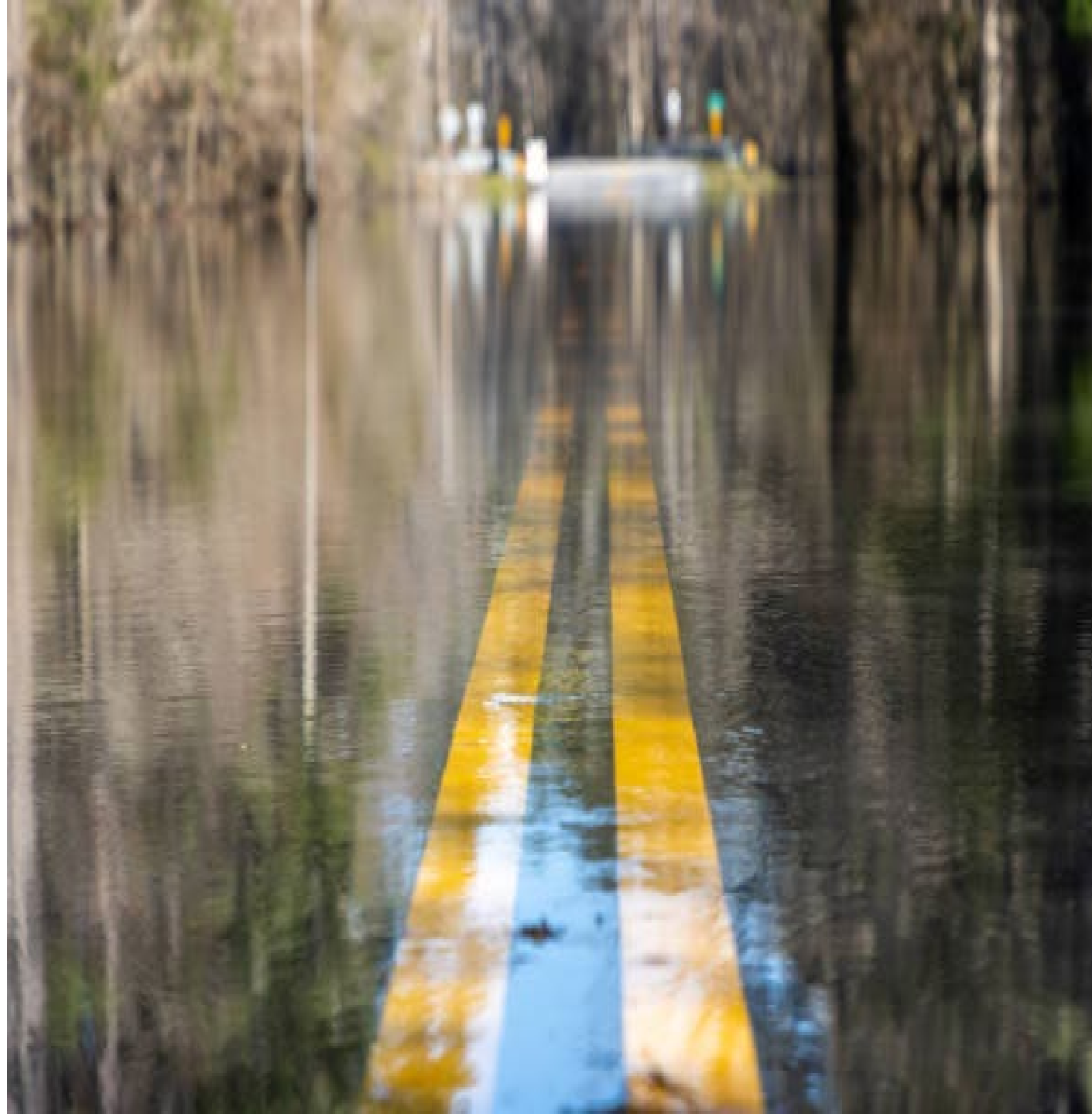




Emerging Trends in Preparedness

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2023 ASTHO Environmental Scan:

Relevant Findings

Program and Infrastructure Priorities

- Maternal, Child, and Family health rose from **#5 to #1** of SHAs' programmatic priority areas between 2022 and 2023.
- Communicable Disease Control remained high on the list of SHA priorities (ranked 4th) overall and was ranked 3rd for Islands.
 - Includes immunization, vaccination and building capacity for communicable disease lab testing and monitoring.

Infrastructure and Capacity Building Priorities

- **Workforce development** is a priority in 51% of states. Data modernization and informatics ranked 4th.
- For islands, **emergency preparedness and response was ranked #2**.
 - Focus issues in this area include emergency preparedness response and recovery networks & lessening the impact of climate change.

2023 ASTHO Environmental Scan:

Recent Impacts and Emerging Priorities

Impacts

- Newly passed laws and legislation
- Ending of the COVID-19 public health emergency
- New infectious diseases and communicable disease outbreaks
- Environmental trends and climate-related events
- Workforce shortages

Emerging Priorities

- Environmental issues and climate change
- Emerging or resurging infectious disease
- Public health data modernization
- Combatting misinformation
- Emergency and extreme weather preparedness



S/Os and - in particular - T/Os see emerging infectious disease and climate change preparedness as having a significant impact on their priorities for this year. Specific threats that S/T/Os will be monitoring include:

- Congenital syphilis
- Long COVID
- Legislative threats to immunization
- Vaccine disinformation
- Enhancements to surveillance and response systems

Where to Find the 2023 Environmental Scan

2023 Environmental Scan of Current and Emerging Public Health Priorities



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2024 Legislative Prospectus Series

ASTHO's annual legislative prospectus series anticipates public health related state and territorial legislation in the upcoming year. Organized into ten broad policy topics, the series offers public health professionals, legislators, and other policymakers a high-level overview of evidence-based and promising public health interventions achieved through legislative action.

Anticipated Top 10 Public Health Legislative Trends:

- Public health workforce
- Supporting mental health
- Substance misuse and overdose prevention
- Preventing STIs
- Public health data sharing and privacy
- Containing spread of infectious disease
- Family and reproductive health
- Optimal health for all
- Environmental health
- Tobacco and nicotine products



Additional Trends and Topics to Watch

- **Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) and Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) awards will be funded through new 5-year cooperative agreements**
- **Pandemic and All Hazards Preparedness Reauthorization Act (PAHPRA)**
- **Supply chain stability and disruptions**
- **Border and migrant health**
- **Environmental and/or Climate Related Disasters (*including Old hazards in new places*)**
- **One Health; animal and vector related outbreaks**
- **Cybersecurity**
- **Election cycle**

Thank you