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**Press Release**

# NYC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE OFFER TIPS FOR NEW YORKERS TO BEAT THE HEAT

## *Latest 'Prep Talk' Podcast Episode Highlights The Dangers Of Extreme Heat*

**July 5, 2023** — With warmer days signaling the beginning of the summer months, the New York City Emergency Management Department and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene encourage New Yorkers to beat the heat by knowing the hazards they may face during periods of extreme heat, preparing a plan, learning who is most at risk, and how to stay informed.

The City is prioritizing neighborhoods facing the greatest health risks from heat — as outlined in the [NYC Heat Vulnerability Index \(HVI\)](#) — by updating public cooling elements and refining existing programs to serve more residents during extreme heat events. Extreme heat can be deadly, resulting in over 100 deaths in NYC on average each year. People without access to air conditioning and who have chronic health conditions including heart, kidney and lung disease, mental health conditions, substance or alcohol abuse, and are older adults are more likely to experience adverse effects from extreme heat. As people get older, their ability to maintain a safe body temperature declines — resulting in an increased risk for heat-related illness. New York City urges residents to take steps to protect themselves and help others who may be at increased risk from the heat.

Visit the [NYC Heat Vulnerability Index \(HVI\)](#) to understand how health risks during and immediately after extreme heat events compare across NYC neighborhoods, and how the HVI helps the City identify and direct resources to neighborhoods at higher risk during extreme heat.

NYC Emergency Management activates the Cooling Center Finder when the National Weather Service issues a heat advisory, with a forecasted heat index of 95°F or higher for two or more days or 100°F for any period. When the Cooling Center Finder is active, you can find your nearest cooling center by calling 311 or visiting [NYC.gov/beattheheat](#). To prevent the spread of COVID-19, individuals are reminded to stay at home if they are feeling sick or exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19.

“New York City and many parts of the country have seen increases in long periods of extreme heat due to climate change that can significantly impact the environment, our infrastructure, and our health. As New Yorkers prepare to spend more time outdoors in the summer months, it is important to be aware of the health risks due to extreme heat and make a plan for your family, friends, neighbors, and pets,” **said New York City Emergency Management Commissioner Zach Iscol**. “New York City Emergency Management and its partners will make cooling centers available again this summer to provide relief from the heat. We encourage New Yorkers to take advantage of all the free resources available from the city to beat the heat and enjoy the summer.”

“Climate change is already making our summers hotter and more deadly,” **said Health Commissioner Dr. Ashwin Vasan**. “Heat-related deaths are preventable. We can protect New Yorkers by making sure all who need it have access to air conditioning, which provides the best protection for those at risk.”

New Yorkers who do not have an air conditioner can call 311 or check online to find out whether they qualify for a free air conditioner/fan through the New York State Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP). To qualify for the cooling assistance program, households must meet certain income requirements, receive public benefits (such as CA, SNAP or Code A SSI), have received a HEAP benefit during the current HEAP year, or have a household member with a medical condition that is exacerbated by the heat.

As of 2020, New York State extended eligibility to include people living in public housing or who receive housing benefits or subsidies, and who also meet certain health qualifications. The program opened May 1, 2023, and applications will be accepted through August 31, 2023, or until funds are exhausted.

To discuss the dangers of extreme heat during the summer months, the latest episode of 'Prep Talk' features Cari Olson, assistant commissioner of the Bureau of Environmental Surveillance and Policy with the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. Ms. Olson shared what precautions New Yorkers should take to beat the heat, and how the city responds to heat emergencies.

"My team is responsible for building a foundation of environmental health data and research, that is then used to improve the health of all New Yorkers," said Cari Olson, assistant commissioner of the Bureau of Environmental Surveillance and Policy with the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. "For example, we track the health impacts of heat and who is most vulnerable. The triggers for a heat emergency issued by the National Weather Service and Emergency Management are based on data we compiled. As we began collecting data we observed that, once the heat index hits 95 or above, and that is a combination of heat and humidity, there was an exponential increase in deaths from heat in our vulnerable communities."

For more information, visit [NYC.gov/beattheheat](https://nyc.gov/beattheheat). New Yorkers are also encouraged to stay informed by signing up for Notify NYC, the City's free emergency communications program, to receive free emergency alerts and updates in your preferred language and format by visiting [NYC.gov/NotifyNYC](https://nyc.gov/NotifyNYC), calling 311 (212-639-9675 for Video Relay Service, or TTY: 212-504-4115), following @NotifyNYC on Twitter, or getting the free Notify NYC mobile application for your Apple or Android device.

You can listen to the latest episode on [SoundCloud](#), [Apple Podcasts](#), and [Spreaker](#).

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**Summer Is Here: Heat Information**



# Stay Cool, Stay Hydrated

## Heat Exhaustion

### ACT FAST

- Move to a cooler area
- Loosen clothing
- Sip cool water
- Seek medical help if symptoms don't improve

*Dizziness*

*Thirst*

*Heavy Sweating*

*Nausea*

*Weakness*



## Heat Stroke

### ACT FAST

# CALL 911

- Move person to a cooler area
- Loosen clothing and remove extra layers
- Cool with water or ice

*Confusion*

*Dizziness*

*Becomes Unconscious*

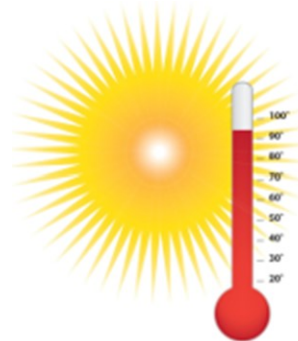
*Heat exhaustion can lead to heat stroke.*

*Heat stroke can cause death or permanent disability if emergency treatment is not given.*

## FEMA Region 2 Extreme Heat Preparedness

**Thursday, July 6th from 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM ET**

Please join us for a discussion concerning the dangers of extreme heat and its impact on people, animals, and communities. The National Weather Service will provide useful information about the science of extreme heat, its effects on weather and discuss alerts and warnings. A representative from the University of Puerto Rico will discuss extreme heat's impacts and challenges to island life, infrastructure, and post disaster reconstruction. The New York City Department of Health will discuss impacts on people, pets, risk factors concerning vulnerable populations, urban heat islands and effects on health and infrastructure and mitigating strategies. FEMA will conclude the webinar with helpful hints and mitigating actions everyone should know to be better prepared for extreme heat and improve chances for lessening the impacts to people, pets, and communities.



Who should attend? The whole community – individuals and families, volunteer and faith-based organizations, local, state, federal government, Non-profits, faith-based institutions and private sector entities.

Registration: <https://bit.ly/3Nr7g75>

*ASL Interpretation will be available for this Webinar.*

## Keeping Homes Safe for Children Webinar Series

# Community Engagement Webinar Series

## Child Safety Webinar: Burn Prevention



Learn how to prevent children from getting burn injuries, and the first steps to take if a burn injury should occur.

This presentation will be led by Ekta Vohra, BSN, RN, CWON of the William Randolph Hearst Burn Center at New York-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center.

Date: Tuesday, July 18, 2023

Time: 11:00 a.m. EST

Link: [https://bit.ly/NYCEM\\_HOMESAFETY](https://bit.ly/NYCEM_HOMESAFETY)

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Funding Opportunities

Climate Solutions Challenge



# Climate Solutions Piloting Program



Through their new piloting program, Governor's Island will award up to five \$10,000 grants and access to a common pool of \$100,000 in additional deployment support to nonprofits and startups to bring their climate solution to Governors Island for piloting, testing, and stakeholder engagement. The full program description is [here](#).

#### Key Dates:

- **Webinar and Q&A:** July 6 and 18 ([RSVP here](#) for tours and webinars)
- **Optional Site Tours:** July 12, July 14, July 21
- **Questions due:** July 21 at 11:59 PM
- **Application deadline:** August 15 at 11:59 PM

## Prepare Your NSGP Application: DHS Announces \$2 Billion in Preparedness Grants

The Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) can provide funding support to nonprofit organizations, including houses of worship, that are at high risk of terrorist attack. This funding can help your organization implement physical security enhancements and activities.

To learn more about the things you can do before the application period opens we've compiled this list:

- **English:** [Take these 4 Steps to Apply for a Nonprofit Security Grant | FEMA.gov](#)
- **Español:** [Siga estos 4 pasos para solicitar la subvención de seguridad para organizaciones sin fines de lucro | FEMA.gov](#)

## General Info and Upcoming Webinars

### Check Out the New "Equity Events" Website Launched by MOE & OPHC

The new "Equity Events" website aims to foster inclusivity and bring our diverse communities together through citywide initiatives. Equity Events is designed as a shared platform that curates and promotes a diverse range of initiatives taking place throughout our city.



MOE and OPHC invites community members to take a moment to visit their website to explore the currently listed items and provide more options. The website is open to showcasing some of your latest, inclusive community programs or policy with organizations or individuals who share the vision of inclusivity.

Visit the website by [clicking here](#).

## FEMA In-Person Workshop

## Ready Seniors

July 26th, 2023 | 9:00 AM—4:00 PM

Passaic County Police Academy 214 Oldham Road Wayne, NJ



This in-person workshop is for emergency planners for nursing homes, mental and behavioral health services, assisted living facilities, senior community centers, senior housing, adult day care centers, home meal delivery services, charitable organizations, and others who provide services to senior citizens and those with disabilities or others with access and functional needs.

**8:30** Registration

**9:00** Welcome and Opening Remarks

**9:10** FEMA Individual Preparedness

**9:30** FEMA Continuity Basics & Preparedness Messaging

**9:50** ACL Preparedness Planning

**10:20** NJ DHS Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services

**10:50** Break

**11:00** NJ Dept of Human Services and NJ State Unit on Aging

**11:30** Passaic County Senior Services Case Study

**12:00** NJOEM CORE Advisory Groups

**12:15** Lunch (on your own)

**1:15** TTX

**4:00** Event Concludes

**Register now!**

<https://bit.ly/ReadySeniorsPassaic>

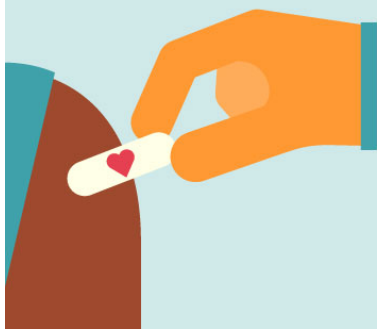
**Health Department Encourages New Yorkers to  
Get mpox Vaccinated**



# The mpox vaccine is effective at preventing mpox. Get the full two-dose series for the best protection.

The two-dose JYNNEOS vaccine is very effective at protecting against mpox, according to new data from the CDC.

- ✓ Getting vaccinated for mpox can reduce your chance of getting mpox, and it may reduce symptoms if you do get it.
- ✓ Everyone should receive two doses of the mpox vaccine, at least four weeks apart. If you never received your second dose, make sure to get it, no matter how much time has passed. Vaccines are being administered subcutaneously.
- ✓ Anyone of any sexual orientation or gender identity who is at risk for mpox can get vaccinated.



Vaccination is no cost and available regardless of immigration status.



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## Hiring Opportunities



Open Positions Through AmeriCorps





**Mission Statement**

NYC Emergency Management helps New Yorkers before, during, and after emergencies through preparedness, education, and response.

**Community Engagement Bureau**

The Bureau builds community resilience by preparing New Yorkers for emergencies, fostering volunteerism, and supporting local community emergency networks through all stages of the emergency management cycle.

**How to Apply**

- Learn more about program: [nyc.gov/cityservicecorps](https://nyc.gov/cityservicecorps)
- Applications due June 30, 2023



**NYC CERT Service Corps Member**

- Research new trainings/exercises to increase the quality and quantity of opportunities for volunteers
- Support development of volunteer database and recruitment strategies
- Participate in the NYC CERT basic training



**Community Engagement Data Corps Member**

- Create framework for data collection to share impact beyond quantity
- Monitor and communicate data results in ArcGIS
- Promote and co-lead Community Engagement events and classes



**Community Engagement AmeriCorps Member**

- Coordinate events and presentations to educate residents, communities, and faith-based organizations on the topic of preparedness
- Engage with community coalitions to strengthen local preparedness
- Improve and increase the quality of preparedness programming throughout New York City



NYC Emergency Management is looking for dedicated community minded individuals to serve alongside the Community Engagement Bureau to engage New Yorkers on the importance of preparedness. Learn more about the @NYCService @AmeriCorps program: [https://www.nycservice.org/city\\_service\\_corps](https://www.nycservice.org/city_service_corps) and submit an application before June 30, 2023.

**ReadyCommunity Engagement Specialist  
Position Available**

Ready New York, NYC Emergency Management’s public education program, is seeking a community engagement specialist to lead the strategic planning and outreach efforts focused on engaging NYC’s immigrant communities and people with limited English proficiency, especially in neighborhoods affected by Post-Tropical Storm Ida. This position requires someone who has a working knowledge of New York City and its immigrant community, and has shown commitment to developing community resilience.

Reach out to us at [jobs@oem.nyc.gov](mailto:jobs@oem.nyc.gov).



# Readiness Bureau Exercise Program Manager Position Available

New York City Emergency Management (NYCEM) is seeking an Exercise Program Manager to work as part of the Readiness Bureau to accomplish the drills and exercise program development objectives as outlined in the US Department of Homeland Security's (USDHS) grant funding requirements. For the purpose of this program, an Exercise Program Manager is expected to possess the skills, experience and training necessary to allow them to employ a proactive, versatile approach to drill and exercise support, knowledge of the Citywide Incident Management System (CIMS), emergency preparedness planning, exercise program development and implementation, in addition to a wide range of other duties, including records retention, and data management.

Learn about this role [here](#).



## Join NYC Emergency Management - We Are Hiring

NYC Emergency Management has some exciting employment opportunities available. They can be viewed on the NYC Careers website: [Jobs at NYC Emergency Management - NYCEM](#).

NYC Emergency Management is staffed by over 200 dedicated professionals who are committed to serving the City in a crisis. We are looking for candidates who have a passion for preparing New Yorkers for the next emergency and responding when a crisis hits the City.



For a list of job vacancies across the different bureaus at NYCEM, click [here](#).

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NYCEM is looking for candidates with experience engaging with people with disabilities access and functional needs (DAFN). In this role you will get to come up with innovative ways to educate New Yorkers on emergency preparedness via presentations, webinars, and other outreach events in collaboration with our community partners. Share or apply via [jobs.nyc.gov](https://jobs.nyc.gov) with Job ID: 536135.

Click [here](#) for the full job description.

**Learn More About NYC Emergency Management Community Preparedness - <https://youtu.be/L250wy3o6r4>**

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