

# AN INVITATION TO ALL USET COMMITTEES



## Public Health Emergency Preparedness Workshop

USET Homeland Security and Emergency Services Committee

Presented by the Texas A&M University USA Center for Rural Public Health Preparedness

**Thursday, March 28, 2024, at 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

***RSVP by February 16, 2024***

Every disaster has an impact on the health of populations and requires a public health response. It is more important than ever for public health practitioners and emergency management leadership to learn to work together and find common communication ground. In this interactive workshop, participants will develop a better understanding of the role of public health as part of a comprehensive emergency preparedness plan, as well as risk communication strategies through case studies for communicating across disciplines and with the public. Time will be provided through a working lunch featuring talking circles to discuss strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats to interdisciplinary cooperation before, during, and after a disaster. Through a sharing session, each group will report out and allow learning among different tribal communities. The conclusion of this workshop will feature a tabletop exercise focused on a water crisis where participants will be able to apply new knowledge to a very real-world problem.

## AGENDA

- 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM The Connection Between Public Health & Emergency Preparedness
- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Risk Crisis Communication Case Study and Talking Circles
- 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Working Lunch | Report Out (Lunch provided by the Texas A&M University USA Center for Rural Public Health Preparedness)
- 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM Interactive Tabletop Exercise (Theme: Water Crisis)