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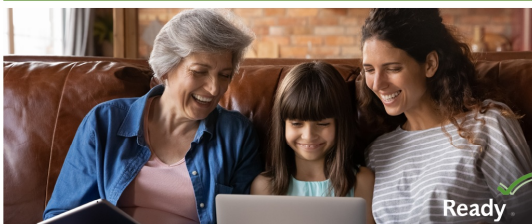
ZAHP Launches New Coalition Building Resources

ZAHP is excited to announce the launch of our new webpage, which includes a variety of documents, manuals, and templates to help you start and/or improve your coalition-building and planning efforts. [Check out the new webpage and download resources here!](#)

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National Preparedness Month

Prepare to Protect



September is National Preparedness Month!

This year's theme is *Prepare to Protect. Preparing for disasters is protecting everyone you love.* Consider taking time this month to review and update your facility's plans, and make sure they reflect any operational changes due to COVID-19. Visit [ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov) for lots of great resources on how you can be prepared for disasters and emergencies.

African Swine Fever (ASF) Action Week is September 13 - 17!

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)'s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) invites you to join them September 13-17 for daily webinars to learn more about African swine fever and its global spread, actions APHIS is taking to safeguard the United States, and biosecurity measures you can implement now to protect the U.S. herd. [Learn more and register for webinars here!](#)

USDA Announces Proposed Framework for Advancing Surveillance for SARS-CoV-2 and Other Emerging Zoonotic Diseases through the American Rescue Plan

The USDA announced that they are dedicating \$300 million in American Rescue Plan Act funding to conduct surveillance for SARS-CoV-2 and other emerging and zoonotic diseases in susceptible animals and build an early warning system to alert public health partners to potential threats so they can take steps sooner to prevent or limit the next global pandemic. [Learn more about the proposed strategic framework here!](#)

Webinars & Events

ZAHP Virtual Preparedness Town Hall: Northwest Quadrant

Tuesday, September 28

6:00 - 7:30 PM ET

In order to promote greater collaboration and communication for preparedness and response within the exotic animal industry, 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 **Northwest Quadrant** will feature guest speakers **Dr. Minden Buswell**, Reserve Veterinary Corps (RVC) Coordinator for the Washington State Department of Agriculture and **Dr. Caitlin Hadfield**, Senior Veterinarian at the Seattle Aquarium.

[Register for the Northwest Town Hall here!](#)

[View recordings from previous town halls here!](#)