ASTHO Updates

Tell us what you think!

Thank you for subscribing to the U.S.-Affiliated Pacific and Caribbean Islands Preparedness Newsletter. To assess the value and utility of this newsletter, ASTHO invites you to participate in a short online survey. Results will be used internally to determine how to ensure that the newsletter best meets the technical assistance needs of health agencies in the U.S.-affiliated Pacific and Caribbean islands. This survey can be taken anonymously, and should take less than five minutes to complete. Please respond to the survey by Jan. 13. Thank you!

ASTHO Releases U.S.-Affiliated Pacific Islands Profile Report

ASTHO has published the new U.S.-Affiliated Pacific Islands Profile Report, presenting data collected from the five territories and freely-associated states that responded to the 2012 ASTHO Profile Survey. The report includes an aggregate look at health agency activities across the region as well as individual profiles for each jurisdiction that completed the survey. The ASTHO Profile Survey is the only comprehensive source of information about state, territorial, and freely-associated state public health agency activities, structure, and resources. The survey aims to define the scope of public health services, identify variations in practice among agencies, and contribute to the development of best practices in governmental public health.

Partner Updates

Pacific Islands Participate in U.N. Conference on Climate Change

The 21st Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change took place over two weeks in November and December in Paris. Tony de Brum, foreign minister of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, attended, and the Pacific Community reported that the Pacific islands were well-represented at the conference. The resulting agreement is likely to impact the U.S.-affiliated Pacific and Caribbean islands – it acknowledges the aim of keeping the global temperature rise below 1.5 degrees Celsius, mentions loss and damage, and improves access to climate finance for developing countries and island states.
Promising Practices

Call for Preparedness Stories

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.
About ASTHO

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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