



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's Request for Proposals

CSTE's Non-Infectious Disease Programs team as well as other programmatic teams at CSTE have been releasing new Requests for Proposals (RFPs) this Spring. Please continue to check [CSTE's Request for Proposals webpage](#) as more RFPs get posted. There are currently two RFPs open: 1) [Consultant to lead development of technical guidance and standardized surveillance definition for drug overdose using emergency management data](#) and 2) [Electronic Case Reporting \(eCR\) Consensus Criteria & Annual Summit](#). Please check the individual RFPs linked above for more detailed information on the project and its deliverables as well as the application and its deadline.

CSTE's New Resource: Epidemiology Capacity Assessment (ECA) Dashboards

CSTE's new [Epidemiology Capacity Assessment \(ECA\) Dashboards](#) build on the notable [ECA report](#) released last Fall by providing stratified data at the national, regional, and program level for key applied epidemiology workforce indicators – including epidemiology staffing, funding, and salaries. They also provide current and historical ECA data for key metrics, including current and needed epidemiologists, funding sources, ability to deliver the Essential Public Health Services (EPHS) and salary data. Health departments and agencies can utilize this data to provide key information on their epidemiology capacity to help inform recruitment and retention efforts.

Highlighting Key CSTE Learn Trainings and Resources

CSTE acknowledges and understands the tumultuous time we are all experiencing as public health professionals. Our work is surrounded by uncertainty, and we want to remind you all to take care of yourselves and your health, especially your mental health during this time.

[CSTE Learn](#) is CSTE's online learning management system, which is free for anyone to access, all you need to do is create an account with your email. Please see below for some CSTE trainings and resources that you may find helpful.

- [Compassion Institute: Resiliency](#) – CSTE in partnership with the Compassion Institute and funded by the CSTE Foundation, hosted a four-part webinar series for members on resiliency topics including 1) Burnout and Self & Collective Care, 2) Culture of Public Health and Self & Collective Care, 3) Work, Life, and Self Care, and 4) Collective Care at Work.

- [Navigating Stress: Mental Health Skill-Building for Epidemiologists and Public Health Practitioners](#) – This training focuses on skill-building related to mental health and resilience for epidemiologists and public health professionals by providing strategies to effectively handle daily work stressors, create a supportive work environment, and navigate the increased pressures of responding to public health emergencies.
- [Building Workforce Resilience through the Practice of Psychological First Aid: A course for Leaders and Teams](#) – This course provides the opportunity to consider and pursue strategies for supporting colleagues and team members during a disaster response by learning coping methods for managing stress and building resilience.
- [Communicating About Science](#) – Katelyn Jetelina, MPH, PhD, epidemiologist and scientific communicator shares the lessons she learned during the COVID-19 pandemic about rapidly communicating and translating public health science to the general public and trusted messengers.

2025 CSTE Annual Conference – Registration and New This Year EpiVision Presentations!

The 2025 CSTE Annual Conference will be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan from June 8-12, and registration is now open! **The early bird deadline is Thursday, April 17, 2025**, so register before then to receive your discount. [Register here!](#)

When registering, you have the option to register for the Annual Conference Workshops that occur on Sunday, June 8. There are several different full-day and half-day workshops occurring under each conference program track, please view the [2025 CSTE Annual Conference Workshops webpage](#) for more information. You are able to register for one full-day or two half-day workshops for a full conference registration.

New for the 2025 CSTE Annual Conference is the [EpiVision presentations!](#) CSTE invites attendees to share case studies and best practices for demonstrations and dashboards through an EpiVision presentation. EpiVision sessions will be an interactive showcase in the Networking Hall including presentations designed to display the functionality and impact of dashboards or software demonstrations through direct interaction with attendees in real time. Presentation length is 10

minutes with up to 2 presenting authors per abstract. Look out for the EpiVision abstract presentations and attend them at the conference this June!

Please view the [2025 CSTE Annual Conference website](#) for more information. The [Daily Agenda](#) is now available as well as our [FAQs page](#) to answer all your questions about attending the conference.



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 Responding to Chemical Contamination (RTCC) Workgroup

CSTE and the Environmental Epidemiology Subcommittee are proud to launch the new and renamed workgroup for members and interested public health partners. The **Responding to Chemical Contamination (RTCC) Workgroup** is a re-scoping of the previous PFAS workgroup to be more comprehensive in topics and facilitate collaboration among public health professionals, toxicologists, and laboratory personnel. Future topics could include emerging contaminants, PFAS, heavy metals, air pollutants, responding to rural chemical contamination, discussion of data driven policies, and more.

CSTE is pleased to have Jessica Lundin (Seattle King County) and Eva Kool (Michigan Department of Health) serve as co-chairs for the RTCC Workgroup.

The first meeting will be scheduled for **May 1, 2025 at 1PM ET**. Meeting invitation will be sent to interested members. Fill out this [membership survey](#) to be added to further communications about the RTCC Workgroup.

RTCC Workgroup Purpose

- Sharing state and local experiences and best practices for investigations of localized chemical contamination events – epidemiology and its integration with toxicology, health education, community engagement, and public health programs/policies
- Learning about new federal initiatives, resources, and policies related to chemical exposures that impact human health
- Learning about current research findings related to chemical exposures and discussing implications to applied epidemiology

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

- [Alcohol Epidemiology](#)

- Call Schedule: *Updated to monthly calls, 1st Thursday of the month at 1:00 pm ET.
 - CSTE Contact: Cailyn Kilgore, ckilgore@cste.org
- **Cannabis**
 - Call Schedule: 4th Thursday of every other month at 1:00 pm ET.
 - CSTE Contact: Cailyn Kilgore, ckilgore@cste.org
- **Chronic Disease**
 - Call Schedule: 4th Wednesday of every other month at 2:00 pm ET
 - CSTE Contact: Preksha Malhotra, pmalhotra@cste.org
- **Climate, Health and Equity**
 - Call Schedule: 4th Monday of every other month at 2:00 pm ET
 - CSTE Contact: Maggie Thelen, mthelen@cste.org
- **Disaster Epidemiology**
 - Call Schedule: 3rd Wednesday of every month at 2:00 pm ET
 - CSTE Contact: Andrew Adams, aadams@cste.org
- **Environmental Health**
 - Call Schedule: Quarterly
 - CSTE Contact: Maggie Thelen, mthelen@cste.org

- **Injury Epidemiology and Surveillance**

- Call Schedule: As needed
- CSTE Contact: Danielle Boyd, dboyd@cste.org
 - Injury Surveillance Workgroup
 - Call Schedule: 1st Wednesday of the month at 2:00 pm ET
 - CSTE Contact: Danielle Boyd, dboyd@cste.org

- **Maternal and Child Health**

- Call Schedule: 2nd Tuesday of the month at 3:00 pm ET
- CSTE Contact: Valerie Goodson, vgoodson@cste.org

- **Occupational Health Surveillance**

- Call Schedule: As needed
- CSTE Contact: Cailyn Kilgore, ckilgore@cste.org
- Occupational Surveillance Methods Workgroup
 - 4th Wednesday of the month at 2:00 pm ET
 - CSTE Contact: Cailyn Kilgore, ckilgore@cste.org

- **Overdose**

- Call Schedule: 2nd Thursday of every other month at 2:00 pm ET

- CSTE Contact: Danielle Boyd, dboyd@cste.org
 - **Prescription Drug Monitoring Program**
 - Call Schedule: 4th Thursday of every other month at 1:00 pm ET
 - CSTE Contact: Danielle Boyd, dboyd@cste.org
 - **Public Health Law**
 - Call Schedule: Quarterly
 - CSTE Contact: Sunbal Virk, phtlaw@cste.org
 - **Readiness & Response Subcommittee**
 - Call Schedule: 2nd Tuesday of the month at 2:00 pm ET
 - CSTE Contact: Andrew Adams, aadams@cste.org
 - **Substance Use and Mental Health**
 - Call Schedule: Quarterly
 - CSTE Contact: Megan Sullivan, msullivan@cste.org
 - **Tribal Epidemiology**
 - Call Schedule: Quarterly
 - CSTE Contact: Colin Gerber, cgerber@cste.org
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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.



Amanda Smith, PhD, MPH

Deputy State Epidemiologist at the Utah Department of Health and Human Services

Amanda Smith, PhD, MPH, is the Deputy State Epidemiologist at the Utah Department of Health and Human Services. She began her career in public health as an intern with the HIV and Informatics teams in Utah while finishing her PhD in Biochemistry. She was then hired as the lead Healthcare-Associated Infections epidemiologist in Utah where she led multiple outbreak investigations and worked to reduce transmission of MDROs and other infections in healthcare settings and improve patient safety. She then joined the CDC as an Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) officer in the class of 2020 with the National Syndromic Surveillance Program (NSSP). During her EIS tenure she worked on a variety of projects including describing the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on emergency

department visit volumes by race and ethnicity, responding to a water contamination event, utilizing emergency department data to monitor acute pediatric cases of hepatitis of unknown etiology, and deployed on multiple occasions to the COVID-19 response. Following her time at CDC, she returned to the Utah Department of Health and Human Services as the Deputy State Epidemiologist. In this role, Amanda supports all the non-infectious teams and advises on projects ranging from drafting the Utah State Cancer plan; overdose surveillance and response; tobacco prevention and control; complex survey analysis with the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) and the Utah Student Health and Risk Prevention (SHARP) survey; health equity; data modernization and public health communications. During the course of her public health work, Amanda contributed to 15 journal publications across a variety of public health topics.

Amanda is one of the co-leads for the Utah Chronic Disease Data Modernization team working to improve the data available to support chronic and other non-infectious disease work. As part of this initiative, Amanda participated in CSTE's Chronic Disease Surveillance Modernization Partner's Network to develop a national strategic plan around chronic disease data modernization efforts. Beginning in November 2024, Amanda is one of the co-chairs for the CSTE's Chronic Disease Partner's Network and is helping lead the next steps to create a road map and implementation plan in support of the chronic disease data modernization strategic plan to ensure that public health has the right data at the right time to make data-informed decisions.

Amanda has also been a CSTE member since 2018, has presented at 4 CSTE conferences and was involved in the planning of last year's conference as a member of the CSTE CD/MCH Conference Track Planning group.

Partner Announcements



APHA 2025 Annual Meeting and Expo: Call for Content Deadlines

The American Public Health Association's (APHA) 2025 Annual Meeting and Expo will be held in Washington, D.C. from November 2-5, 2025. The theme is "Making the Public's Health a National Priority". See below for various content submission deadlines.

- [Call for Abstracts for oral and poster presentations](#): Submit an abstract on the meeting theme or on other current and emerging public health issues for a chance to present at APHA 2025. The deadline to submit your abstract is March 28. Submitters will be notified of abstract status on June 3.
- [Call for Films for the APHA Public Health Film Festival](#): Films from all disciplines of public health will be considered, but films related to the APHA 2025 theme are highly encouraged. Deadline to submit your film is April 7.
- [Call for Reviewers for academic programming](#): APHA is seeking reviewers for abstracts or films for the APHA 2025 Annual Meeting and Expo. Reviewers get the opportunity for a first look at submitted abstracts and can play a role in developing the content for the meeting. Being a reviewer is an exclusive APHA member benefit.
- [APHA Learning Institutes \(APHA-LI\)](#): APHA is seeking proposals for concentrated, skills-based continuing education courses that use active learning strategies to help participants strengthen skills and/or improve their practice. The deadline for APHA 2025 Learning Institutes is March 28.

2025 Weitzman Institute Virtual Symposium: Mental Health Matters – May 14, 2025

The [2025 Weitzman Institute Virtual Symposium](#) is occurring on May 14, 2025 from 11am-5pm ET and registration for this virtual event is free. The theme for this year's Weitzman Symposium is "Mental Health Matters" to highlight the mental health crisis in the United States that increased during the COVID-19 pandemic which resulted in complex issues that require innovative, cross-sector approaches to mental health research, clinical practice and policy. Experts will discuss emerging evidence and intersectional approaches on how we can best support the mental health and well-being of the healthcare workforce and the populations it serves. [Register now for this free and virtual event!](#)

Also, nominations are now open for the 2025 Primary Care Impact Award which will be presented at the Weitzman Institute Virtual Symposium. The [Primary Care Impact Award](#) recognizes organizations, individuals, and teams that have demonstrated excellence in leading an initiative that has resulted in a clear impact on delivery of primary care and specialty care through practice, research, education/training, and/or policy. The deadline for the application is April 12, 2025 and winners will be announced on May 1 prior to being honored during the Symposium on May 14.

National Indian Health Board (NIHB): Know your Naloxone: Tools for Tribes: Naloxone Saturation and Mapping for Indigenous Communities

The [Opioid Response Network \(ORN\)](#) is hosting the [Know Your Naloxone: Tools for Tribes](#) train-the-trainer program on April 15-16 in Albuquerque, NM. This new training is for Indigenous community members, public health workers, peer support workers, frontline workers and others interested in learning more about naloxone and how to get your community involved in naloxone training so you can make sure it's getting to where it's needed most in your community. Teams of two will be taking the training so each team can support each other in conducting future trainings. There is limited space available so [submit your application](#) now! No experience is necessary to apply and there is scholarship support to attend the training. Email orn@aaap.org with any questions.

NASEM: Exploring Risks of Repeated Head Impacts in Youth and Strategies to Minimize Exposure Virtual Workshop

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine will host a virtual public [workshop](#) from April 15-16 to examine the existing evidence on risks and implications of exposure to repeated head impacts in children and adolescents, review what is known about effects on the developing brain, and discuss long-term outcomes. Speakers will feature current research on neurobiological changes, cognitive and functional impacts, and evidence-based prevention strategies. This workshop is applicable for federal and state agencies, health professionals, researchers, TBI professional communities, and others who develop or implement guidance on prevention, management, and recovery from head impacts in children and young adults as well as coaches and athletic trainers, educators, and families that are interested in learning more to be better

prepared to make decisions about adolescents' lives. [Register here](#) to attend this virtual workshop.

Recently Released Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Reports (MMWRs)

CDC MMWR: [Contributing Factors of Foodborne Illness Outbreaks – National Outbreak Reporting System, United States, 2014-2022](#)

This report analyzed data collected from 2,677 foodborne illness outbreak investigations from 2014-2022 that included information on contributing factors from the Foodborne Disease Outbreak Surveillance System (FDOSS), through the National Outbreak Reporting System (NORS). An estimated 800 foodborne illness outbreaks occur in the United States every year which include about 15,000 illnesses, 800 hospitalizations, and 20 deaths. The data collected from outbreak investigations provides information on the origin of these illnesses through epidemiologic, environmental health, and laboratory analyses to help reduce and prevent outbreaks.

CDC MMWR: [Pedestrian and Overall Road Traffic Crash Deaths – United States and 27 Other High-Income Countries, 2013-2022](#)

Over 40,000 deaths occur every year from road traffic crashes in the United States with pedestrians being overly affected. From 2013-2022, there was a relative increase of 22.5% for overall traffic-related death rates and a 50% increase for pedestrians. In 27 other high-income countries, the overall traffic-related deaths decreased a median of 19.4% overall and 24.7% for pedestrians. This demonstrates the high rates of overall and pedestrian road traffic deaths in the U.S. compared to other high-income countries, and so evidence-based strategies must continue to be implemented to improve safety.

Resources



1. [CSTE Connect](#)
2. [CSTE Learn](#)
3. [CSTE Conference](#)
4. [CSTE Applied Epidemiology Competencies](#)
5. [CSTE Published Briefs](#)
6. [CSTE Inclusion of Industry and Occupation as Core Demographic Variables in Public Health Surveillance](#)
7. [CSTE DMI Stories from the Field](#)
8. [CSTE Data Modernization Initiative – Priorities from State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Public Health](#)
9. [CSTE State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Public Health Agency Approaches to Long COVID-19/Post COVID-19 Condition Surveillance](#)
10. [National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine \(NASEM\): A Long COVID Definition](#)
11. [CSTE Reproductive Health and Disasters \(RHAD\) Assessment Toolkit 2.0](#)
12. [CSTE Recommendations for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Health Agencies for Pregnancy Status Reporting](#)
13. [CSTE Guidance to Improve Pregnancy Status Reporting Accuracy and Completeness](#)
14. [CSTE Emergency Preparedness and Response Training for Public Health Epidemiologists](#)
15. [CSTE Data Visualization and Health Equity Training Series](#)
16. [CSTE ICD-10-CM Injury Surveillance Toolkit](#)
17. [CSTE Health Equity in Injury Data: Approaches for Injury Data Communication and Dissemination with a Health Equity Lens](#)
18. [CSTE Overdose Anomaly Toolkit: Introduction](#)
19. [CSTE Dashboards: Topics in Design, Evaluation, and Maintenance for Effective Insights of Drug Overdose Surveillance](#)

20. [CSTE Emergency Medical Services Nonfatal Opioid Overdose Standard Guidance](#)
 21. [Recommendations for the Use of Emergency Medical Services Data to Identify Nonfatal Opioid Overdoses](#)
 22. [2019 CSTE Nonfatal Opioid Overdose Standardized Surveillance Case Definition](#)
 23. [CSTE Nonfatal Opioid Overdose Position Statement Implementation Guide](#)
 24. [CSTE Universal Screening for Alcohol Use in Emergency Departments: A Strategy to Reduce Harms Related to Excessive Drinking](#)
 25. [Applied Forensic Epidemiology Resources](#)
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