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U.S. Virgin Islands Launches Territorial Climate Change Initiative

U.S. Virgin Islands Gov. Kenneth Mapp signed an executive order creating mechanisms for cooperation between the territory, the federal government, the private sector, and civil society in order to facilitate climate preparedness. Read more about the initiative in this [news article](#).

American Samoa Holds Tsunami Preparedness Exercise

In coordination with the anniversary of a tsunami that struck American Samoa six years ago, the territory held a series of exercises led by the Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre to assess and ensure preparedness capabilities for such an event. Read more about the exercise in this [news article](#).

CDC Publishes Article on the 2014 Measles Outbreak in the Federated States of Micronesia

CDC's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report recently included the article "[Measles Outbreak Associated with Vaccine Failure in Adults — Federated States of Micronesia, February–August 2014](#)," which was co-authored by representatives from the Federated States of Micronesia Department of Health and Social Affairs. The article describes the outbreak and the health agency's response in partnership with other local, federal, and international agencies.

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ASTHO's "[Have You Shared](#)" initiative systematically collects and disseminates stories that highlight promising and useful practices and implementation strategies developed by state, territorial, and freely associated state health agencies. ASTHO created the Have You Shared campaign to solicit stories of promising practices and is working with our members to capture stories from across all ASTHO content areas.

Stories collected by the Have You Shared initiative are shared through the ASTHO website as well as through the *State Public Health Weekly*, other ASTHO newsletters, communications with affiliate organizations and partners, and ASTHO meetings.

Please submit stories about your successes in preparedness using our [online form](#).

Have something to share?

If your agency or organization would like to contribute to the Preparedness Newsletter, please [contact us](#). Content should be of interest to public health professionals in the U.S.-Affiliated Pacific and Caribbean Islands and should concern public health and healthcare system preparedness and related activities.

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The Association of State and Territorial Health Officials

ASTHO is the national nonprofit organization representing the state and territorial public health agencies of the United States, the U.S. Territories and Freely Associated States, and the District of Columbia. ASTHO's members, the chief health officials of these jurisdictions, are dedicated to formulating and influencing sound public health policy, and to assuring excellence in state-based public health practice.

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