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coalition

WHAT'S NEW WITH THE COALITION

OUR TEAM WENT TO LAS VEGAS, NEVADA THIS WEEK TO ATTEND THE NATIONAL HEALTHCARE COALITION PREPAREDNESS CONFERENCE. THEY MET WITH OTHER COALITIONS AND STRATEGIZED WAYS TO MAKE THE COALITIONS BETTER. THEY HAD A GREAT TIME AND CAME HOME WITH SOME NEW IDEAS.



NEW BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED

CHAIR - JAMES FOUNTAIN
1ST CHAIR - LORI BROWN
2ND CHAIR - JONATHAN WOOD
SECRETARY - TBD
TREASURER - LYN TISDALE

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THIS ISSUE:

2023 NATIONAL HEALTHCARE COALITION PREPAREDNESS CONFERENCE

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SAVE THE DATE

NEW COALITION MEETING LINK

DECEMBER TOPIC: FIGHT MICROBACTERIAL RESISTANCE

HELPFUL MONTHLY TIPS

DECEMBER FUN!



WE WILL BE VOTING ON A NEW SECRETARY AT OUR DECEMBER 20TH COALITION MEETING!



SAVE THE DATE

December 20th - Coalition Meeting

**January 22-23rd - TEPS Conference in
Union City**

April 2024 - EMAT Murfreesboro

EMAG + R4 ASPR Meeting - TBD

HCC Leadership Summit 2024 - TBD

NEW COALITION MEETING LINK



WHILE WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU ALL IN PERSON, WE UNDERSTAND NOT EVERYONE CAN MAKE IT TO THE COALITION MEETINGS. BELOW IS THE ZOOM LINK TO USE WHEN LOGGING IN TO THE MEETING.

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FIGHT ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE WITH INFECTION CONTROL

Antimicrobial resistance happens when germs like bacteria and fungi develop the ability to defeat the drugs designed to kill them. That means the germs are not killed and continue to grow and spread.

As a frontline healthcare worker, you play an important role in fighting antimicrobial resistance.

When you practice infection control, you stop resistant germs from:



Entering the body and causing infections through procedures and medical devices



Spreading to people from surfaces like bedrails or the hands of healthcare workers



Moving with patients when they are transferred between facilities



Spreading into the community, making them harder to control

Infection control fights resistance by:



Infection control also protects you from getting sick and decreases the risk of spreading germs to patients.

Check out Project Firstline resources to learn more about how you can protect your patients, yourself, and your community from antimicrobial resistance.

www.cdc.gov/ProjectFirstline

WE HAVE THE POWER
TO STOP RESISTANT
INFECTIONS. **TOGETHER**



Wastewater Surveillance

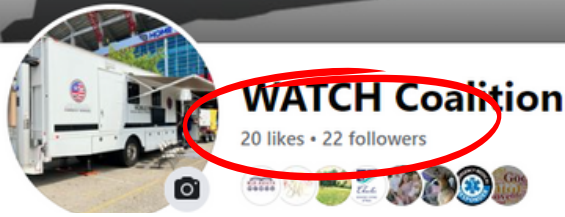
THIS IS MONITORING COVID-19 IN WASTEWATER IN THE BELOW COUNTY WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS.

Wastewater Treatment Plant	Wastewater Analysis			
	Sample Collection Date	Current Concentration	Percent Change	Significant Increase?
Bradley County WWTP	11/15/2023	Very High	Moderate Increase	No alert
Chester County WWTP	11/9/2023	Moderate	Moderate Increase	No alert
Davidson County WWTP 1	11/15/2023	High	Moderate Decrease	No alert
Davidson County WWTP 2	11/15/2023	Moderate	Moderate Decrease	No alert
Shelby County WWTP 1	11/13/2023	Moderate	Moderate Increase	No alert
Shelby County WWTP 2	11/13/2023	High	Moderate Increase	No alert
Sullivan County WWTP 1	11/14/2023	Very High	Large Increase	No alert

THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IS MONITORING SARS-COV-2 VIRUS IN WASTEWATER TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE TRUE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ACROSS TENNESSEE. SARS-COV-2, THE VIRUS THAT CAUSES COVID-19, CAN BE SHED IN FECES BY INFECTED INDIVIDUALS REGARDLESS OF SYMPTOM STATUS. VIRUS CONCENTRATIONS CAN BE MEASURED BY TESTING SAMPLES FROM COMMUNITY WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS(WWTP).

THIS INFORMATION GIVES INSIGHT IN TO THE TRENDS OF COVID-19 IN COMMUNITIES SERVED BY A WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT. WASTEWATER SURVEILLANCE COMPLEMENTS TRADITIONAL COVID-19 SURVEILLANCE METHODS. UNLIKE OTHER TYPES OF COVID-19 SURVEILLANCE, WASTEWATER SURVEILLANCE DOES NOT DEPEND ON PEOPLE HAVING ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE OR AVAILABILITY OF COVID-19 TESTING.

WASTEWATER SURVEILLANCE DATA MAY SERVE A SANINDICATOR OF INCREASING OR DECREASING DISEASE TRENDS IN A COMMUNITY. THIS SURVEILLANCE RELIES ON COLLABORATION BETWEEN WASTEWATER UTILITIES AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENTS ACROSS TN.



WE NEED MORE FOLLOWERS! GO LIKE OUR FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM PAGE!

Promote Manage Edit

CAUCUS GROUP NEWS

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD IN JANUARY 2024! INVITE YOUR FELLOW FRIENDS TO THESE MEETINGS IF THEY HAVE NOT COME TO A MEETING YET.

WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE OUR ATTENDANCE GROW AND TO HAVE MORE INVOLVEMENT.

DECEMBER AWARENESS MONTH

Stay Safe During Winter Weather

! Avoid carbon monoxide poisoning. Only use generators and grills outdoors and away from windows. Never heat your home with a gas stovetop or oven.

- Stay off roads if at all possible. If trapped in your car, then stay inside.
- Limit your time outside. If you need to go outside, then wear layers of warm clothing. Watch for signs of frostbite and hypothermia.
- Reduce the risk of a heart attack by avoiding overexertion when shoveling snow and walking in the snow.

Learn the signs of, and basic treatments for, frostbite and hypothermia.



Frostbite causes loss of feeling and color around the face, fingers and toes.

- **Signs:** Numbness, white or grayish-yellow skin, firm or waxy skin.
- **Actions:** Go to a warm room. Soak in warm water. Use body heat to warm. Do not massage or use a heating pad.



Hypothermia is an unusually low body temperature. A temperature below 95 degrees is an emergency.

- **Signs:** Shivering, exhaustion, confusion, fumbling hands, memory loss, slurred speech or drowsiness.
- **Actions:** Go to a warm room. Warm the center of the body first—chest, neck, head and groin. Keep dry and wrapped up in warm blankets, including the head and neck.

December Fun!

Did You Know?
Fun Christmas Facts

Have you ever wondered about the history of Christmas? Where did our traditions come from, anyway? Here's your daily dish of fun Christmas facts:

Mistletoe is from the Anglo-Saxon word *mistelcan*, which means "little dung twig" because the plant spreads through bird droppings.

The tallest Christmas tree ever cut was a 221-foot Douglas fir, according to the Guinness world records.

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Most of Santa's reindeer have male-sounding names, such as Dasher and Comet. However, male reindeers shed their antlers around Christmas, so the reindeer pulling Santa's sleigh are likely not male, but female.

All the gifts in the Twelve Days of Christmas would equal 364 gifts.

President Teddy Roosevelt, an environmentalist, banned Christmas trees from the White House in 1912.

Each year, more than 3 billion Christmas cards are sent in the U.S. alone.

Christmas purchases account for 1/6 of all retail sales in the U.S.

The Germans made the first artificial Christmas trees out of dyed goose feathers.

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

A Very Merry Christmas

A Merry Christmas

DO NOT OPEN UNTIL DECEMBER 25

Hope everyone has all their Christmas shopping finished. Black Friday, Small Shop Saturday, and Cyber Monday are now over..
The Countdown begins!!!



24 DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS



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