

2023 Symposia Series AGENDA

Time*	Session Title/Overview/Objectives	Presenter
7:45 am –	Registration and Breakfast (provided)	
8:00 am		
8:00 am –	Introduction and Welcome	Center Staff
8:15 am		
8:15 am – 8:45 am	Nebraska DHHS State of the State Our State of the State will give an update on DHHS's mission and current goals and activities related to preparedness.	Charity Menefee Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services
8:45 am – 9:45 am	Response to Biological Casualties: The Ten Commandments Last year, we explored the threat posed by biological terrorism. In this talk, we will discuss a stepwise approach designed to help the clinician, public health official, first responder, and medical planner deal with this threat, as well threats posed by chemical terrorism and outbreaks/poisonings of uncertain etiology.	Ted Cieslak University of Nebraska Medical Center
9:45 am –	Break	
10:00 am		
10:00 am – 10:45 am	NPHL: Biosecurity Preparedness and Meeting Other Public Health Needs, Where we Started and how we are Preparing for the Future This presentation will review the success of the public health lab in Nebraska, as well as those across the nation, over the last 20 years in the development of an integrated laboratory network.	Tony Sambol Nebraska Public Health Lab
10:45 am – 11:30 am	Slow versus Fast: Gaining Control by Reducing Intensity in Escalating Matters We want to solve the issue quickly; jump right in to prevent further escalation. Sometimes that works well. Other times it is fraught with problems. Let's talk about getting comfortable finding ways to slow down, use our words to gain compliance, or back away until help arrives.	Charlotte Evans University of Nebraska Medical Center
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Lunch (provided)	

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Scott Conference Center, 6450 Pine St, Omaha, NE

*Times are in Central time

12:30 pm – 1:15 pm	Connecting Generations: The Roles We Play An overview of the different generations (skills, characteristics, perceived barriers) making up our communities and how as leaders we must be able to adapt to their differences in communication, abilities, and willingness to participate during disaster training, preparedness, and live events.	Sharon Baldinelli University of Nebraska - Lincoln
1:15 pm – 2:00 pm	Twitter, TV and Tornadoes: How media and informational tools are used during severe weather events Overview of how growth of social media has shifted the way information is distributed during severe weather events. Session will outline media messaging during events and how individuals gather information to make decisions during times of imminent disaster.	Cory Armstrong University of Nebraska - Lincoln
2:00 pm – 2:15 pm	Break (snacks provided)	
2:15 pm – 3:00 pm	Wastewater Surveillance in Nebraska: SARS-CoV-2 and Beyond The COVID-19 pandemic has shown that wastewater surveillance can provide critical information on the abundance and extent of an outbreak in a given region. In 2021, Nebraska setup a statewide wastewater surveillance system to monitor SARS-CoV-2 abundance. Monitoring wastewater has yielded valuable data for improving public health in Nebraska, and in the future it will expand to include targets other than SARS-CoV-2.	Shaun Cross University of Nebraska Medical Center
3:00 pm – 3:45 pm	2022: A Year of Fire A review of the 2022 fire season, what we learned and how you can help.	Brent Curtis & Chris Schroeder Nebraska Emergency Management Agency
3:45 pm – 4:00 pm	Closing Remarks	

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!

