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Narcan Announcement. On October 24th, 2018, [Emergent BioSolutions](#) announced that it would make the drug naloxone, also known as [NARCAN® nasal spray](#), the first and only FDA-approved nasal form of naloxone for emergency treatment of a known or suspected opioid overdose, available to [high schools](#), [colleges & universities](#), [public library's](#) and [YMCA's](#) across the nation at no cost. The announcement was in conjunction with the President's signing of the recently passed [Opioid Crisis Response Act](#). For ordering information, download the form and send to communityprograms@ebsi.com or call 1-844-4-NARCAN (1-844-462-7226).

Additional Opioid Awareness Education resources are available through [Be Aware Be Prepared.com](#). Organizations interested in implementing this program must ensure staff are trained to administer Narcan, in accordance with state law and the Medical Control Physician's guidelines. Please contact Safe-Wise [HERE](#) for questions or for assistance with developing a Narcan Administration Policy.

National Influenza Vaccination Week. This year, National Influenza Vaccination Week ([NIVW](#)) takes place December 2-8, 2018. NIVW highlights the importance of continuing flu vaccination through the holiday season and beyond. Vaccination is the best way to prevent flu! As long as flu viruses are spreading and causing illness, vaccination can still provide protection against flu. Most of the time, flu activity peaks between December and February in the United States, although activity can last as late as May. Flu activity is expected to increase in the coming weeks; the sooner you get vaccinated, the more likely you are to be protected against flu when activity picks up in your community. View the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's ([CDC](#)) [influenza summary map](#) for a weekly update on flu activity in the United States. Click [HERE](#) to access the 2018 NIVW digital media toolkit available through the CDC.

OSHA's Annual 'Top 10' List. Fall Protection – General Requirements is the Occupational Safety & Health Administration's ([OSHA](#)) most frequently cited standard for the eighth consecutive year, the agency and [Safety+Health](#) announced at the [2018 National Safety Council Congress & Expo](#). The top five violations remained unchanged for the fourth straight year, with Hazard Communication, Scaffolding, Respiratory Protection and Lockout/Tagout following Fall Protection, respectively. Eye and Face Protection emerged as a newcomer, ranking 10th. "The Top 10 represents the most frequently cited standards, and they are a good place to start for the employer in identifying hazards in their own workplace," says Patrick Kapust, Deputy Director of OSHA's Directorate of Enforcement Programs. "Knowing how workers are hurt can go a long way toward keeping them safe," National Safety Council ([NSC](#)) President and CEO Deborah A.P. Hersman said in an Oct. 23 [press release](#). "The OSHA Top 10 list calls out areas that require increased vigilance to ensure everyone goes home safely each day." Click [HERE](#) to view the presentation of the preliminary data for OSHA's Top 10 most-cited violations for fiscal year 2018.

MAHC Adoption Update: The Council for the Model Aquatic Health Code ([CMAHC](#)) is excited to share that the state of Rhode Island adopted the [MAHC](#) design standards/Chapter 4 beginning January 1, 2019. That puts the MAHC at a total of 4 majority adoptions and 5 partial adoptions of the MAHC by 5 states, 1 county, and 3 government agencies with at least 21 states/counties in the process of, or considering, adoption. Check out the [new map](#) illustrating MAHC adoptions now available on the Center for Disease Control and Prevention ([CDC](#)) website. Click [HERE](#) to view the new CMAHC brochure, which showcases past and current successes, as well as future priorities.

Did you see this in the last E-news?

Winter Driving Tips. Like it or not, winter is coming and preparing to drive in adverse conditions is important. Additional preparations can help make a trip safer, or help staff deal with an emergency. It is important to remember the “Three P’s of Safe Winter Driving”; [Prepare](#) for the trip, Protect yourself and Prevent crashes on the road. To stay safe and on the road during inclement weather, experts advise keeping vehicles in top condition with frequent [safety checks](#). The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration ([NHTSA](#)) reports that “failure to keep in proper lane or running off the road” and “driving too fast for conditions” are the two most frequent driver behaviors causing winter accidents. The NHTSA urges drivers to: check your battery, check your cooling system, fill your windshield washer reservoir, check windshield wipers and defrosters, check floor mat installation to prevent pedal interference, inspect your tires and stay vigilant while driving. [Winter Driving Tips](#) are available in the [Online Resource Library](#) and the NHTSA has additional recommendations; read more [HERE](#).

Important YMCA Reminder: Child Protection and Aquatic Safety Membership Qualification Board Resolution. The resolution confirming compliance with all eight safety practices of the new [child protection and aquatic safety membership qualification](#), which requires board action, is due to Y-USA no later than Jan. 31, 2019. Please contact your Safe-Wise consultant or Safe-Wise Consulting [HERE](#) with questions or to request a review of your plans. We are here to assist you in accomplishing the expected levels of safety practices and to help you achieve compliance with Y-USA.