The Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE), in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) invite you to participate in the 6th annual National Disaster Epidemiology Workshop. The Workshop will convene on May 13-14, 2015 in Atlanta, GA. Invited participants include epidemiologists from state, territorial and local health departments across the country, along with partners from CDC, other federal agencies, academic institutions and non-governmental organizations.

The theme of the workshop is “Stronger Together: Building Partnerships and Moving Disaster Epidemiology Forward”. The CSTE Disaster Epidemiology Subcommittee will bring together speakers to address a range of topics (reference pages 2-4). The Subcommittee would like to thank the National Association for County and City Health Officials and Safe States Alliance for partnering with CSTE to promote the event to their members. The goals of the workshop are to:

- Provide relevant and timely learning opportunities for epidemiologists, public health emergency preparedness coordinators, emergency managers and academia in disaster epidemiology.

- Provide opportunities for attendees to network and build partnerships with epidemiologists from across subject disciplines to share best practices and collaborate on epidemiologic approaches towards improving all-hazard disaster preparedness and response capacities at local, state, regional, and national levels.

CSTE is an organization of member states and territories representing public health epidemiologists. CSTE works to establish more effective relationships among state and other health agencies across a wide range of public health disciplines. The CSTE Disaster Epidemiology Subcommittee was formed in 2009 to bring together partners from across disciplines to enhance the public health response to disasters.

For more information about the Subcommittee, including agendas and summaries of past National Disaster Epidemiology Workshops, please visit: [http://www.cste.org/group/DisasterEpi](http://www.cste.org/group/DisasterEpi). For questions or to RSVP for the workshop, please contact Jessica Wurster at jwurster@cste.org.
2015 CSTE Disaster Epidemiology Workshop Agenda
Atlanta, GA

May 13, 2015

8:30 AM  Welcome and Introductions

9:00 AM  Keynote Presentation: Improving the Response to Public Health Emergencies
Stephen Redd, MD
Director, Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Moderator: Ashley Conley, MS, CPH

10:15 AM  Session 1: Global Disaster Epidemiology Response to Ebola: Utilizing Innovative Surveillance Approaches for Monitoring and Tracking Cases, Contacts, and Travelers

Moderator: Kate Corvese, MPH

State and Local Preparedness Efforts for Ebola Response
Denise Sockwell, MSPH, CP-FS
Epidemiologist
Virginia Department of Health, Northern Region

Shawn Kiernan, MPH
District Epidemiologist
Fairfax County Health Department

Challenges and Triumphs: Georgia’s Ebola Active Monitoring System
Laura Edison DVM, MPH
LT US Public Health Service
Career Epidemiology Field Officer
Georgia Department of Public Health

Audrey (Martyn) Kunkes, MPH
Influenza Surveillance Coordinator
Georgia Department of Public Health

11:00 AM  Break

11:15 AM  Session 1 (cont): Global Disaster Epidemiology Response to Ebola: Utilizing Innovative Surveillance Approaches for Monitoring and Tracking Cases, Contacts, and Travelers

Monitoring of Individuals with Risk of Exposure to Ebola Virus Disease — United States, November 3, 2014 – March 8, 2015
Sara J. Vagi, PhD
LCDR, US Public Health Service
Health Scientist
CDC
**Ebola Response in Rural Liberia**
Joseph Roth, Jr., MPH
CDR, US Public Health Service
CDC Career Epidemiology Field Officer
Tennessee Department of Health

12:00 PM  
**Lunch** (on your own)

1:30 PM  
**Session 1: Panel Discussion**

2:00 PM  
**Session 2: Surveillance During Disasters: Building Partnerships in the Use of Technology and Tools**

*Moderator:* Amy Schnall, MPH

**Partnering to Enhance Electronic Death Registration for Disaster Analysis**
Kelly Baker, MPH
Director
Center for Health Statistics
Oklahoma State Department of Health

**Developing a Guidance Document to Improve Public Health Surveillance during Disasters**
Nicole Nakata, MPH
ORISE Guest Researcher
Health Studies Branch
Division of Environmental Hazards and Health Effects
CDC

**Healthy Shelters – Shelter Surveillance Workgroup**
Alicia Lepp
Epidemiologist
North Dakota Department of Health

3:00 PM  
**Break**

3:15 PM  
**Session 2: Panel Discussion**

3:45 PM  
**Updates from the CSTE Disaster Epidemiology Subcommittee**

Ashley Conley, MS, CPH
Chair, CSTE Disaster Epidemiology Subcommittee
City of Nashua, Division of Public Health and Community Services

Michael Heumann, MPH, MA
HeumannHealth Consulting LLC

4:15 PM  
**Discussion**

4:30 PM  
**Adjourn Day 1: Please turn in your evaluation forms if you are not returning for Day 2**
May 14, 2015

8:00 AM  Session 3: Exploring the Role of Research in Moving DE Forward — Initiatives from NIEHS and NIOSH

**Moderator:** Michael Heumann, MPH, MA

**NIH Disaster Research Response (DR2) Project: A Model for Overcoming the Challenges**
CAPT Aubrey K. Miller, MD, MPH  
National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences  
Office of the Director

**Texas One Gulf**
Cheryl Lyn Walker, Ph.D., A.T.S., Fellow A.A.A.S.  
Welch Chair and Director  
Institute of Biosciences and Technology  
Texas A&M Health Science Center

**View from NIOSH on Disaster Responder Safety and Health: ERHMS and the Disaster Science Research Initiative**
Renée Funk, DVM, MPH&TM, MBA, DACVPM  
CAPT, US PHS  
Deputy Associate Director  
Emergency Preparedness and Response Office  
NIOSH

9:00 AM  Session 3: Panel Discussion

9:30 AM  Session 4: Strengthening Partnerships for Conducting Disaster Epidemiology

**Moderator:** Tracy Miller, PhD, MPH

**An Introduction to Poison Control in the 21st Century**
Ashley Webb, MSc, Pharm.D., DABAT  
Director  
Kentucky Regional Poison Control Center

**Interprofessional Education and Collaboration; A response to a Disaster**
Paul T. Wietig, Ed.D  
Assistant Vice President  
Interprofessional Education  
University at Buffalo

**Unaccompanied Children: Surge and Surveillance**
Curi Kim, MD, MPH  
CDR, U.S. Public Health Service  
Director, Division of Refugee Health  
Office of Refugee Resettlement  
Administration for Children and Families
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

10:30 AM  Break

10:45 AM  Session 4: Panel Discussion

11:15 AM  Session 5: Innovative Approaches and Partnerships for Disaster Response to Recent Events

Moderator: Julie Lenoch, DVM, MPH

The Use of CASPER in Two Communities Affected by the 2014 South Napa Earthquake
Christine Dobson, ScD
CDC/CSTE Applied Epidemiology Fellow
California Department of Public Health

The Colorado Flood Disaster: The Impact on a Small Community
Trevor Denney
Southwest Regional Field Manager
Colorado Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management

Victoria Simonsen
Town Administrator
Town of Lyons, Colorado

12:15 PM  Lunch (on your own)

1:45 PM  Session 5: Panel Discussion

2:15 PM  Large Group Discussion and Next Steps

Moderators:
Ashley Conley, MS, CPH
Michael Heumann, MPH, MA

2:45 PM  Evaluations & End of Meeting

Please do not forget to fill out your evaluation form! Thank you!