

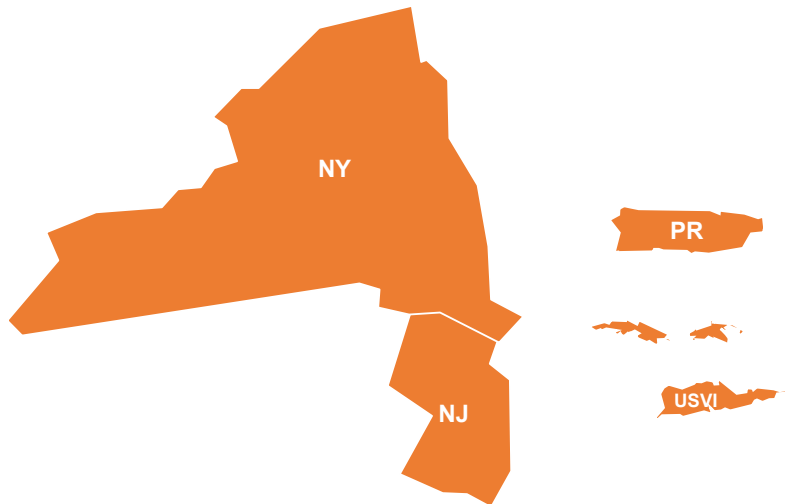
## February Region 2 RESPTC Newsletter

### REGION 2 RESPTC PARTNER COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER: MESSAGE FROM LEADERSHIP

Welcome and thank you for reading the Region 2 Regional Emerging Special Pathogen Treatment Center (RESPTC) Partner Community Newsletter! The Region 2 RESPTC Partner Community represents leaders involved with special pathogen preparedness and response efforts in HHS Region 2, which includes New York, New Jersey, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico. This newsletter will share resources, including training and education materials, as well as Region 2 RESPTC communications during a special pathogen response. I hope this newsletter becomes a valuable resource that will help strengthen the Region 2 RESPTC community and creates awareness.

Best,

Marcia Peters, Executive Sponsor of the Region 2 RESPTC and Chief Operating Officer of New York City Health + Hospitals Bellevue



### THE NATIONAL SPECIAL PATHOGEN SYSTEM OF CARE (NSPS)

The NSPS is a coordinated health care network that readies the nation for special pathogen threats through a portfolio of public-private partnerships focused on community-centered care. The Tier A regional hubs of this NSPS network, RESPTCs, ensure every region in the United States has access to a facility with enhanced capability and capacity for special pathogen care. In addition to providing quality special pathogen care, RESPTCs strengthen special pathogen preparedness across their respective regions by sharing training, educational curriculum, and other materials with local health care facilities and providers.

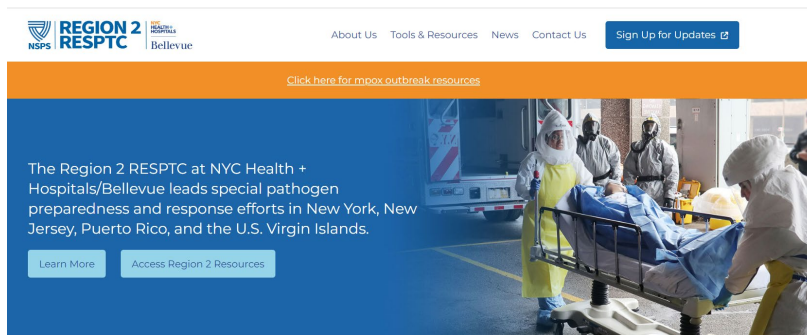
In HHS Region 2, NYC Health + Hospitals/Bellevue serves as the RESPTC for New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

[Learn more about the NSPS](#)

[Learn more about the National Emerging Special Pathogens Training and Education Center](#)

## THE NEW REGION 2 RESPTC WEBSITE

The new Region 2 RESPTC website is a one-stop shop of all things related to special pathogen preparedness and response in New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The website includes training and education resources, news alerts, and up-to-date contact information. The website is also home to the newly released 2023 Annual Report, summarizing some of the year's Region 2 RESPTC highlights and accomplishments. Visit [www.r2resptc.org](http://www.r2resptc.org).



## SPECIAL PATHOGEN PREPAREDNESS EDUCATION AND TRAINING RESOURCES

### January Partner Community Meeting: Understanding the Latest Outbreaks

The January Partner Community Meeting's learning objectives included:

- Understanding the measles and tuberculosis (TB) outbreaks
- Discussing the mpox outbreak
- Sharing available resources including the [Region 2 RESPTC website](http://www.r2resptc.org)

[Play Recording](#)

### NETEC Resources

The National Emerging Special Pathogens Training and Education Center (NETEC) combines the resources of academic medical centers that are experienced in treating emerging special pathogens to offer educational activities, resources, readiness consultations, and expertise.

[Learn more about NETEC Resources](#)

## FEBRUARY COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT | DR. PARITOSH PRASAD

As the Region 2 representative on the NSPS System of Care committee, Dr. Paritosh Prasad of University of Rochester Medical Center is helping shape the future of U.S. special pathogen preparedness. The NSPS System of Care committee is comprised of representatives from each of the 10 HHS regions that provide input on the [NSPS Strategy](#) implementation as it builds a coordinated and standardized health care network for special pathogen care in the United States. A central tenant of this strategy is the System of Care: a tiered structure organizing care facilities to ensure access to and equity in special pathogen care delivery. Dr. Prasad spent a few months of 2023 sharing his expertise to help design the minimum capabilities needed for lower tier facilities in the network.

Dr. Prasad also serves as a member on the Region 2 RESPTC Core Advisory Group and has over 15 years of experience as an infectious disease specialist. He is located in Rochester, New York and received his medical degree from Harvard Medical School.

*We want to highlight your work to prepare for and respond to special pathogen threats. If you have a special pathogen preparedness or response story, person, or team to spotlight, please send it to [BellevueSPP@nychhc.org](mailto:BellevueSPP@nychhc.org).*