

West Virginia Public Health Association

102nd Annual Conference Agenda

September 15th, 2026 – September 18th, 2026

Tuesday, September 15th

Time	Event / Session
6:00pm – 8:00pm	WV Public Health Association Executive Council Dinner – Canaan Resort (All past and present Executive Council Members invited. RSVP to Patti Davis by Sept 2nd.)

Wednesday, September 16th

Time	Event / Session
10:00am – 12:00pm	WV Association of Local Health Departments Meeting
12:00pm – 4:30pm	WV PHA Registration Desk Open - Ballot Box Open
1:00pm – 1:15pm	Welcome , WVPHA President, A.Jay Root
1:15pm – 2:00pm	Dr. Mark McDaniel, DO , State Health Officer
2:00pm – 2:30pm	Break - Networking, Exhibition Hall
2:30pm – 3:30pm	Lori Freeman MBA , CEO, NACCHO
3:30pm – 4:00pm	Remarks, A.Jay Root

Thursday, September 17th

All (Public Health Association)

Time	Event / Session
7:00am – 8:00am	Breakfast
8:00am – 11:00am	Registration Desk Open, Ballot Box Open
6:30pm – 8:30pm	WV Public Health Association Banquet

Association of Sanitarians

Time	Event / Session
8:15am – 8:30am	Welcome
8:30am – 9:30am	Foodborne Illness Outbreak Exercise – Part I
9:30am – 10:00am	Break
10:00am – 12:00pm	Foodborne Illness Outbreak Exercise – Part II
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Lunch
1:00pm – 1:30pm	WVAS Business Meeting & Awards
1:30pm – 2:30pm	Restaurant Grease Trap Sizing, Construction, & Maintenance
2:30pm – 3:00pm	Break
3:00pm – 3:15pm	Update on RFFM Program

Time	Event / Session
3:15pm – 4:30pm	Interactive Tabletop on EH Professionalism & Ethics
4:30pm – 5:00pm	Update from OEHS

Nutrition Section

Time	Event / Session
8:00am – 8:15am	Welcome, Introductions
8:30am – 9:30am	Cook and Connect: Dairy Recipes (Sharon Maynard)
9:30am – 10:00am	Break
10:00am – 10:45am	Working Together: WIC and In-Home Family Education (Katie Vizyak)
11:00am – 12:00pm	Recognize, Respond, Refer: Perinatal Mental Health Screening (Heather Marshall, Brittany Cummings)
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Lunch
1:00pm – 2:30pm	Hospital Certifications (Chrissy Rodeheaver)
2:30pm – 3:00pm	Break
3:00pm – 4:30pm	Integration of Food and Nutrition into Healthcare (Gina Wood)

Nursing Section

Time	Event / Session
8:00am – 8:15am	Welcome, Introductions
8:15am – 9:30am	Foodborne Illness Outbreak Exercise (Anna Coleman)
9:30am – 10:00am	Break
10:00am – 12:00pm	Foodborne Illness Outbreak Exercise (Anna Coleman)
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Lunch
1:00pm – 2:30pm	State Epi Updates (Shannon McBee)
2:30pm – 3:00pm	Break
3:00pm – 3:30pm	Lead/Radon Updates (Paul Ice)
3:30pm – 4:15pm	OLS Updates (Brandon Meddings)

Public Health Clerical Section

Time	Event / Session
8:00am – 8:05am	Welcome (Kathy Burns)
8:05am – 9:30am	Family Planning Program
9:30am – 10:00am	Break
10:00am – 12:00pm	Family Planning Program
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Lunch

Time	Event / Session
1:00pm – 2:30pm	BCCSP Refresher Course
2:30pm – 3:00pm	Break
3:00pm – 3:45pm	Cybersecurity
3:45pm – 4:30pm	Finance Grant Overview

Public Health Emergency Management Association (PHEMA)

Time	Event / Session
8:30am – 9:30am	IPP Best Practices
9:30am – 10:00am	Break
10:00am – 10:30am	IPP Q&A
10:30am – 11:15am	Emerging Infectious Disease (Dr. Matt Lokant)
11:15am – 12:00pm	Cybersecurity (Jody Ogle)
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Lunch
1:00pm – 1:45pm	Nihilistic Violent Extremism (Matt Trosan, FBI)
1:45pm – 2:30pm	Statewide Assessment of Hate/Extremist Groups (Leah Capehart)
2:30pm – 3:00pm	Break
3:00pm – 3:45pm	PHEMA Business Meeting & Officer Elections

Time	Event / Session
3:45pm – 4:30pm	Finance Grant Overview

Epidemiology Section

Time	Event / Session
8:00am – 8:15am	Welcome, Introductions
8:30am – 9:30am	Updates (Shannon McBee)
9:30am – 10:00am	Break
10:00am – 11:00am	OLS Talk
11:00am – 12:00pm	Interviewing Best Practices (Bianca Huff)
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Lunch
1:00pm – 2:00pm	Presentation (Michael Abshire)
2:00pm – 2:30pm	Presentation (Jillian Wahl)
2:30pm – 3:00pm	Break / Poster Presentations
3:00pm – 3:30pm	Presentation (Jillian Wahl)
3:30pm – 4:30pm	2024-25 Respiratory Trends (Mandy Harper)

Friday, September 18th

Time	Event / Session
7:00am – 8:00am	Breakfast
8:00am – 9:15am	Leadership (Cathy Slemph)
9:15am – 10:30am	Conflict Management (Mark Isabella)
10:30am – 11:00am	Break
11:00am – 12:15pm	AI (Bob Coffield)
12:15pm – 12:30pm	Door Prize Drawing; Closing Remarks (Mikaela Earl)