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# ZAHP newsletter

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## News & Updates



### Mental Health Resources for Zoological Professionals

The COVID-19 pandemic has drastically changed how we live, think, and work, especially for those in the exotic animal industry. ZAHP has compiled a list of resources to help you support the mental wellbeing of you and your colleagues in this stressful time. [Read more here.](#)

### COVID-19 Updates

COVID-19 infections were recently confirmed in hippos and a Canada lynx in zoos.

- [Read about COVID-19 in hippos at a Belgian zoo here.](#)
- [Read about COVID-19 in a Canada lynx at a Pennsylvania zoo here.](#)

### Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) Subtype H5N1 Detected in United States and Canada

On January 14, 2022, USDA APHIS confirmed the highly pathogenic Eurasian H5 avian influenza (HPAI) in a wild American wigeon in Colleton County, South Carolina. HPAI was also recently confirmed in Canada's Newfoundland province. [Read more here.](#)

### SARS-CoV-2 and Zoo Animals Webinar Recording Now Available

ZAHP's *SARS-CoV-2 and Zoo Animals* webinar, held on December 8, 2021 in collaboration with the One Health Federal Interagency COVID-19 Coordination Group (OH-FICC)'s Wildlife & Zoos Subgroup, is now available for viewing. [Watch the webinar here.](#)

### NASAAEP 2022 Summit Call for Presentations

The National Alliance of State Animal and Agricultural Emergency Programs (NASAAEP) is currently making a call for presentations for their 2022 Summit to be held from May 24-26, 2022 in Minneapolis, MN. [Learn more here.](#)

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## Firearms 101: Presented by the AZA Safety Committee

Wednesday, February 16

3:00 PM ET

[Register for the webinar now!](#)

Being prepared for any emergency takes on a whole new meaning when working with potentially deadly animals. The zoo and aquarium industry is one of only a few that requires preparing for the use of firearms in a public space. But where do you start? This webinar will provide an overview of the unique setting that zoos and aquariums present, different types of teams and responses, determining who is on the team, training, and more! If you have recently been charged with leading your firearms response, or undertaken a critical review of an existing firearms program, this webinar is for you.

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