



ZAHP newsletter

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News & Updates



ZAHP Launches New E-Learning Platform!

The Zoo and Aquariums All-Hazard Partnership (ZAHP) is excited to announce the launch of our brand-new e-learning platform! This platform was developed through a partnership with the San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance Academy and is available to professionals working in zoological facilities, such as zoos, aquariums, or wildlife sanctuaries free of charge.

The ZAHP learning platform is housed on CollaborNation, and will maintain a variety of e-learning courses developed by ZAHP and its collaborators on topics such as emergency preparedness, animal health, and contingency planning.

Three custom courses, developed in partnership with Animal Search & Rescue (ASAR) Training & Response, are now available and open to participants:

- *Introduction to Technical Rescue for Exotic Applications*
- *Exotic Animal Strike Team (EAST): Introduction to Field Disaster Response*
- *Fitting in With Emergency Management*

Learn more and register for the platform here!

USDA Surveillance Data Shows White-Tailed Deer Exposed to SARS-CoV-2 The USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) recently completed a study that analyzed serum samples from free-ranging white-tailed deer

for antibodies to SARS-CoV-2. Results of the study indicate that certain white-tailed deer populations in Illinois, Michigan, New York, and Pennsylvania were exposed to SARS-CoV-2. [Read more here.](#)

EPA, Forest Service Release Improved Tools to Equip the Public with Information and Resources on Wildfire Smoke

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Forest Service have released updates to the popular AirNow Fire and Smoke Map to help protect communities across the country from the devastating impacts of wildfire smoke. [Read more here.](#)

CISA Launches New Website, StopRansomware.gov

StopRansomware.gov is a collaborative initiative by the federal government to make it easier for stakeholders across the private and public sectors to find free, authoritative information, resources, and tools that can help prevent and mitigate ransomware attacks in the United States. [Read more here.](#)

Webinars & Events

ZAHP Virtual Preparedness Town Hall Series - Northeast Quadrant

Wednesday, August 4 at 4:00 - 5:30 PM ET



In order to promote greater collaboration and communication for preparedness and response within the exotic animal industry, the Zoo and Aquarium All Hazards Partnership (ZAHP) has set up a series of Virtual Preparedness Town Halls focusing on different geographical quadrants across the United States.

The virtual town hall for the **Northeast Quadrant** will take place on August 4th from 4:00 - 5:30 PM ET and will feature guest speakers **David Hamilton**, General Curator at Seneca Park Zoo and organizer of the Zoos and Aquariums of New York (ZANY) Network, and **Sharron Stewart**, former Director of North Carolina Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services' Emergency Programs Division.

Stay tuned for more details on the Northwest Quadrant Town Hall, which will be held at a later date. Details on that webinar will be included in future newsletters.

[Register for the Northeast Town Hall](#)

here!

August 2021 ZOHU Call: Zoonoses & One Health Updates
Wednesday, August 4 at 2:00 - 3:00 PM ET

Zoonoses & One Health Updates (ZOHU) Calls are one-hour monthly webinars through the CDC that provide timely education on zoonotic and infectious diseases, One Health, and more.

August's call will cover human-to-cattle transmission of Mycobacterium tuberculosis complex species, experimental infection of North American wildlife with SARS-COV-2, and the importance of plant health to One Health.

**Register and learn more
here!**

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