

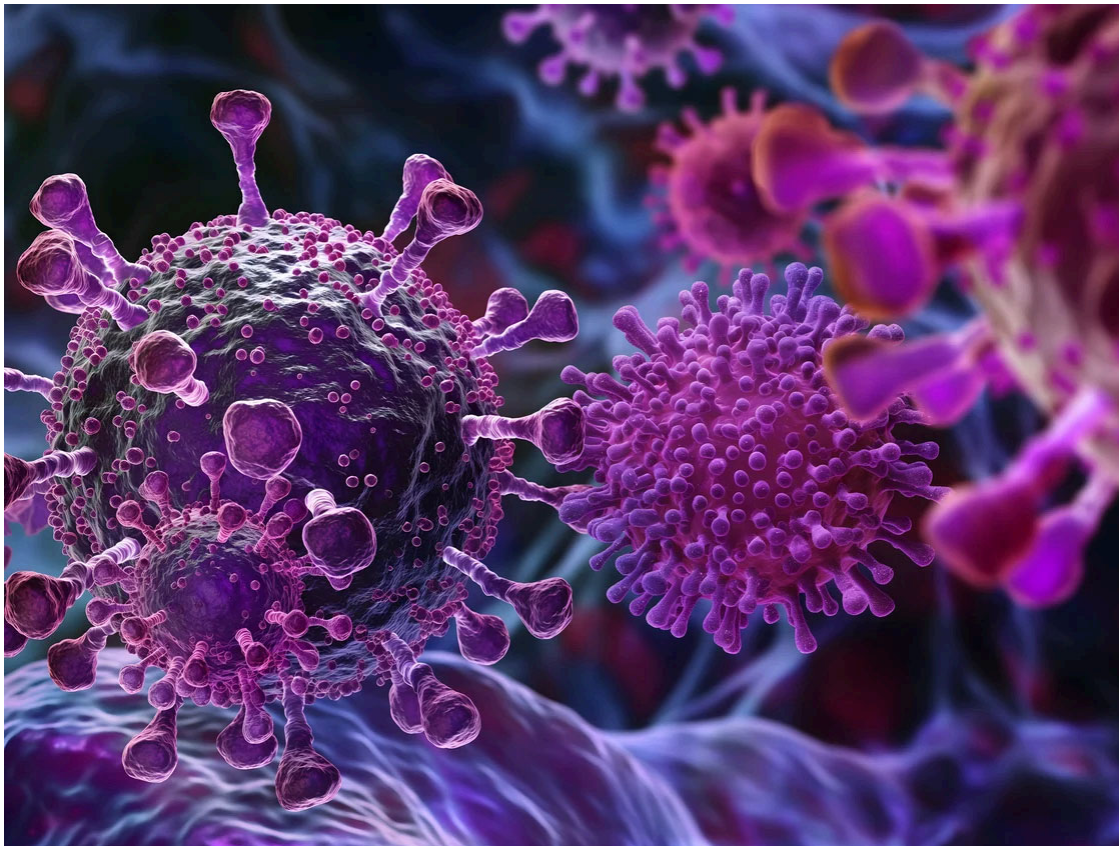


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## Resilience Report

Brief insights and the latest innovations in emergency management and health security.

### Status of the Global Pandemic Agreement and H5N1, and Tips for Infectious Disease Planning



On December 1, 2021, the World Health Assembly established an intergovernmental negotiating body (INB) to initiate a global process to draft and negotiate a [Pandemic Agreement](#). Commonly referred to as the Pandemic Preparedness Treaty, the Agreement seeks to foster an "all of government and all of society approach, strengthening national, regional, and global capacities and resilience to future pandemics." A progress report was supposed to be shared at the [76th World Health Assembly](#) in May 2023 with the final outcome submitted for consideration by this year's [77th World Health Assembly](#). It was announced before the Assembly that this [deadline would not be met](#), and WHO member states [agreed](#) to finish negotiations for the Agreement within the next year.

The WHO has made some progress. It amended the International Health Regulations to define a pandemic emergency and to commit to strengthening equitable access to medical products and financing. However, negotiations for the Agreement have been challenging. It has been [reported](#) that "disagreements over sharing information about pathogens that cause pandemics and the technology used to fight them" is causing delays, as is the "creation of a new fund that would help boost pandemic-fighting capacities particularly in developing countries."

Progress on the Pandemic Agreement is especially important as the emergence of [H5N1](#) has re-sparked some public discourse on pandemics. It is too early to know with certainty what impacts H5N1 could have. Nonetheless, given the challenges on the international and national stages, pandemic planning at the state, regional, and local levels is critical. There is an opportunity to address locally what we cannot accomplish globally. Below are some tips from CONSTANT's Health Security Professionals:

- **Re-examine COVID-19 After Action Report(s) (AAR):** Many agencies conducted an AAR to formalize response and recovery strengths and areas for improvement, as well as an Improvement Plan (IP) to codify how to translate lessons learned to actionable improvements. This is an opportune time for agencies to look back at COVID-19 AARs and IPs and re-examine steps to incorporate COVID-19 insights into infectious disease preparedness postures.
- **Ensure that Infectious Disease Plans Reflect Current Assumptions:** Aspects like equity, scarce resource allocation, inter- and intra-agency coordination, use of non-pharmaceutical interventions, use of contact tracing, and mis-, dis-, and mal-information were at the forefront during the COVID-19 pandemic. State and local infectious disease plans should reflect updated assumptions, convene a multi-disciplinary planning team, and incorporate equity and sociocultural considerations. The plans should also revisit relationships leveraged during COVID-19 to confirm assumptions about partner capabilities to address certain aspects of response.
- **Educate your Organization and Community on the Most Recent Public Health Prevention Recommendations:** The [CDC](#) has stated that H5N1's current public health risk is low at time of writing. But, state and local agencies must arm themselves and the broader community with the appropriate knowledge of [protective actions](#). This site also provides guidance to farmers, livestock owners, clinicians, and state health departments.
- **Communication is Key:** There has been [criticism](#) of the federal government's H5N1 communications thus far. With experts still unsure how the H5N1 outbreak in livestock will impact humans, disinformation and uncertainty are chief concerns. H5N1 communications are further complicated by the USDA, FDA, and CDC having jurisdiction over separate response areas. As federal agencies refine coordination efforts, state and local agencies can reassure their constituents that they will continue to share what they know with the public and are coordinating disease control and prevention.

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## Upcoming Conferences

Earlier this month, Jessica Driskill attended the [Texas Emergency Management Conference](#)! If you missed Jessica at the conference or are looking to follow up, contact us at [info@constantassociates.com](mailto:info@constantassociates.com).

CONSTANT continues our attendance at upcoming industry conferences throughout the summer! Learn more below about where CONSTANT team members will be in July.

Please contact us at [info@constantassociates.com](mailto:info@constantassociates.com) should you be interested in meeting with one of our team members while attending these events.

## National Sports Safety And Security Conference

CONSTANT is excited to attend the [National Sports Safety and Security Conference and Exhibition](#) for the first time. Team members Mona Bontty and Jayson Kratoville will be attending on behalf of CONSTANT, while Sloan Grissom will attend on behalf of the Interagency Modeling and Atmospheric Assessment Center (IMAAC). The theme of the conference is *Make It Matter*, focusing on opportunities to "transform ideas into tangible, lasting change." We are eager to share emergency preparedness tips and best practices with facility and stadium managers, athletic administrators, and governmental representatives that build from recent work performed.

### National Sports Safety and Security

#### Conference and Exhibition

*Mona Bontty, Emergency  
Management Portfolio Manager,  
and Jayson Kratoville, Director of  
Operations, are attending on behalf  
of CONSTANT.*

*Sloan Grissom, Emerging Threats  
Portfolio Manager, is representing  
the IMAAC.*

**July 9-11  
Phoenix, AZ**



## National Homeland Security Conference

CONSTANT is back at the [National Homeland Security Conference \(NHSC\)](#) this year! We can't wait to connect with our homeland security and emergency management colleagues in Miami on all things counterterrorism, cybersecurity, community preparedness and resilience, health security, planning, training and exercise, and more.



## National Homeland Security

### Conference

Jeff Philippart,  
*Business Development Director,*  
is attending NHSC on behalf of  
CONSTANT.

Sloan Grissom, *Emerging Threats  
Portfolio Manager,* is representing  
the IMAAC.

**July 22-25**  
**Miami Beach, FL**



## NACCHO360

CONSTANT's health experts will be at the [NACCHO360 Conference](#), the U.S.'s largest gathering of local health department leaders and public health professionals. The conference theme, "Heard it Through the Grapevine: Public Health Partnerships, Collaboration, and Innovation" focuses on multi-sector approaches to address health challenges. We are excited to collaborate with our colleagues on how to strengthen partnerships to advance and improve public health.

## NACCHO360

### Heard It Through the Grapevine: Public Health Partnerships, Collaboration, and Innovation

Ali Leis, *Health Security Portfolio Manager*, and Jessica Driskill, *Senior Associate*, are attending the NACCHO360 Conference.

July 23-26  
Detroit, MI



## Upcoming Grant Deadlines

A number of grants that are of potential interest to our readers have upcoming deadlines for application submission, including those listed below. Connect with your state agencies on accessing funding offered through state-level grants.

- [FY24 Office of Justice Programs Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative Training and Technical Assistance Program](#) - **Grants.gov deadline:** July 30, 2024, open to public and private institutions of higher education; non-profits; for-profit organizations, and small businesses.
- [FY24 FEMA Flood Mitigation Assistance Swift Current](#) - **Grants.gov deadline:** January 15, 2026, open to state and tribal governments.
- [FY24 FEMA Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program](#) - **Grants.gov deadline:** July 25, 2024, open to state, county, and city governments.
- [FY24 FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program](#) - **Grants.gov deadline:** June 28, 2024, open to state and tribal governments.
- [FY24 FEMA Individual State Earthquake Assistance](#) - **Grants.gov deadline:** June 24, 2024, open to state governments.
- [HHS Hospital Preparedness Program Cooperative Agreement](#) - **Grants.gov deadline:** June 18, 2024, open to state health departments, the District of Columbia, and the nation's three (3) largest municipalities.

- [FY24 FEMA Nonprofit Security Grant Program](#) - **Grants.gov deadline:** June 24, 2024, open to state governments.
  - [FY24 FEMA Emergency Management Performance Grant Program](#) - **Grants.gov deadline:** June 24, 2024, open to state governments.
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## In the News



### Preparing for Emerging Threats

DHS released an [Innovation, Research, and Development Strategic Plan](#) focused on preparing for future homeland security challenges. Key investment goals over the next seven fiscal years include areas like AI, climate change, cybersecurity, etc. DHS has also created a Homeland Intelligence Advisory Board, representing diverse perspectives across homeland security, government, law enforcement, academia, and more to convene on a quarterly basis.

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### The Latest Emergency Management News

The Atlantic Hurricane Season has formally begun. NOAA has predicted an 'above normal' [2024 hurricane season](#). [FEMA](#) has provided information on how to prepare for this season. The [Census Bureau](#) has reinforced its available data tools to help ensure targeted and equitable response and recovery. FEMA also recently announced its 2024 National Preparedness Theme focused on AANHPI communities in advance of September's National Preparedness Month (below).

[Read More](#)



## Extreme Heat Safety and Tools

Extreme summer heat continues to increase in the U.S. In response to this trend, HHS launched a new tool, the [Heat and Health Index](#), to provide heat-health data at the zip code level and provide decision-makers with tools to aid in making resilience investments.

A dangerous heat wave in the West has already broken records. Cal OES shared [heat safety considerations](#) for people with access and functional needs, and we encourage our readers to to share information with their communities.

[Read More](#)

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## The Fun Stuff



### Pet Preparedness Month

June marks Pet Preparedness Month! Pets are important members of our families and communities who should be included in emergency preparedness efforts. Here are some [tips](#) from FEMA on how to prepare your pets for disasters.

### Honoring Juneteenth

CONSTANT looks ahead to the commemoration of [Juneteenth](#). We honor the resilience and contributions of Black Americans, reflect on progress made, and recognize work that still lies ahead to achieve equality and justice.

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## We're Here to Support You

If you need help with disaster preparedness, infectious disease planning, or anything in between, send us an email at [staff@constantassociates.com](mailto:staff@constantassociates.com). We are here to help.

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