

2026 NEBRASKA PREPAREDNESS SYMPOSIUM

MAY 27 & 28, 2026

EMBASSY SUITES LAVISTA CONFERENCE CENTER, LAVISTA, NE

The 2026 Nebraska Preparedness Symposium brings together two days of impactful learning and networking through back-to-back educational offerings.

Day one features an Incident Command for Healthcare workshop designed to help participants build practical ICS knowledge and become champions of the system within their hospitals, long-term care, clinics, and other healthcare facilities, equipping them to support and educate others in their organizations.

Day two is the traditional Preparedness Symposia, an engaging day of education for professionals involved in healthcare, public health, EMS, emergency management, and related sectors. This full-day program provides key updates and practical sessions focused on current issues, best practices, and strategies to strengthen healthcare and public health emergency preparedness and response.

*Please note - Each session will require a separate registration

May 27, 2026

10:00am - 4:00pm, COST \$100

Incident Command for Healthcare - REGISTER HERE

This workshop is designed to build a deeper understanding of how the Incident Command System (ICS) can be effectively integrated into a healthcare setting. This is not simply an ICS overview (participants are strongly encouraged to complete IS-100 and IS-200 prior to attending). Instead, this program prepares participants to serve as champions for ICS within their own facilities and with executive leadership. Attendees will gain the tools and strategies needed to help their incident command teams establish, implement, and utilize ICS more effectively and efficiently during healthcare emergencies. Workshop facilitated by TransendX.

May 28, 2026

9:00am - 5:00pm, COST \$100

2026 Preparedness Symposia - REGISTER HERE

This year's Symposia will include an update from the State Emergency Preparedness and Response Unit (EPRU), and sessions covering topics such as Behavioral Health, Artificial Intelligence, Current and Emerging Infectious Diseases, Supply Chain Resilience and late-breaking topics.

Lodging

CPERS has negotiated a rate of \$139/night at the Embassy Suites, which is connected to the Conference Center. Additionally, there are many hotels in close proximity to the Conference Center, should you wish to stay elsewhere.

Booking information is supplied in your confirmation email.



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AGENDA

- 8:30am **Check-In and Networking**
- 9:00am **Welcome Remarks**
- 9:05am **Nebraska Preparedness: State of the State**
Emergency Preparedness Response Unit - NE DHHS
- 9:20am **Leveraging AI in Preparedness Planning**
Brian Smith, EdD, MS, CHEP, MBCP - Director of Emergency Management, Nebraska Methodist Health System
- 10:30am **Break**
- 10:45am **Infectious Disease: Measles in Douglas County**
Justin Frederick, MPH, CPH - Deputy Health Director, Epidemiology and Preparedness, Douglas County Health Department
- 11:45am **Lunch**
- 12:30pm **Post-Lunch Recharge**
- 12:45pm **Public Health Applications of Disaster Psychological First Aid (PFA)**
Denise Bulling, PhD, LIMHP, CTM - Senior Research Director, University of Nebraska Public Policy Center
- 1:45pm **Supply Chain Resilience: 3M**
Caroline Johnson MSN, RN, PHN - Global Health & Safety Application Professional, 3M Personal Safety Division
- 2:45pm **Break**
- 3:00pm **Nebraska Response Stories - Panel Presentation**
Speakers TBA
- 4:30pm **Closing Remarks and Dismissal**



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