

## NEHA News for Affiliates, June 2020



### RESOURCES TO STAY INFORMED ABOUT COVID-19

During the COVID-19 crisis, NEHA's aim has been to provide members with relevant and timely resources virtually. We have compiled information and guidance onto an emergency response COVID-19 website:

[emergency-neha.org/covid19/](https://emergency-neha.org/covid19/)

COVID-19 related resources you can expect to find there include:

- Regularly updated situation reports
- Results from the needs assessment survey that NEHA conducted at the onset of the outbreak in the U.S.
- Links to member stories and community response forum
- New Just-in-Time training videos
- Links to participate in our ongoing webinar series
- Guidance for workplaces, schools, water, food, etc.
- Relevant articles from our *Journal of Environmental Health*
- And more, from both members and partner organizations

If you are interested in sharing your COVID-19 response story please contact Jonna Ashley, [jashley@neha.org](mailto:jashley@neha.org). We are collecting stories from across the country, and the globe, on how environmental health professionals are supporting and protecting their communities during this time.

### ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS OF THE EH WORKFORCE CHAT SERIES

NEHA is pleased to announce the COVID-19: Essential Functions of the Environmental Health Workforce Live Chat Series. This series will highlight the role of the environmental health workforce in recovery and resilience of the environmental public health system during the COVID-19 pandemic. The series will explore the challenges posed by the pandemic on EH and plans to address these challenges going forward.

Join us as we feature notable experts who share their insights on a variety of environmental health topics relating to COVID-19 including preparedness and recovery, food safety, disinfection and sanitation, water quality, vector control, and many more.

[Register and watch previous chats.](#)



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## HONORING NEHA AWARD WINNERS

The 2020 NEHA award recipients have been selected and will be announced throughout June and July.

We are pleased to present the 2020 Walter S. Mangold Award to Dr. Carolyn Hester Harvey, PhD, MS, RS, CIH, CHMM. The Walter S. Mangold Award recognizes and honors individuals for outstanding contributions to the advancement of the environmental health professional. It is the highest honor that the association can bestow on one of its members.

In lieu of an awards ceremony, NEHA will be honoring our award winners virtually through press releases, videos, and blog posts. Please join us in recognizing these deserving individuals and teams.

The Affiliate Certificates of Merit will be announced and mailed in July 2020. While the online application deadline has passed, affiliate presidents may contact Jonna Ashley, [jashley@neha.org](mailto:jashley@neha.org), before July 1 for special considerations.

## GOVERNMENT RELATIONS UPDATE

NEHA welcomed new Government Relations Director, Doug Farquhar, to the staff this Spring. Farquhar is an attorney with 30 years of experience working with policy makers on environmental and health issues, primarily working with state legislatures.

With this, NEHA will be able to offer increased state-level government relations support to our affiliate communities. This is a resource that affiliates have been asking for in recent years.

Please take a look at the updated and improved government affairs webpage: [neha.org/government-affairs](http://neha.org/government-affairs). Here you will be able to view legislative alerts, sign-ons, position papers, blog posts, webinars, and more.

## DIGITAL DEFENSE, EDUCATION FOR A SAFER WORLD VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

### SAVE THE DATE: AUGUST 18 - 19, 2020

Join fellow EH professionals in a comprehensive and engaging virtual conversation encompassing a variety of topics directly impacting our field. The conference will focus on food and water safety and will examine the various impacts and lasting implications of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Visit [neha.org/digital-defense](http://neha.org/digital-defense) for more information.

## JULY AFFILIATE PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL

On July 14, 2020 NEHA Affiliate Presidents are invited to join the Board of Directors and staff for a virtual Affiliate President's Council. At this meeting affiliate presidents will have the opportunity to hear directly from NEHA leadership on the state of the association, our COVID-19 response resources, and our future plans for conferences and programming. More information will be sent directly to affiliate presidents.