while dining at one of Pittsburgh's favorite restaurants!
 - [Savor the City in Pittsburgh Sign Up](#)
- Monday, June 10 from 6:30-7:30pm, *Opening Reception*, at the Networking Hall C, David L. Lawrence Convention Center
- **Morning Event** - Tuesday, June 11 from 6:30-7:30am, *5k Group Walk/Run*, Starts at David L. Lawrence Convention Center
 - Click here for a [map of the route](#) which can also be found in the conference app.
 - By participating, you agree to the [CSTE Fun Run/Walk Waiver](#).
- Tuesday, June 11 from 6:30-7:30pm, *Reception Celebrating CSTE Fellowships*, at the Heinz History Center

2024 CSTE Annual Conference Workforce Presentations

CSTE offers multiple fellowship and training opportunities for early and mid-career epidemiologists:

- [Applied Epidemiology Fellowship \(AEF\)](#)
- [Applied Public Health Informatics Fellowship \(APHIF\)](#)
- [Leading Epidemiologists, Advancing Data \(LEAD\)](#)
- [Data Science Team Training \(DSTT\)](#)
- [Early Career Professionals Mentorship Program](#)

Many participants from these various CSTE Workforce Programs are presenting at the 2024 CSTE Annual Conference. Please view the linked document below to see the breakout, discussion, and poster workforce program presentations and plan to attend presentations of interest.

[Workforce Program Participant Presentations at the 2024 CSTE Annual Conference](#)

Highlighting Non-ID Sessions:

There are many breakout and roundtable sessions occurring across all the different conference tracks from Monday, June 10 to Wednesday, June 12 all day. Here are some key sessions to make note of and plan to attend under the non-infectious disease tracks. The tables below highlight sessions that are cross-cutting, special or emerging topics, key discussions, or related to position statements.

Monday, June 10:

Session ID	Track	Session Type	Time	Session Title	Room
9613	Environmental Health/Occupational Health	Discussion	7:30-8:15am	Occupational Health Indicators Workgroup Meeting	DLCC, Room 336
9615	Infectious Diseases	Discussion	7:30-8:15am	Long COVID: Meeting the Challenge We Have without the Science We Want	DLCC, Room 325
9723	Chronic Disease/Maternal & Child Health	Breakout	10:45am-12:00pm	Google Map Directions for Chronic Disease and Maternal & Child Health	DLCC, Room 411/412
9627	Health Equity and Tribal Epidemiology	Discussion	1:00-1:45pm	Turning over a New Leife - Developing Law Enforcement Involved Injuries and Fatal Encounters (LEIFE) Surveillance: A Collaborative Approach to Understanding Fatalities and Non-Fatal Injuries in Law Enforcement Encounters	DLCC, Room 335
9739	Chronic Disease/Maternal & Child Health	Breakout	2:15-3:30pm	Merging Streams of Maternal and Infant/Child Health and Infectious Disease	DLCC, Room 408/409/410
9740	Environmental Health/Occupational Health	Breakout	2:15-3:30pm	NIOSH State Partners Occupational Health Surveillance Coordination Meeting	DLCC, Room 407
9747	Injury/Substance Use & Mental Health	Lightning	2:15-3:30pm	Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and Considerations for Youth Surveillance	DLCC, Room 411/412
9755	Chronic Disease/Maternal & Child Health	Breakout	4:00-5:15pm	Forging Ahead for Our Future Generation: Child and Adolescent Health	DLCC, Room 408/409/410

9756	Environmental Health/Occupational Health	Breakout	4:00-5:15pm	Addressing Disparities in Environmental Health	DLCC, Room 407
9761	Injury/Substance Use & Mental Health	Breakout	4:00-5:15pm	Bridging Social Determinants of Health in Injury, Substance Use and Mental Health	DLCC, Room 411/412
9642	Environmental Health/Occupational Health	Discussion	5:30-6:15pm	CSTE Environmental Health and Occupational Health Steering Committee Update-New Members Welcome	DLCC, Room 335
9722	Injury/Substance Use & Mental Health	Discussion	5:30-6:15pm	Medicolegal Death Investigation as Part of Public Health Improvement Strategy	DLCC, Room 324

Tuesday, June 11:

Session ID	Track	Session Type	Time	Session Title	Room
9673	Injury, Substance Use & Mental Health	Discussion	1:00-1:45pm	Injuries Related to Firearms Position Statement Roundtable Session	Omni William Penn Hotel, William Penn Ballroom
9669	Health Equity and Tribal Epidemiology	Roundtable	1:00-1:45pm	Health Equity and Tribal Epidemiology (HETE) Steering Committee Discussion Session: Incorporating HETE across CSTE Program Areas	DLCC, Room 334
9788	Chronic Disease/Maternal & Child Health	Breakout	2:15-3:30pm	Stairway to Health Equity in Chronic Disease and Maternal & Child Health	DLCC, Room 413/414/415
9804	Chronic Disease/Maternal & Child Health	Breakout	4:00-5:15pm	Bridging the Gap Between Maternal & Child Health and Substance Use & Mental Health	DLCC, Room 310/311
9806	Environmental Health/Occupational Health	Breakout	4:00-5:15pm	CSTE Occupational Health Subcommittee Business Meeting	DLCC, Room 411/412

Wednesday, June 12:

Session ID	Track	Session Type	Time	Session Title	Room
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9822	Chronic Disease/Maternal & Child Health	Breakout	10:45am-12:00pm	Reporting Live: Clinical or Administrative Data Examples in Chronic Disease and Maternal & Child Health	DLCC, Room 408/409/410
9823	Environmental Health/Occupational Health	Breakout	10:45am-12:00pm	Bridging the Connection Between Environmental and Occupational Health	DLCC, Room 411/412
9721	Environmental Health/Occupational Health	Discussion	1:00-1:45pm	Facing the Crosswinds – Facilitating Dialogue and Collaboration on Climate Change Issues Occupational Health Surveillance for Tracking Climate Related Health Impacts on Workers: Heat, Wildfires & Floods	DLCC, Room 323

Save the Date for 2025!



Get Involved



The following groups may be of interest to our CSTE non-infectious disease members with ongoing activities related to non-infectious disease topics. To join one of the CSTE Subcommittees, make sure you are logged into your CSTE member account, click the link to the Subcommittee page, and click "Join Group" under the group name. To join one of the workgroups, contact CSTE staff to be added to the email list and receive meeting information.

CSTE Subcommittee/Workgroup Highlight

CSTE Chronic Disease Subcommittee

Co-chairs:

- Annalyse Watts (AL)
- Khristina Morgan (VA)

The CSTE Chronic Disease Subcommittee focuses on efforts to build capacity for chronic disease epidemiologists and provides support through targeted trainings, resources, and member engagement. Members of the Subcommittee include chronic disease epidemiologists and public health professionals in state, local, tribal, and territorial levels as well as private-sector and academic settings.

At this year's Annual Conference, CSTE is hosting a [Chronic Disease Surveillance Workshop](#) on Sunday afternoon and this chronic disease specific workshop is occurring after a few years. We are excited to share presentations on data modernization and health equity topics and interact with our members in-person.

Also, the CSTE Chronic Disease Subcommittee has restarted calls as of February 2024, and calls occur every other month on the 4th Wednesday from 2-3pm EST. If you are interested in joining the Subcommittee, you can by logging into the [CSTE Website](#) and clicking "Join" on the [CSTE Chronic Disease Subcommittee webpage](#). Please contact Preksha Malhotra at pmalhotra@cste.org with any questions.

The following CSTE Subcommittees and Workgroups have ongoing projects and/or discussion topics:

- **Alcohol Epidemiology**
 - Call Schedule: Currently every other month, 1st Thursdays at 1:00pm ET
 - CSTE Contact: Cailyn Lingwall, clingwall@cste.org
- **Cannabis**
 - Call Schedule: Every other month, 4th Thursday of the month at 1:00pm ET
 - CSTE Contact: Cailyn Lingwall, clingwall@cste.org
- **Chronic Disease**
 - Every other month, 4th Wednesday of the month at 2pm ET
 - CSTE Contact: Preksha Malhotra, pmalhotra@cste.org
- **Climate, Health, & Equity**
 - Call Schedule: Every other month, 4th Monday at 2pm ET
 - CSTE Contact: Maggie Thelen, mthelen@cste.org
- **Disaster Epidemiology**
 - CSTE Contact: Andrew Adams, aadams@cste.org
- **Environmental Health**
 - Call Schedule: As needed
 - CSTE Contact: Maggie Thelen, mthelen@cste.org
 - Environmental Health in Schools Workgroup
 - Call Schedule: Every other month, 2nd Wednesday of the month at 1pm ET
 - CSTE Contact: Maggie Thelen, mthelen@cste.org
 - PFAS Workgroup
 - Call Schedule: Every other month, 3rd Thursday at 3:00pm ET
 - CSTE Contact: Maggie Thelen, mthelen@cste.org
- **Epi Methods**
 - Call Schedule: 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1:00pm ET
 - CSTE Contact: Maria Patselikos, mpatselikos@cste.org
 - Spatial Analysis Workgroup
 - Call Schedule: 3rd Tuesday of the month at 1:00pm ET
- CSTE Contact: Maria Patselikos, mpatselikos@cste.org

- **Health Equity**
 - Call Schedule: Every other month, 4th Thursdays at 2:00pm ET
 - CSTE Contact: Dhara Shah, dshah@cste.org
- **Injury Epidemiology and Surveillance**
 - New call schedule coming soon
 - Injury Surveillance Workgroup
 - Call schedule: 1st Wednesday of the month at 2:00pm ET
 - CSTE Contact: Danielle Boyd, dboyd@cste.org
- **Maternal and Child Health**
 - New call schedule coming soon
 - CSTE Contact: Valerie Goodson, vgoodson@cste.org
- **Occupational Health Surveillance**
 - CSTE Contact: Cailyn Lingwall, clingwall@cste.org
- **Overdose**
 - Call Schedule: Every other month, 2nd Thursday of the month at 2:00 pm ET
 - CSTE Contact: Danielle Boyd, dboyd@cste.org
- **Prescription Drug Monitoring Program**
 - Call Schedule: Every other month, 4th Thursday of the month at 1:00pm ET
 - CSTE Contact: Danielle Boyd, dboyd@cste.org
- **Public Health Law**
 - Call Schedule: Quarterly
 - CSTE Contact: Sunbal Virk, phlaw@cste.org
- **Substance Use & Mental Health**
 - Calls scheduled as needed
 - CSTE Contact: Danielle Boyd, dboyd@cste.org
- **Tribal Epidemiology**
 - Call Schedule: Quarterly
 - CSTE Contact: Colin Gerber, cgerber@cste.org

Member Spotlight



This section highlights CSTE member projects and accomplishments in the area of non-infectious disease epidemiology, allowing readers to learn more about their colleagues in the field. Contact Preksha Malhotra at pmalhotra@cste.org with questions or to nominate yourself or others to be featured.



Clifford S. Mitchell, MS, MD, MPH

**Director Environmental Health Bureau, Prevention and Health Promotion Administration,
Maryland Department of Health**

Dr. Clifford S. Mitchell is the Director of the Environmental Health Bureau in the Maryland Department of Health's Prevention and Health Promotion Administration. He directs Bureau activities, which include food protection; asthma, lead and healthy homes epidemiology and home visiting programs; violence and injury epidemiology and prevention programs; occupational health surveillance; and regulatory programs for pools, youth camps, and community housing settings. Dr. Mitchell joined the Department in 2006, after 14 years on the faculty of the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. He has a Bachelor's degree from Williams College, a Master's of Science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, a medical degree from the Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, and a Master of Public Health from the Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health.

Dr. Mitchell was appointed the Vice Chair of the CSTE Environmental Health and Occupational Health Steering Committee of the Program & Policy Committee in 2023 and became Chair later that year. Dr. Mitchell's work in CSTE, like his research, practice, and publications, focuses on indoor environments, climate and health, environmental/occupational surveillance, and environmental health workforce development. He has been a CSTE member since 2007, and has been a member of the Occupational Health Subcommittee since 2011. Dr. Mitchell's work with CSTE has included a recent proposal to develop a surveillance case definition for heat-related injury and illness as well as a project with the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) to create a messaging standard for environmental health inspections. This work is related to his long-term interest in improving surveillance for environmental and occupational illness and injury, both in clinical care and the electronic health record, and in public health practice within health departments. Dr. Mitchell believes that data modernization offers CSTE an opportunity to improve the coordination between health care and public health in both occupational and environmental health.

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