

March 2026 Board of Health Updates

Emergency Preparedness and Response

Planning

- Annual revision and update process for the Public Health Emergency Operating Plan (PHEOP), with complete reworks to Environmental Health and Communications plans.
- Started development of a Point of Dispensing/Dispersion (POD) plan for mass prophylaxis distribution.
- Contributing planning efforts for a Full Scale Mass Casualty exercise with a local hospital system.
- Rewrites to Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP).

Training and Exercise

- Developed and rolled out first iteration of Emergency Preparedness & Response (EPR) 101, an introduction to what EPR does for internal coordination and how EPR integrates locally and regionally.

Other

- Participating in the governance board for North Central Region Healthcare Coalition
- Completed EPR deliverables for the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB)
- Attended professional development conference for Colorado Emergency Managers.

Epidemiology Updates

Outbreaks since last BOH meeting on December 10, 2

- We have investigated 53 outbreaks in school, childcare, or preschool settings, 7 outbreaks in long-term care facilities, and 2 outbreaks in other priority settings

Data

- We continue to update the Communicable Disease Dashboard, Animal Bites Dashboard, and Vital Records Dashboard.

Disease Updates

- **Douglas County remains free of measles cases. Epidemiologists are monitoring the situation closely.**

Training

- Epidemiologists continue to participate in training activities to increase our skill sets and provide residents with the best possible service and education. Training topics this quarter have included syndromic surveillance.
- Our two new epidemiologists are already taking over case and outbreak investigation.

Outreach

- Our Epidemiologists have presented an overview of public health, and associated careers at the request of area High Schools, and Colorado State University.
- Our Epidemiology team met with the nursing coordinator of Douglas County School District (DCSD) to discuss outbreak procedures to ensure we are providing the most appropriate and best service possible.