



## 2026 Public Health Preparedness Summit/ Virginia Epidemiology Seminar

### “Preparedness in a Time of Rapid Transformation”

<b>Day 1: March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026</b>		<b>*Times are subject to change*</b>
<b>12:00 PM – 1:00 PM</b>	<b>Registration</b>	<b>Hotel Atrium</b>
<b>1:00 PM – 1:50 PM</b>	<b>Welcome &amp; Opening Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Presentation of Colors</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Bob Mauskapf, MPA, Director, Office of Emergency Preparedness Virginia Department of Health (VDH)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Leadership Welcome</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ B. Cameron Webb, MD, JD, State Health Commissioner, VDH</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Chesapeake Ballroom</b>
<b>1:50 PM – 2:00 PM</b>	<b>MRC E.P.I.C Awards Ceremony</b>	<b>Chesapeake Ballroom</b>
<b>2:00 PM – 2:30 PM</b>	<b>General Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Keynote: State of PH Funding focusing on Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP)/ Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Lisa Peterson, MPH, MPA, Senior Director of Preparedness, Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO)</li> <li>○ Jeffery Ekoma, MBA, MS, Senior Director of Government Affairs, ASTHO</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Chesapeake Ballroom</b>
<b>2:30 PM – 3:00 PM</b>	<b>Administration Preparedness Exercise</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Introduction and Overview</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Aaron Kesecker, Training and Exercise Supervisor/Exercise Coordinator, Office of Emergency Preparedness, VDH</li> <li>○ Jonathan Falk, MPH, Deputy Director, Office of Epidemiology, VDH</li> <li>○ Bradley Porter, MPH, Office of Epidemiology, VDH</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Chesapeake Ballroom</b>

<b>3:00 PM – 3:10 PM</b>	<b>Break into Regional Rooms</b>	
<b>3:10 PM – 5:00 PM</b>	<b>Tabletop Exercise</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Central Region</b></li> <li>• <b>Eastern Region</b></li> <li>• <b>Northern Region</b></li> <li>• <b>Northwest Region</b></li> <li>• <b>Southwest Region</b></li> <li>• <b>Central Office</b></li> </ul>	<b>Blue Ridge AB</b> <b>Blue Ridge C</b> <b>Chesapeake AB</b> <b>Blue Ridge DE</b> <b>Chesapeake C</b> <b>Shenandoah ABC</b>
<b>5:00 PM – 5:30 PM</b>	<b>Exercise Hotwash in Rooms</b>	
<b>Day 2: March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026</b>		
<b>7:30 AM – 8:00 AM</b>	<b>Registration and Breakfast</b>	<b>Hotel Atrium- Hallways</b>
<b>8:00 AM – 9:00 AM</b>	<b>General Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Keynote: AI &amp; Public Health</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Arman Latif, Chief Information Officer, VDH</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Chesapeake Ballroom</b>
<b>9:00 AM – 9:10 AM</b>	<b>Move to Breakouts</b>	
<b>9:10 AM – 10:10 AM</b>	<b>Breakout Session I (Choose One)</b>	<b>Various</b>
	<b>Topic 1: Measles Overview- Panel</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Facilitator- Meridith Robinson, MSc, Vaccine-Preventable Disease Epidemiologist, Office of Epidemiology, VDH</b></li> <li>• <b>Speaker Panel</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Emily Rich, MPH- Vaccine-Preventable Disease Epidemiologist, Office of Epidemiology, VDH</b></li> <li>○ <b>Anna Barringer, CPH- District Epidemiologist/ Epidemiology Supervisor, Virginia Beach Department of Health</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Chesapeake AB</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Barbara Downes, MS, Epidemiology Program Manager, Acute Communicable and Emerging Diseases, Fairfax County Health Department</li> <li>○ Angie Myrick-West, MPH, Central Region Epidemiologist, Office of Epidemiology, VDH</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Topic 2: Shelter Planning- Logistics Developments and Trends</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Speaker Panel</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Leanne Knox, BS Ed, EMT-I, Emergency Manager, Blue Ridge Health District</li> <li>○ Erin Callas, BSN, RN, Nurse Manager Sr./Clinical Services Director, Blue Ridge Health District</li> <li>○ Jennifer Sharpe, MBA, Va PEM, Regional Mass Care Coordinator, Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS)</li> <li>○ Ron Clinedinst, CHES-III, CHEP, NEMAA, Regional Mass Care Coordinator, VDSS</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Emma De Jong – Regional Mass Care Coordinator, VDSS</p>	<b>Blue Ridge AB</b>
	<p><b>Topic 3: Navigating Misinformation in an Age of Rapid Change</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Speaker</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Brookie Crawford, EPIO, Risk Communications Manager, Office of Communications, VDH</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Blue Ridge C</b>
	<p><b>Topic 4: Change Management</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Speaker</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Crystal Barrett, MAED/T, MLS(ASCP)<sup>cm</sup>, Laboratory Systems Improvement and Training Manager, Department of General Services/Department of Consolidated Lab Services</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Chesapeake C</b>
	<p><b>Topic 5: Workplace Safety- Best Practices</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Speaker</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Liz Coleman, M.I.S, G.C.L, A.S.P, C.S.P., OSHA Program Manager, Office of Human Resources, VDH</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Blue Ridge DE</b>
	<p><b>Topic 6: OEMS Changes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Speaker</b></li> </ul>	<b>Shenandoah ABC</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Chad Mason, MPS, Division Director, Emergency Medical Services Operations, VDH</li> </ul>	
<b>10:20 AM – 11:20 AM</b>	<b>Breakout Session II</b>	<b>Various</b>
	<p><b>Topic 1: Central Region Strike Team- Panel</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Speaker Panel</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Angie Myrick-West, MPH, Central Region Epidemiologist, Office of Epidemiology, VDH</li> <li>○ Stephanie Duong, MPH, Senior Epidemiologist, Chesterfield Health District</li> <li>○ Sarah Gagnon, MBA, Medical Reserve Corps Coordinator, Chesterfield Health District, VDH</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Chesapeake AB</b>
	<p><b>Topic 2: Mental Health in Emergency Response</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Speaker</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Stephanie Waite, MPA, Disaster Behavioral Health Coordinator, Department of Behavioral Health and Development Services</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Chesapeake C</b>
	<p><b>Topic 3: Drinking Water Processes and Collaborations- Roles of Health Districts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Speakers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Franklin McMillian, MA, Emergency Services Planner, Office of Drinking Water, VDH</li> <li>○ Jordan Good, Local Health Emergency Coordinator, Central Shenandoah Health District</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Blue Ridge AB</b>
	<p><b>Topic 4: Resilience- Continuity of Operations Pre/Post and During Events</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Speaker</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Erin Callas, BSN, RN-Nurse Manager Sr./ Clinical Services Director, Blue Ridge Health District</li> <li>○ Mariel Waller, MPH, Local Health Emergency Coordinator, Hampton and Peninsula Health Districts</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Blue Ridge C</b>
	<p><b>Topic 5: HAN Group Manager/ Dispatcher Best Practices</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Speaker</b></li> </ul>	<b>Blue Ridge DE</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Rich Watson, Office of Emergency Preparedness, VDH</li> <li>○ Donald Moore, M.S, CTT+, Public Health Preparedness Training Coordinator, Office of Emergency Preparedness, VDH</li> <li>○ Leanne Knox, BS Ed, EMT-I, Emergency Manager, Blue Ridge Health District</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Topic 6: Health Equity with Special Populations in Emergencies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Speaker</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sandra Serna, MPH, Director, Office of Health Equity, VDH</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Shenandoah ABC</b>
<b>11:20 AM – 11:30 AM</b>	<b>Break</b>	
<b>11:30 AM – 12:30 PM</b>	<b>Breakout Session III</b>	<b>Various</b>
	<p><b>Topic 1: Leading Through Uncertainty in Public Health</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Speaker</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Xavier Crockett, MS, Health Director, Central Shenandoah Health District</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Chesapeake AB</b>
	<p><b>Topic 2: Scope of Practice in Shelter Management</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Speakers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Erin Callas, BSN, RN-Nurse Manager Sr./ Clinical Services Director. Blue Ridge Health District</li> <li>○ Amy Wagner, MSN, RN, CIC, Public Health Nurse Manager Sr., Hampton and Peninsula Health District</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Chesapeake C</b>
	<p><b>Topic 3: Empower Data Usage</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Speaker</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Justin Crow, MPA, Foresight and Analytics Coordinator, Office of Emergency Preparedness, VDH</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Blue Ridge AB</b>
	<p><b>Topic 4: “Who Will Show Up?” Rethinking Recruitment and Volunteerism for Today’s Public Health Challenges</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Speaker</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Annalise Gammel, MSW, Statewide Engagement Manager, Virginia Department of Social Services</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Blue Ridge C</b>

	<b>Topic 5: SNS-Strategic National Stockpile/MCM- Medical Counter Measures Overview</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Speaker</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Glenroy Christie, MPH, Director, Office of State, Local, Tribal and Territorial Governments (SLTT) Preparedness, Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR), Strategic National Stockpile (SNS)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Blue Ridge DE</b>
	<b>Topic 6: Climate Change Emergencies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Speaker</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Eric Seymour, Warning Coordination Meteorologist, National Weather Service</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Shenandoah ABC</b>
<b>12:30 AM – 1:30 PM</b>	<b>Lunch (Provided) and time to transition to next breakout</b>	<b>Ballroom Breezeway</b>
<b>1:30 PM – 5:00 PM</b>	<b>Discipline Specific Breakout Sessions</b>	<b>Various</b>
	<b>Health Directors</b>	<b>Blue Ridge DE</b>
	<b>Nurse Managers</b>	<b>Blue Ridge AB</b>
	<b>Emergency Coordinators</b>	<b>Chesapeake C</b>
	<b>Business Managers</b>	<b>Chesapeake AB</b>
	<b>Medical Reserve Corps</b>	<b>Blue Ridge C</b>
	<b>Epidemiologists</b>	<b>Shenandoah ABC</b>



<b>Day 3: March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026</b>		
<b>8:30 AM – 9:00 AM</b>	<b>Registration and Coffee</b>	<b>Hotel Atrium</b>
<b>9:00 AM – 11:55 AM</b>	<b>Virginia Epidemiology Seminar</b>	<b>Chesapeake Ballroom</b>
<b>9:00 AM -11:55 PM</b>	<b>Finance and Admin in Person Event</b>	<b>Blue Ridge BC</b>
<b>11:55 AM - 1:00 PM</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
<b>1:00 PM – 3:30 PM</b>	<b>Virginia Epidemiology Seminar</b>	<b>Chesapeake Ballroom</b>
<b>1:00 PM – 3:00 PM</b>	<b>Finance and Admin in Person Event</b>	<b>Blue Ridge BC Chesapeake C</b>