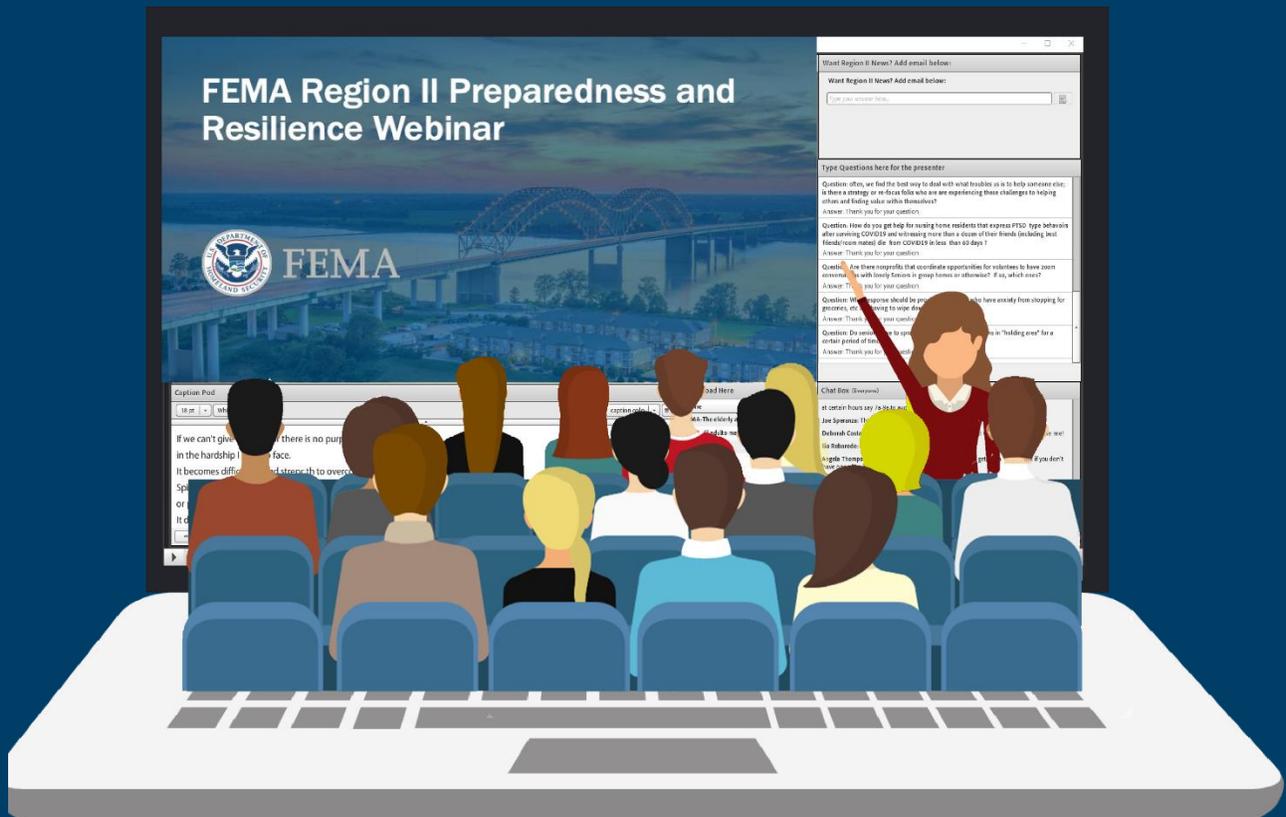


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CERT (Community Emergency Response Team)

CERT Best Practices: COVID-19 Vaccine POD Support

Across the US, Vaccine Points of Dispensing (PODs) were working hard to support their communities. Many of these sites were short-staffed and looking for volunteers to help. To help CERTs become better prepared for this opportunity, FEMA Region 2's National Preparedness Division partnered with the National CERT Association to host a COVID-19 Vaccine POD support webinar. During the webinar, there were presentations from county logistic leads who coordinate staffing support, and CERT program managers who had been activated to support Vaccine PODs. This webinar is for anyone who is interested in supporting Vaccine PODs, including CERT program managers, CERT volunteers and other partners.

Recording link: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/pqhs7tidfyzf/>

Get Involved: Join CERT Today

This webinar discussed how to engage with your local Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) to help respond to nearby disasters and emergency needs. FEMA's Federal Citizen Responder Lead discussed the CERT program and how you can locate a team in your area. He was joined by the president of the newly formed, non-profit, National CERT Association who spoke about their role as a clearinghouse for information. Speakers also shared virtual training opportunities being offered by the University of Utah.

Recording link: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/po9ntncb6sh8/>

Team Building for CERTs

To maintain a productive and cohesive team, it's essential to identify strengths, challenges and contributions of each team member. In this webinar, we looked at characteristics of high functioning teams and discussed team building exercises you can conduct in your own CERT environment.

Recording link: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/pn29d10pwyor/>

The Past, Present and Future of CERT

To honor the achievements of Frank Borden, FEMA Region 2 National Preparedness Division partnered with the State of California and the National CERT Association (NCA) to host a nationwide webinar on the *Past, Present and Future of CERT* (Community Emergency Response Team). We celebrated the memory of Frank Borden, the "Father of CERT". As the deputy Fire Chief at the Los Angeles City Fire Department, Frank led the creation of the CERT program in 1985 and graduated the first class of community members in 1986. This webinar was followed by presentations from FEMA and other CERT leaders on the current landscape of the CERT program. We ended the webinar with presentations that discuss where the CERT program is going and what we can look forward to.

Recording link: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/pd7a4717ia92/>

Children, Youth and Families

Best Practices for Teaching Youth about Preparedness Online

The Region 2 and Region 8 National Preparedness Divisions co-hosted a webinar on how to engage youth virtually in preparedness activities during the COVID-19 pandemic. This webinar featured a discussion on FEMA programs and other resources that encourage youth to take preparedness actions and explore careers in emergency management. Speakers discussed how to engage youth in school communities and youth-serving organizations to support participation in preparedness activities.

Recording link: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/p1rokezyq9nm/>

Prepare Kids for Emergencies with Pedro the Penguin

Prepare with Pedro is an education program created by FEMA and the American Red Cross, featuring Pedro the Penguin as he travels across the U.S. and teaches kids how to prepare and take action for local hazards. Members of the Region 2 Youth Preparedness Council presented on the Prepare with Pedro program and highlighted available resources for educators, parents and guardians. Youth Preparedness Council members also showcased videos they produced on different hazards, with preparedness tips and lessons designed for young children.

Recording link: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/pyntl60paskn/>

Reporting Child Abuse in New Jersey

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, a time to raise awareness of child abuse and the steps to prevent it. Children are at a higher risk of abuse and neglect during emergencies including the COVID-19 pandemic. The Region 2 National Preparedness Division invited guest speakers from the New Jersey Department of Children and Families to discuss how and when to report child abuse and neglect in New Jersey, and what occurs when cases are assigned for an investigation. Speakers provided an overview of their work with children, youth and families when there is a need for continued agency involvement.

Recording link: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/p6k8ae2b2361/>

School Safety: Involving Students in Creating Safer Schools

The Region 2 and Region 5 National Preparedness Divisions delivered a webinar on how you can resolve to be ready in 2021 by involving students in creating safer schools. Topics covered included FEMA's Student Tools for Emergency Planning program and other ways to empower youth to be preparedness leaders in their schools.

Recording link: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/pxp2c8q6hmd1/>

Youth Preparedness: Councils, Programs, Camps

The Region 2 and Region 6 National Preparedness Divisions showed how you can involve youth in preparedness to create a more resilient community. FEMA Region 6 Community Preparedness Officer Bill Bischof facilitated a discussion on how to grow youth preparedness through youth preparedness councils and camps with guest speakers Gary Ragen from the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management and James LeClair the Emergency Manager from the Otoe Missouri Tribe of Indians, who formed the first tribal youth preparedness council.

Recording link: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/p4w3fa1zv1wa/>

Communications

Broadband 101 Plus

The Region 2 National Preparedness Division presented a webinar on broadband internet and expanding access and connection to rural communities. Don Williams, BroadbandUSA, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, laid the foundation for and reviewed the basics of broadband networks, including key terminology and the speeds necessary for quality of service. Multiple types of technologies including coax, DSL, fixed wireless, mobile and satellite were discussed. The session concluded with a conversation on the economic, social, and educational impacts that broadband access can have at the local level.

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Community Based Emergency Communication Hubs

The Region 2 and Region 10 National Preparedness Divisions presented this webinar on how you can resolve to be ready in 2021 by forming emergency communications hubs within your community. After a major disaster, people will gather to help each other and try to get information. The Seattle Emergency Communications Hubs talked about how they establish locations and organize volunteers to lead those efforts at the ground level while the larger first responder and government activities get underway. Discussion covered what the hubs do, how they attract and train volunteers and how they work to engage the whole community in those efforts.

Recording link: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/p6f57vrz1si5/>

Effective Use of Amateur Radio Volunteers in County Emergency Operations

The Region 2 National Preparedness Division highlighted how amateur radio volunteers can be utilized before, during and after disasters. Amateur or “HAM” radio has proven to be indispensable in the aftermath of hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Katrina, Michael and Maria. Historically, amateur radio has been a valuable resource in the Response and Recovery phases of many disasters, providing expedient communications when standard public safety and commercial telecommunications infrastructure has been severely impacted or completely overwhelmed. This webinar discussed the Amateur Radio Relay League (ARRL) and ARES® (Amateur Radio Emergency Service) and how these volunteers can assist emergency managers before, during and after disasters.

Recording link: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/pskd8xpq6230/>

Getting Started: Roadmap for Planning a Broadband Infrastructure Project

Don Williams, BroadbandUSA, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, shared guidance and tips derived from their expertise with broadband planning. This session helped in identifying new opportunities for partnerships and collaborations that can help spur community achievement and growth. Topics included assessing broadband needs, state, local or regional plans, Inventory Assets, identifying gaps and needs, engaging stakeholders, evaluating technology options for digital inclusion and infrastructure, examining organizational models.

Recording link: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/p55kl9yt44f9/>

Internet Access for Older Citizens and Others with Access and Functional Needs

In this webinar, the Region 2 National Preparedness Division reviewed opportunities and issues concerning internet access to address the needs of older citizens, persons with disabilities, and others with access and functional needs. An expert panel discussed internet access in the rural areas of the continental United States and Puerto Rico. The Administration for Community Living (ACL) and Asociación Mayagüezana de Personas con Impedimentos (AMPI) Inc. led the discussion. Older Adults Technology Services (OATS) discussed “Aging Connected” a national cross sector campaign that aims to bridge the digital divide and help older adults access essential social services, the online community and more through affordable and accessible internet services.

Recording link: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/p7x6pq1r41s9/>

Powerful Presentations: Deep Dive Session on Storytelling

FEMA Region 2 hosted a series of communications webinars covering techniques to improve public speaking skills on emergency management topics. Each session took a deep dive into a presentation element in a fully interactive environment where the audience will have a significant role. In this session, audiences learned how to add stories in presentations to make the complex understandable and relate core messages to inspire action. A good storyteller can deliver narratives to fully engage audiences. Watch this webinar to learn how to hone your skills by understanding both the technical aspects and artform of storytelling.

Recording link: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/pckfdrvy106v/>

Powerful Presentations: Delivering Well-Crafted Answers

FEMA Region 2 hosted a series of communications webinars covering techniques to improve upon public speaking skills on emergency management topics. Each session takes a deep dive into a presentation element in a fully interactive environment where the audience will have a significant role. This installment was on skillfully addressing questions. Techniques were shared and strategies discussed on how to deliver a well thought out response. Skillfully delivered answers can get audiences to an “a-ha” moment, helping fill gaps in their understanding. As with the other sessions, volunteers demonstrated some of the lessons.

Recording link: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/pk1yj7mkkihv/>

Disabilities and Access and Functional Needs

Active Shooter Guidance for Disability Service Providers

The Region 2 National Preparedness Division invited Sergeant Juan Antonio Maldonado from the New York City Police Department and Andrew Perlman from New York City Emergency Management to go over actions a disability service provider can take to plan for emergencies to ensure the safety of staff and clients. They went over what to do in an active shooter situation, how to drill and assess vulnerabilities, and the role of law enforcement.

Recording link: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/psdc3ud68nw6/>

Emergency Management Preparedness Manual for People with Disabilities – Part 1

During recent years, disasters have become an everyday occurrence, making emergency planning a top priority in order to minimize the losses and deaths that often result from these events. Betzaida Ramirez and Myrainne Roa from MAVI/Puerto Rico Core Advisory Groups provided strategies for identifying where emergency plans typically fall short for people with disabilities and will provide strategies on how to make emergency plans more inclusive for everyone. Participants learned how to update their emergency plans to ensure EVERYONE's safety in the face of future disasters.

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Recording link in Spanish: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/ptjn2712tdg8/>

Emergency Management Preparedness Manual for People with Disabilities – Part 2

The National Preparedness Division from the Puerto Rico Caribbean Area Office for FEMA Region 2 in partnership with the Puerto Rico Core Advisory Groups (PR CAGS) provided Part 2 of the Emergency Management Preparedness Manual for People with Disabilities. Participants had the opportunity to receive detailed information and clarify their concerns and challenges when providing services to people with disabilities in times of disaster. Betzaida Ramirez and Myrainne Roa from MAVI/Puerto Rico Core Advisory Groups provided specific strategies for identifying where emergency plans typically fall short for people with disabilities and alternatives on how to make emergency plans more inclusive. Ultimately, participants received the information required to review and update their emergency plans to ensure EVERYONE's safety in the face of future disasters.

Recording link in English: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/pb9i5y8djheg/>

Recording link in Spanish: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/pr7jsi65nj7t/>

Exploring the Why, What, and How of Qualified Sign Language Interpreters in Emergency Management

The FEMA Region 2 National Preparedness Division and the Caribbean Area Office of Puerto Rico collaborated on this webinar on how to integrate sign language interpreters in emergency management. This webinar covered the basics of incorporating sign language into emergency management. **Why** is it important to provide sign interpreters? **Who** is the audience? **What** are the characteristics of a qualified interpreter? **When** do I provide interpreting services? **How** do I work with an interpreter?

Recording link in English: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/palzp79a1bqa/>

Recording link in Spanish: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/pnak66fjo9sa/>

Paratransit Services During COVID-19

How did paratransit companies adjust their services during COVID-19 and how did they assist with vaccination efforts? The Region 2 National Preparedness Division invited representatives from three different paratransit agencies, [Rhode Island Public Transit Authority](#), [CENTRO](#), and [Access-A-Ride](#), to discuss how they adjusted policies and services during COVID-19 and how they will continue to operate safely going forward.

Recording link: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/p8liiww1ff37/>

Personal Assistance Services for Individuals with Disabilities in Shelters

This webinar featured the impact of Personal Assistance Services (PAS) on equitable services that keep people safe during an emergency. This webinar, hosted by the Region 2 National Preparedness Division, highlighted important information regarding ensuring equitable survivor services through continuity of PAS, as well as legal obligations, and potential reimbursement for services rendered.

Recording link in English: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/phs4dph2bimt/>

Recording link in Spanish: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/piyrhzc8gqvd/>

Puerto Rico Core Advisory Groups (CAGs)

Learn about the Why, How, and Who of the Puerto Rico CAG's from the Region 2 National Preparedness Division. The presenters discussed lessons learned after the impacts of Hurricanes Irma and Maria and how they became the cornerstone in the implementation of this initiative. Learn about importance of promoting whole community inclusive emergency management by encouraging collaboration and partnerships between disability stakeholders and emergency managers before, during, and after a disaster. Presenters shared their experiences working with FEMA and the Emergency Management Bureau in Puerto Rico, supporting people with disabilities and others with Access and Functional Needs; especially post-Tropical Storm Isaias and during COVID-19.

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Recording link in Spanish: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/pagcm5nwgbov/>

Ready Seniors

Increasingly, frail older adults with complex health issues live alone in the community, far from their relatives and caregivers. An older adult may depend upon community service providers for basic necessities and psychosocial support prior to a disastrous event. However, the need for these critical services increases when services are disrupted, or the senior is impacted during a major disaster. FEMA Region 2 and the Administration for Community Living partnered to address this disparity through a workshop aimed at preparing Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) and other organizations that provide critical support services to senior citizens in their communities.

Recording link: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/pswav78k5k0i/>

Exploring the “Guides to Expanding Mitigation”

Arts & Culture Guide

This webinar featured a timely conversation for National Preservation Month! This webinar focused on the Arts and Culture Guide in the “Guides to Expanding Mitigation” series, co-hosted by the Region 2 Mitigation and National Preparedness Divisions. Art and cultural resources can compellingly convey hazard risks and solutions through storytelling and experience. Learn how to partner with artists to communicate risk and build a culture of preparedness.

Recording link: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/p1u9svhjp7po/>

Municipal Financing Guide

The Region 2 Mitigation and National Preparedness Divisions showed how to expand the reach of mitigation activities by engaging financial professionals in alignment with National Financial Capability Month. This webinar focused on the Municipal Financing Guide in the “Guides to Expanding Mitigation” series. Partnering with local financial professionals is essential to help communities make hazard mitigation plans a reality. In this webinar participants learned about key funding sources and how to incorporate mitigation projects into longer term community budgets.

Recording link: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/povkbtcrq2tq/>

Public Health Guide

Flu vaccinations are underway, but that’s not the only way public health considerations can make your community more resilient. The Region 2 Mitigation and National Preparedness Divisions co-hosted this webinar focused on the Public Health Guide in the “Guides to Expanding Mitigation” series. Public health efforts to prevent disease, protect against hazards, respond to disasters, and more overlap with hazard mitigation work.

Recording link: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/pgnpzipi6ie7/>

Whole Community and Equity Guide

Learn how to engage more people and organizations from across the whole community with this webinar from the Region 2 Mitigation and National Preparedness Divisions. This webinar introduced the “Guides to Expanding Mitigation” series, focusing on the Whole Community Guide and the Equity Guide. Learn how to tailor engagement, partnerships, and solutions to meet the diverse needs of your community. Join a conversation about mitigation investments that make communities both more equitable and more resilient.

Recording link: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/pv7rkn0k5ts4/>

Faith Based Organizations

Continuity Planning for Houses of Worship

This webinar provided communities of Faith and their constituencies with the knowledge and tools to develop a continuity plan and sustain continuity of operations before, during and after an incident or emergency. The webinar discussed the essential elements and key planning considerations for a viable continuity capability.

Recording link in English: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/pgw523cbcyib/>

Recording link in Spanish: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/pkgnyrlpmgr5/>

House of Worship Grant Funding Opportunities (Non-Profit Security Grant)

The Region 2 National Preparedness Division in collaboration with the FEMA Regional Grants Division presented a virtual discussion about the Non-Profit Security Grant Program (NSGP). The webinar provided information on NSGP program and application process and featured guest speakers from the New York State Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Services, New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA).

Recording link: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/plotp91r4ic6/>

New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness Virtual Houses of Worship Security Program

The New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness hosted a virtual Houses of Worship Security Program for religious leaders, safety and security committee members, security coordinators, and members of all faiths and denominations. The program held a Q&A and provided an overview of grant opportunities, U.S. Department of Homeland Security resources, and cybersecurity considerations.

Recording link to 3/18 session: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/ppbz36nr04jj/>

Recording link to 3/25 session: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/piez7jndxylx/>

Recording link to 6/8 session: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/pc6ogmh6f9jk/>

Recording link to 6/15 session: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/pinuaefjocur/>

Public Assistance Grants for Houses of Worship and Private Non-Profits

The Region 2 National Preparedness and Recovery Divisions reviewed the public assistance grant process for Houses of Worship and Private Non-Profits (PNPs). This webinar defined PNPs, covered the request for public assistance (RPA), the unique requirements for PNPs, and specific policy guidance for PNP applicants. Additionally, the webinar covered a general overview of the Public Assistance lifecycle and what all applicants can expect following a presidential declaration. This webinar also briefly addressed what can be covered specific to COVID-19.

Recording Link: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/ptdmcx9s8z00/>

Financial Preparedness

Avoid Scams & Fraud Targeting Older Adults

May is Older Americans Month, a time to build resilience and connections among older adults. Unfortunately, scammers often target older people for fraud and identity theft. The Region 2 National Preparedness Division revealed the types of scams targeting seniors in this webinar, including Coronavirus scams, financial scams, identity theft and Medicare fraud. Robin E. Eichen, Senior Attorney at the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), discussed how to recognize and avoid scams targeting older individuals and resources available from the FTC to report and recover from fraud. Charles Clarkson, Project Director of the Senior Medicare Patrol of New Jersey, discussed how to prevent Medicare fraud, waste and abuse.

Recording link: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/pz29qz81pu8l/>

Helping Kids & Teens Build Financial Capability

Every April, FEMA celebrates National Financial Capability Month by encouraging people to improve their financial futures and to be prepared if disaster strikes. The Region 2 National Preparedness Division held a webinar on building financial resilience for youth. Leslie Jones, Youth Financial Education Analyst at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), discussed how educators and parents can incorporate financial literacy activities into teaching and give students the skills they need to understand personal finance. These building blocks of financial

capability identify effective strategies to teach students at different development stages the skills and knowledge associated with adult financial well-being.

Recording link: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/p3s0ga9mkmcq/>

Prepare for Tax Season: Tips to File Taxes, Avoid Scams, and Stop Identity Theft

Prepare for the 2021 tax filing season with the Region 2 National Preparedness Division. Guest speakers from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) discussed important tips for filing taxes, along with information on economic impact payments and the Taxpayer Advocate Service. A speaker from the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) also discussed how to identify and avoid common scams during tax season, such as tax identity theft and calls from government imposters.

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Recording in Spanish: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/pv0bd4w9bhni/>

Individual and Community Preparedness

10 Ready-Made Tips You Can Use to Prepare for Disasters

The Region 2 National Preparedness Division in partnership with Region 4 Individual and Community Preparedness hosted this webinar on how you can resolve to be ready in 10 steps. This webinar helped participants learn how to prepare for any disaster. In this presentation, we went over how you can effectively develop an individual emergency preparedness plan to ready yourself and your family. Additionally, we covered what notifications you need, emergency supplies to have, how to develop a family communications plan and prepare for the unique needs of your household, and more.

Recording link: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/pp3lciubj6a/>

Creating a Culture of Preparedness in Diverse Communities

Disasters impact all parts of our community, regardless of your national origin, ethnicity, or the language you speak. Therefore, creating training and messaging accessible to non-English speakers is critical to save lives and create resilience when a disaster strikes. FEMA Regions 2 and 9 shared this webinar focused on the innovative and culturally inclusive programs that help prepare and train non-English speaking community members in disaster preparedness. These programs are excellent examples of our shared desire to fully serve our communities at large.

Recording link: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/p8m1hucmtjby/>

Older Americans Month: Communities of Strength

The Region 2 National Preparedness Division in partnership with the Administration for Community Living celebrated [Older Americans Month](#) in this webinar. This year's theme "Communities of Strength" was celebrated through two separate presentations, one for older individuals and one for senior serving organizations. An individual from Long Island described how he had seen his community come together during this difficult time. FEMA then provided tips and helpful information for individuals so you can be prepared for any emergency. A panel of community organizations and human service delivery groups shared their best practices, lessons learned and stories from the field including their COVID-19 response highlighting community strength.

Recording link: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/pb7zrrmct8ot/>

Promoting Resiliency through Community Gardening

In this Earth Day webinar, the Region 2 National Preparedness Division showed how to create resiliency through community gardening. Staff from [Isles, Inc.](#) in Trenton, NJ discussed how school and community gardens are an integral part of the forty-year history of their community development and environmental non-profit work. They also offered ways to get started in community agriculture and discussed the ways it can promote resiliency through food-security, environmental stewardship, and community health. Isles currently provides technical and educational support for 70 gardens in the Trenton, NJ area.

Recording link: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/pdyih2hxlenm/>

Resilience in Philadelphia: A Case Study

The Region 2 and Region 3 Individual and Community Preparedness Programs exhibited a case study on how your community can become more resilient. This webinar discussed preparedness solutions practiced by organizations in Philadelphia. It featured work done by the Philadelphia Office of Emergency Management and FEMA to look at best practices for preparedness throughout the city. Presenters discussed lessons learned which may be applied in other communities.

Recording link: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/py6pmeilnqlu/>

The LGBTQ+ Community: Considerations in Preparedness and Response

June is Pride Month, an annual celebration to recognize the contributions of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ+) community and raise awareness of ongoing challenges. In this webinar, the Region 2 National Preparedness Division presented disaster preparedness and response considerations for LGBTQ+ people. Leighton Jones, Director of Emergency Response and New Initiatives for Direct Relief, discussed factors that emergency planners and disaster responders should consider to ensure that LGBTQ+ people are included in a community's response after a disaster. Joseph Hof, FEMA Region 2 Regional Counsel, spoke on how FEMA is prioritizing equity in program development and delivery.

Recording link: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/p7tc9fOggp5x/>

You are the Help, Until Help Arrives

Life-threatening emergencies can happen fast, and emergency responders aren't always nearby. You may be able to save a life by taking simple actions immediately. The Until Help Arrives program teaches basic skills to help keep people alive and safe until professional help arrives. In this webinar, participants learned five simple steps that may save a life.

Recording link: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/pjpdz6wrlqdq/>

Mental and Emotional Health

Addressing Mental Health of Young Adults during COVID-19

In this webinar, the Region 2 National Preparedness Division invited guest speakers from ComuniLife and the Puerto Rico Department of Health to discuss the impacts of COVID-19 and quarantine on the mental health of young adults. The mental health of young adults in particular was challenged due to changes in plans and missed significant life events, social isolation, anxiety and depression. Participants learned about symptoms, warning signs and how to help young adults manage these challenging times.

Recording link in English: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/pkcoz66tvj97/>

Recording link in Spanish: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/pafwbt7kspw7/>

A Guide to Compassionate and Empathic Dialogue

The National Preparedness Division from the Puerto Rico Caribbean Area Office for FEMA Region 2 in partnership with HHS Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) and Americares presented this webinar where the pilot project of the A Guide to Compassionate and Empathic Dialogue was presented. This workshop aimed to support the long term sustainability of those working in response and recovery to provide them with the tools to intervene effectively and with empathy, helping them better understand the effects of cumulative stress.

Recording link in English: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/p4sk84bdw8u5/>

Natural Hazards

Commemoration of the 2020 Puerto Rico Earthquake

The Region 2 National Preparedness Division and its Caribbean Area Office conducted a webinar on earthquakes in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Preparing and building resilience to better respond to and recover from incidents is a key component of preparedness. A group of experts from the Puerto Rico Seismic Network explained the nature of earthquakes, seismicity in Puerto Rico and adjacent regions, including the seismic sequence for the south-southwest area of the island. Lessons learned and how to apply them to elements of preparedness were analyzed, taking into consideration the Puerto Rico earthquake M6.4 of 2020. Seismic activity does not warn and cannot be predicted, but we can prepare for it!

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Recording link in Spanish: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/ptoir2ssjr60/>

FEMA Dam Safety Collaborative Technical Assistance

National Dam Safety Awareness Day promotes dam safety best practices to prevent future catastrophic dam failures and lessen impacts if failure occurs. At the local level, FEMA offered a Collaborative Technical Assistance (CTA) series to help communities at risk of dam-related flooding to better understand their risk and prepare for dam-related emergencies. Preston Wilson, a Civil Engineer in the FEMA Dam Safety Planning and Safety Branch, shared how the CTA provides the necessary expertise, coaching, and tools to build relationships, develop plans, and collaborate with whole community partners to increase preparedness for dam-related hazards. Joining the conversation, John Holdsworth, Emergency Program Manager, Snohomish County, WA and dam owner Bill White, Program Manager, City of San Diego, shared their experiences as recent participants.

Recording Link: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/pkze5q8v0t4t/>

Formation, Climatology and Hazards Associated to Tropical Cyclones

The National Preparedness Division from the Puerto Rico Caribbean Area Office for FEMA Region 2 partnered with the National Weather Service - Weather Forecast Office for San Juan, Puerto Rico to bring stakeholders in the Caribbean a virtual webinar series to discuss very important topics related to this year's Hurricane Season. This first webinar in the series focused on formation, climatology and hazards associated to Tropical Cyclones. The objective of this webinar was to reach out to partners and familiarize them with tropical cyclone development and hazards associated with this type of weather system.

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Recording link in Spanish: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/prqc3uukoay0/>

Get Ready for Hurricane Season

The Region 2 National Preparedness Division observed Hurricane Preparedness Week in this webinar that encouraged everyone to evaluate their personal hurricane risk before hurricane season began on June 1. This webinar covered hurricane basics, information resources, and how to find out if you live in a hurricane evacuation zone. We also discussed preparedness measures for people living in hurricane-prone areas, such as emergency supplies, insurance, preparing your home, and making an individual or family hurricane plan.

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Summary of the 2020 Hurricane Season and What to Expect for the 2021 Season

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Tropical Graphics and Information Dissemination for Decision Making during a Tropical Cyclone Threat

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Recording link in English: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/pred8lzeppd4/>

Recording link in Spanish: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/pheemyujnzmt/>

Pet Preparedness

CPR and Basic First-Aid for your Dog

The Region 2 National Preparedness Division observed Pet Preparedness Month in this webinar on how to perform life-saving CPR and First-Aid for your pet, Therapy, Working, Assistance and Service Dogs. VCA Garden State Animal Hospital and Tri-State Canine Response Team demonstrated CPR and basic first-aid. Dr. Amy Sclarsky, Medical Director of Garden State, gave instructions on the airway, breathing, circulation, animal positioning, hand positioning, hand technique, compression rate, compression depth, CPR cycles and basic first-aid. Additionally, Janice Campbell, Founder and President of Tri-State Canine Response discussed preparations needed for local and national deployments of their canine crisis response teams.

Recording link: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/ppax2fsoa20s/>

Planning for Your Pets, Assistance and Service Animals in an Emergency

For Pet Preparedness Month, the Region 2 National Preparedness Division hosted a webinar on how to plan for your assistance, service animals and pets in an emergency. The American Red Cross (ARC) discussed how to include your pets, assistance, and service animals in your home fire safety plan. They also discussed pet first-aid and planning resources available through ARC. Additionally, the webinar described key strategies on how you can develop a coalition in your community that provides support to people and their animals during and after emergencies and disasters.

Recording link: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/pguhiritqyb8/>

Public Health

Addressing your COVID-19 Vaccine Concerns

The Region 2 National Preparedness Division and the HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH) collaborated for a virtual discussion about the COVID-19 vaccine. This webinar addressed concerns about the COVID-19 vaccine and share accurate and timely information. A panel of guest speakers including medical and public health experts addressed common concerns about the vaccine as well as highlight community approaches and tailored messaging to foster vaccine confidence.

*There was live English and Spanish captioning during this webinar.
Había subtítulos en inglés y español durante el seminario en línea*

Recording link: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/p6nx10lshv55/>

Avoid COVID-19 Vaccine Scams

The Region 2 National Preparedness Division hosted a lunch & learn webinar on scams relating to the COVID-19 vaccine. Robin E. Eichen, Senior Attorney at the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), presented information on how to recognize and avoid scams relating to the COVID-19 vaccine. Robin has more than 30 years of consumer protection experience. She discussed resources available from the FTC to report fraud and get helpful tips, and free materials to distribute and share.

Recording link: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/p7j4gy5xpacc/>

Be COVID Prepared: A Toolkit for Institutes of Higher Education

The Region 2 and Region 7 National Preparedness Divisions joined for a webinar on how you can resolve to “Be COVID Prepared” by learning the pandemic preparedness actions to take while on a college or university campus. The COVID-19 pandemic had a major impact on colleges and universities. Nearly every college or university has a webpage devoted to COVID-19 information with recommendations for students to make a plan should they need to self-isolate or quarantine due to exposure to the virus. This presentation outlined what a plan might look like. This webinar walked you through a toolkit which provides important information and an isolation/quarantine plan template so that students can be better prepared should they be exposed to COVID-19.

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Caribbean Hurricane Preparedness Marathon with HHS

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) partnered with FEMA to bring partners in the Caribbean a webinar series on Hurricane Preparedness during COVID-19. All of the webinars in this series shared lessons learned from the Hurricanes Irma and Maria response efforts and touched on the unique context of COVID-19 during hurricane season.

The Role of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) in a Federally Declared Emergency

The first webinar in the series focused on the role of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) during a federally declared emergency. ASPR described what programs become activated during a Public Health Emergency and how federal agencies coordinate responses to disasters.

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Recording link Spanish: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/poo9jluxz3ky/>

The Role of Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) During a Federally Declared Emergency

During a Public Health Emergency there are Medicare and Medicaid flexibilities and waivers to help during the response. CMS described the Medicare and Medicaid programs during a disaster, including Medicaid, Medicare Fee for Service, and Medicare Advantage and Prescription Drug Plans.

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Recording link in Spanish: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/pkr675l426qe/>

The Role of Local Governments During a Federally Declared Emergency in the US Virgin Islands

Learn more about the role of local governments during a federally declared emergency. Senior Leaders from the Government of the U.S. Virgin Islands, including the Commissioner of Health, described how they prepare for hurricanes, and the unique context of response during COVID-19.

Recording link: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/pm844i5akwdx/>

The Role of Local Governments During a Federally Declared Emergency in Puerto Rico in Spanish

This seminar was offered in the Spanish language, and was focused on the role of local governments during a federally declared emergency. Officials from the Government of Puerto Rico, including the Puerto Rico Emergency Management Bureau (PREMB) and the Department of Health, described how they prepared for the 2021 Hurricane Season, and the unique context of the response during COVID-19. They also shared lessons learned from response activities to Hurricanes Irma and Maria.

Recording link in Spanish: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/po53j1huvbas/>

Exclusively in Spanish; English version unavailable.

Exclusivamente en español; versión en inglés no disponible.

Public Health and Primary Care During a Federally Declared Emergency

This webinar focused on public health and primary care during a federally declared emergency. Speakers from the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, the Health Resources and Services Administration, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention discussed their agencies roles during disasters.

Recording link English: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/piom8v1vk1o7/>

Recording link Spanish: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/prch615rwegq/>

The Role of Social Services and Mental Health During a Federally Declared Emergency

The last webinar in this series focused on the role of social services and mental health during a federally declared emergency. The Administration for Children and Families and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration described how they prepare for hurricanes and operate during COVID-19.

Recording link English: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/pu9omc4abog4/>

Recording link Spanish: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/pdze36q0y94p/>

COVID-19 Basics

The Region 2 National Preparedness Division and its Caribbean Area Office presented this webinar on the COVID-19 pandemic, how the disease spreads and how it has affected people and communities. Craig Medley from Nova Southeastern University (NSU), following the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance, explained important information about COVID-19, the origin of the virus, evolution of the disease, importance and the consequences of not getting the vaccines, myths and much more.

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Empowering Discussions about the COVID-19 Vaccine

The Region 2 National Preparedness Division highlighted the importance of getting the COVID-19 vaccine in this webinar. This webinar discussed how individuals and organizations can build confidence in the COVID-19 vaccine among their families, friends and communities. Speakers from CDC discussed how to have effective conversations about the vaccine, best practices to address vaccine hesitancy and how individuals can talk about their vaccine experience. A doctor, nurse, Pastor, teacher and fireman from the Region 2 community shared their stories about COVID-19 and vaccination and why they think it is important to get vaccinated.

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Healthy Homes

The FEMA Region 2 National Preparedness Division in partnership with the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) co-hosted a webinar about Healthy Homes. Working closely with a wide range of local stakeholders, HUD's Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes has developed multiple new publications on implementing healthy homes' concepts and practices, customized for the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. The English webinar provided an overview of all the publications including why these guides were developed and how they can be used. The Spanish webinar had a particular focus on the guides developed specifically for Puerto Rico.

Recording link in English: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/ptuz0drqm5bd/>

Recording link in Spanish: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/pn6mgwzb8zi9/>

Healthy Meal Plan for Emergencies

The Region 2 National Preparedness Division and its Caribbean Area Office presented a webinar about nutritional guidelines to take into consideration when preparing for emergencies. Satisfying and nutritional food is important to have during an emergency so you can stay as healthy as possible. This is even more important for people with chronic conditions or other underlying conditions. Dr. Nivia A. Fernandez, president of the Puerto Rico Food and Nutrition Commission presented the guidance document "Healthy Meal Plan for Emergencies in Puerto Rico" which provides useful information on emergency menu planning, food shopping list, food storage, water and essential products and much more to be as healthy as possible during emergencies. Although developed for Puerto Rico, this information is relevant for everyone.

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Recording link in Spanish: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/pggc9j16f2yt/>

What You Need to Know About COVID-19 Funeral Assistance

The FEMA Region 2 National Preparedness Division in partnership with the Individual Assistance Branch reviewed FEMA's COVID-19 Funeral Assistance in this webinar. FEMA understands the financial stress and burden this pandemic has caused families and is willing to assist with the financial needs. On April 12, FEMA began implementing Funeral Assistance nationwide to provide financial support for funeral costs specifically related to Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19). This webinar provided information regarding the implementation of this new policy and guidance on applicability, conditions of eligibility, required documentation, and other important topics.

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Recording link in Spanish: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/pzbumggzwa7s/>

Small Businesses

Organizations Preparing for Emergency Needs (OPEN)

Businesses that are unable to sustain operations during an emergency incident exponentially impact individuals and the community who rely on them. The Organizations Preparing for Emergency Needs (OPEN) program offers a ten-step action plan for essential community economic and social resilience. In this webinar, participants learned how to use OPEN in their organization to identify risks, locate resources, and consider immediate preparedness actions. This webinar was designed to help attendees understand the steps, and lead their own staff or community in business preparedness action.

Recording link: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/pavslvbn7t8/>

USDA Rural Development Programs and Funds

The Region 2 National Preparedness Division presented a webinar about U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Programs. Miguel Angel Ramirez, Public Information Officer, from USDA-Rural Development, provided information on the Agency's available programs and funds. Their programs range from water, community facilities, industry, business, cooperatives and rural housing.

Recording link: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/pe6vg62o5tmm/>

Spanish ONLY Webinars

Incidentes de Tirador Activo

La División de Preparación Nacional de la Oficina del Caribe en Puerto Rico para la Región 2 de FEMA, en colaboración con la Agencia de Seguridad Cibernética y de Infraestructura (CISA, siglas en inglés) en Puerto Rico les ofreció este seminario sobre la concienciación y la preparación ante un Incidentes de Tirador Activo. Julio González, Asesor de Seguridad y Protección de CISA para PR y USVI, explicó los aspectos básicos de un incidente con tirador activo, cómo debemos, individualmente y como organizaciones, prepararnos, responder y recuperarnos de un incidente de este tipo.

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Programa Nacional de Seguros contra Inundación (NFIP) y Operación de Daño Sustancial

La Rama de Manejo de Valles Inundables y Seguros de la División de Mitigación de la Oficina del Caribe en PR de FEMA Region 2, en colaboración con la Oficina de Recuperación Conjunta de FEMA en Puerto Rico y la Junta de Planificación de Puerto Rico coordinaron una serie de seminarios virtuales sobre el Programa Nacional de Seguros contra Inundación (NFIP). Durante la temporada de huracanes, es importante orientar y alertar a los manejadores de emergencia locales y estatales sobre el NFIP ya que este programa fue creado para contrarrestar los efectos de inundaciones, las cuales son el riesgo natural que mayor impacto tiene en nuestra comunidad. Este seminario web fue una introducción al NFIP que explica la función e importancia del programa; los roles y responsabilidades de oficiales de gobierno a nivel local, estatal y federal; información básica sobre el manejo de valles inundables; los beneficios del programa, incluyendo las el seguro de inundación; y los requerimientos del programa. En adición, una porción del seminario se enfocó en la introducción de la operación de Daños Sustanciales a nivel local, lo cual es un requerimiento esencial del programa. Durante una emergencia, es importante que los manejadores de emergencias de las distintas dependencias entiendan los requerimientos y beneficios del programa de manera que puedan orientar y comunicar información relevante a la comunidad, a la vez que se apoyan mutuamente en sus respectivos roles.

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Recording link for part 2: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/pl7eysyetdyx/>

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