Ohio Association of Emergency Medical Services ENEWS

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Included in this issue: Upcoming Conferences; Did you know? and board members contact information

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

Accepted payment methods: Credit card, check, on the website oaems.org, Call 937-726-0839 money order, purchase order, cash.

Registration options: Call 937-726-0839, On-line oaems.org, mail- in, walk-in.

Virtual classes available: See website oaems.org

Summer Conference 2024

June 19-23

Pricing

In person conference Wed-Sun. \$125
One day pass \$75
Instructor CE class only Sat. 22 10-4 \$50
Virtual classes member \$20/hr non-member \$30/hr not to exceed \$150
See website for more information and registration

Location

Conference to be held **inside**

Drury Inn & Suites

\$109/night plus taxes

3320 Village Dr. Middletown, OH

To get the rate, go to Druryhotels.com or call 513-425-6650 and use corporate code 334457

Limited number of rooms so book early!

Summer Conference Schedule

Wednesday 19 Registration 7;30 am

Nationwide Children's pediatric Day 9-5

Thursday 20 Registration 8 am

9-12 TBD
1-2 Mental health talk with Jim Burneka
2-4 TBD

Friday 21 Registration 8 am

9-10 Scope of practice update Kevin Uhl 10-11 DNR Update Diane Simon 11-12 Trauma rules update Diane Simon 1-2:30 EMS retreat update Robert Wagnor 2;30-3:30 Recertification rules Ed Long 3:30-4:30 Grant rules and update Johanna

Saturday 22 Registration 8 am

9:00-10:00 TBD Wayne Turner 10:00- 2:00 TBD

3:00-4:00 CPAP/Bi-Pap VS NIV Diane Fisher **10:00-4:00** Fire/EMS instructor continuing education Wayne Turner

Sunday 23 Registration 8 am

9:00-10:00 You are not going to believe this Pat Rogers 10:00-11:30 EMS Jeopardy Pat Rogers

Fall 2024

October 11-13
Conference to be held <u>inside</u>
Comfort Inn
2500 W. State St Alliance, OH 44601
330-821-5555

DID YOU KNOW?

With the wet winter and wet spring there have been numerous floods in April and May 2024. Did you know that floods do have some positive effects? Floods transport vital nutrients, such as nitrogen, phosphorus, and organic material, to the surrounding land. When the water recedes, it leaves sediment and nutrients behind on the floodplain. There are other positive things about floods, be we will shift our attention to the EMS side. What we should be aware of as first responders.

Floods Carry Contamination

Floodwater can be contaminated with pollutants such as agricultural pesticides, industrial chemicals, debris, and sewage. If contaminated floodwater enters the ocean it can affect water quality and disrupt delicate ecosystems, such as coral reefs. In February 2019, marine biologists feared for the safety of the Great Barrier Reef off the coast of Queensland, a state in Australia, after it was inundated with polluted floodwater.

Floods Spread Diseases

Floods are the leading cause of weather-related infectious disease outbreaks. Flooding events increase the chance of spreading waterborne diseases, such as hepatitis A and cholera. Receding floodwater can create stagnant pools of water, which provide the perfect breeding ground for mosquitoes, which can transmit malaria and other diseases. Flood events also lead to an increase in some forms of zoonosis, such as leptospirosis.

You can get leptospirosis after getting water or soil contaminated by animal pee (urine) in your nose, your mouth, your eyes or a break in your skin. Leptospirosis can cause flu-like symptoms that can worsen into Weil's syndrome, a life-threatening illness, in a small number of people. (Leptospirosis: Causes, Symptoms, Diagnosis & Treatment (clevelandclinic.org))

You're most likely to get hepatitis A from contaminated food or water or from close contact with a person or object that's infected. Mild cases of hepatitis A don't require treatment. Most people who are infected recover completely with no permanent liver damage.

Symptoms

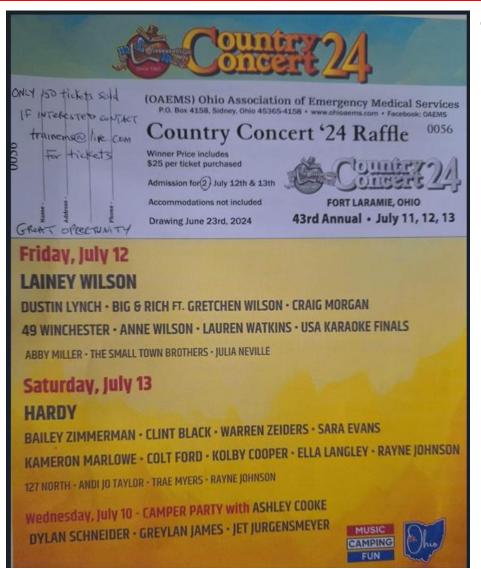
Hepatitis A symptoms typically appear a few weeks after you've had the virus. But not everyone with hepatitis A develops symptoms. If you do, symptoms can include:

- Unusual tiredness and weakness
- Sudden nausea and vomiting and diarrhea
- Abdominal pain or discomfort, especially on the upper right side beneath your lower ribs, which is over your liver
- · Clay- or gray-colored stool,
- Loss of appetite
- Low-grade fever
- Dark urine
- Joint pain
- Yellowing of the skin and the whites of your eyes (jaundice)
- Intense itching

These symptoms may be relatively mild and go away in a few weeks. Sometimes, however, hepatitis A results in a severe illness that lasts several months. <u>Hepatitis A - Diagnosis and treatment - Mayo Clinic</u>

Cholera is a bacterial disease usually spread through contaminated water. Cholera causes severe diarrhea and dehydration. Left untreated, cholera can be fatal within hours, even in previously healthy people. Cholera is easily treated. Death from severe dehydration can be prevented with a simple and inexpensive rehydration solution. Cholera - Symptoms & causes - Mayo ClinicThe Many Effects of Flooding (nationalgeographic.org)

For EMS use our common sense. Ensure you have safe drinking water and food when responding to flooded areas. Wash hands often and avoid touching face and mouth. Consider getting a Hepatitis A Vaccine. Wear protective clothing during responses and do not wade in the water. (Unless you are trained for it.)



COUNTRY CONCERT'24 RAFFEL

\$25/Ticket Winner gets
Admission for 2 people for

July Friday 12 & Saturday 13

Only 150 Tickets to be sold

Drawing June 23,2024

Do not need to be present to win

If you would like to sell or purchase tickets, see a board member, below is their contact information.

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