



Welcome to the Newsletter for the Pediatric Pandemic Network at Lurie Children's!

Introducing PPN Resource Central and Resource Guides

[PPN Resource Central](#) is now available. Resource Central connects users with PPN-curated reliable and informative materials related to disasters, pandemics, and emergencies. Users can sort and filter the database based on keyword, audience, author institution and more. You may also create a profile to save searches and resources.

In addition, Resource Central provides three specific Resource Guides focused on several important areas of child wellness and safety. These guides feature several resource types for different users, including families and caregivers, relating to a single topic. View Resource Guides on the topics below linked here:

- [Summer Weather Safety](#)
- [Swimming and Water Safety](#)
- [Mental Health Awareness](#)

Listen to Ready. Prep. Go!

[Ready. Prep. Go!](#), a podcast from the Pediatric Pandemic Network, features conversations with emergency, disaster, and preparedness subject matter experts and those on the frontlines. Guests share stories and lessons learned from their experiences, particularly related to the unique physiological and developmental characteristics of children during emergencies, disasters, and global health



threats. These discussions about key concepts in disaster preparedness and everyday readiness are aimed at inspiring collaboration between emergency professionals and communities.

Summer Events in Chicago

The city of Chicago will host several events over the summer, and citywide planning and coordination with healthcare systems is underway.

Event	Date
NASCAR	July 6-7 (Sat-Sun)
Republican National Convention (RNC will be held in Milwaukee but some local events are planned)	July 15-18 (Mon-Thurs)
Lollapalooza	Aug 1-4 (Thurs-Sun)
Chicago Air and Water Show	Aug 10-11 (Sat-Sun)
Democratic National Convention	Aug 19-22 (Mon-Thurs)

The [Chicago Office of Emergency Management and Communications \(OEMC\)](#) issues [alerts and notifications](#) to keep residents and attendees up to date with text messages and/or email alerts related to events, hazards, and emergencies. Alerts may include information regarding severe weather alerts, traffic disruptions, hazardous materials, and emergency incidents. You have the option to customize alerts based on geographical location in the Chicagoland area. Sign up for NotifyChicago alerts at [NotifyChicago.org](#), follow OEMC on social media, and/or download the OEMC app on your smartphone.

Infectious Diseases Resources

The [PPN provides curated resources](#) on a variety of topics on their website. Below, we highlight the most recent updates through both the PPN and the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH).

Meningococcal Disease

[Recent Increase in Meningococcal Disease in the U.S.](#)

Avian influenza (HPAI) A(H5N1)

[Clinical Guidance for highly pathogenic avian influenza \(HPAI\) A\(H5N1\)](#)

Measles

The city of Chicago identified several cases of measles in March. [The city has declared end of outbreak as of May 30th](#).

- [Get the Facts: Measles](#)
- [CDC: Measles Information for Healthcare Providers](#)[CDC: Measles Information for Healthcare Providers](#)
- [Measles FAQ for Parents and Families](#)
- [Recognizing Measles in Your Patients](#)

Arboviral Surveillance

View the latest [CDPH Arboviral Surveillance Report](#).

Respiratory Viruses

Respiratory viral activity in Chicago is at low inter-seasonal levels. Please refer to the [CDPH Health Alert Network](#) for the most recent citywide respiratory virus surveillance data.

Meet our PPN people

Lindsey Arenberg, MPH, MS, is Associate Director of Community-Clinic Collaborations in the Magoon Institute for Healthy Communities at Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago. In her current role, Lindsey leads efforts to increase alignment of clinical services and research with community outreach, advocacy and health equity. Lindsey also drives towards health equity through her leadership roles in three hospital-wide initiatives: Community & Growth Co-chair of the President's Council on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, Steering Committee member for Social Influencers of Health implementation and Co-creator of the Immigrant Families Learning Collaborative. Lindsey is pleased to be using her strategic planning and community partnership development expertise in the PPN, as co-lead of the Lurie Community Engagement Steering Committee.

PPN Praise – Recent achievements of the Lurie Children's PPN team

[Marie Heffernan, PhD](#) has been awarded a PPN Mentored Disaster Research Career Development Award (PDRCD). This grant was awarded to two research scientists to develop their research skills and gain experience in advanced methods and experimental approaches needed to become independent investigators conducting disaster science research.

[Jen Hoffman, MD, MS](#), received the 2024 American Academy of Pediatrics Section on Emergency Medicine (SOEM) Jane Knapp Emerging PEM Leader Award.

[Robert Newmyer MD, MA](#), has been appointed inaugural Chair of the Illinois Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Pediatric Critical Care Centers (PCCC) Network.

Stay connected with PPN on social media

The Pediatric Pandemic Network has recently joined Instagram to amplify messaging as a hub dedicated to empowering health care systems and communities to provide high-quality, equitable care to children every day and in crises. The PPN is also on X, Facebook and LinkedIn.

Follow [@pedspandemicnetwork](#) on Instagram, [@pedspandemic](#) on X or follow us on [LinkedIn](#)!

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