Welcome to Public Health Practices BRIEF, a shorter version of our monthly UPDATE newsletter. It's our way of delivering curated and often hard-to-find tools and practices right to your inbox.

We'd also like to extend a special welcome to our subscribers who joined during the Public Health Preparedness Summit in Atlanta last week!

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Public Health Partnerships with Faith-Based Groups
**Supporting relief workers**
A national organization created a guidebook to help enhance resiliency and emotional health among volunteers and clergy responding to a disaster. [View Practice](#)

**Infection control education**
A Wisconsin university conducted a pilot study and held trainings with 30 faith-based organizations to test a toolkit addressing their specific needs. [View Practice](#)

**Serving the homeless during H1N1**
Three states worked with houses of worship and faith-based organizations to provide food, vaccine, and winter clothing to homeless people during H1N1. [View Practice](#)

**Assessing congregations' assets and needs**
Illinois and the Broadcast Ministers' Alliance and Health Care Consortium created an online, all-hazards initiative to evaluate and encourage preparedness. [View Practice](#)

**Comprehensive tools for houses of worship**
A Maryland county collected resources to help congregations develop emergency plans with a special focus on at-risk populations. [View Practice](#)

**Communicating in multiple languages**
Connecticut partnered with faith-based organizations and trusted religious leaders to craft appropriate messages and provide outreach in 7 languages. [View Practice](#)

**Implementing preparedness education**
An Ohio county put together educational tools and social distancing guidance for congregations, schools, and businesses. [View Practice](#)

**Emergency outreach to dispersed communities**
A local American Red Cross chapter created a concept in which fire departments and churches work together to assist at-risk populations living in a geographically dispersed area. [View Practice](#)
Disaster Information Management Research Center maintains a free, online collection of resources for health agencies and faith-based organizations addressing sheltering, mass care, emotional health, volunteer management, and much more.

Search the guide here.

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