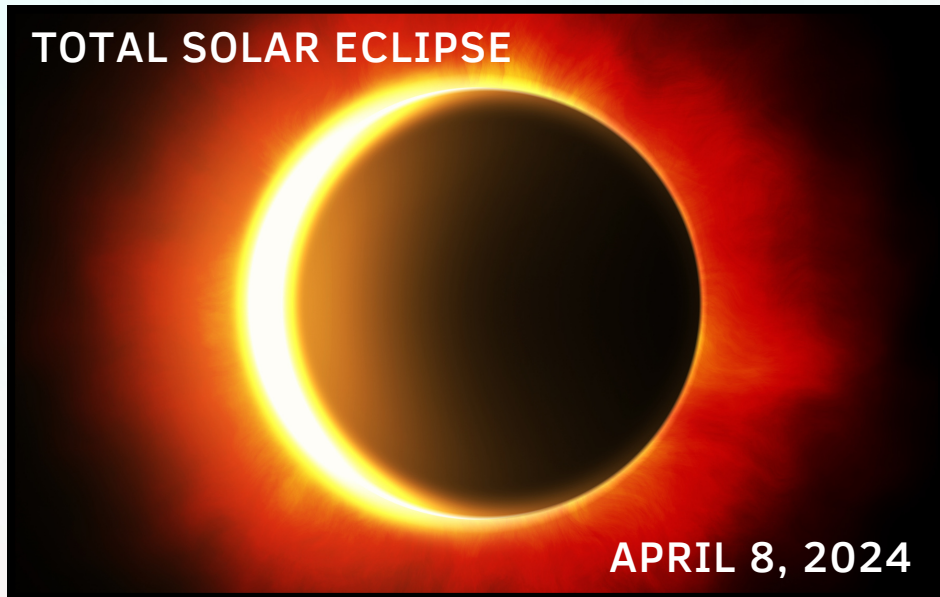


# Public Health Ready

*Erie County Department of Health*



## A Safe and Prepared Erie County

April 8 will be remembered by many in Western New York as the day of a rare total solar eclipse. Many agencies and municipalities have spent nearly a year preparing for this regional event.

Considerations have been made for traffic, hospital surges, emergency medical transport and more, all focused on minimizing disruptions from the hundreds of thousands of people who planned travel to the area to witness this astronomical phenomenon.

Many of the recommendations made to the public are important for Eclipse Day and every day.

- Be mindful of surroundings
- Traffic safety: plan your trip in advance to avoid traffic congestion.
- Stay informed: watch the news for updates.
- Dress Appropriately: wear proper clothing for the weather conditions.
- Emergency Preparedness: have a basic first aid kit, emergency contacts and necessary medications on hand.

A special thank you to our first responders and all who played a role in making April 8 a safe and memorable day.

## Newsletter Highlights

Be prepared and safe for the Solar Eclipse

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Prevent. Promote. Protect.



## Oh What A Week!!

### National Public Health Week April 1-7, 2024

This year we will celebrate the role of collaboration, cooperation and partnerships in improving public health. We will bring together public health workers, students, organizations and communities around the theme of “Protecting, Connecting and Thriving: We Are All Public Health.” Each day will spotlight a daily topic related to the theme.

#### Daily Themes

**Monday:** Civic Engagement

**Tuesday:** Healthy Neighborhoods

**Wednesday:** Climate Change

**Thursday:** New Tools and Innovations

**Friday:** Reproductive and Sexual Health

**Saturday:** Emergency Preparedness

**Sunday:** Future of Public Health

### Nurses Week May 6-12, 2024

This year’s theme, “Nurses Make the Difference,” honors the incredible nurses who embody the spirit of compassion and care in every health care setting. Nurses make a difference as trusted advocates who ensure individuals, families, and communities receive quality patient care and services.

This year we’re illuminating the spirit of nursing excellence by lighting up landmarks across the country in honor of National Nurses Week. Our “**#NursesLightUpTheSky**” campaign is designed to rally citizens across the country in support of nurses. Snap a photo in our city and post it on social media with the hashtag **#NursesLightUpTheSky** to show your support!!

### EMS Week May 19-25, 2024

In 1974, President Gerald Ford authorized EMS Week to celebrate EMS practitioners and the important work they do in our communities. This week brings together local communities and medical personnel to honor the dedication of those who provide the day-to-day lifesaving services of medicine’s frontline.

Having special theme days during EMS Week helps to structure the week in terms of planning special events, conducting training and hosting celebrations.

**Sunday:** Health, Wellness, and Resilience Day

**Monday:** Education Day

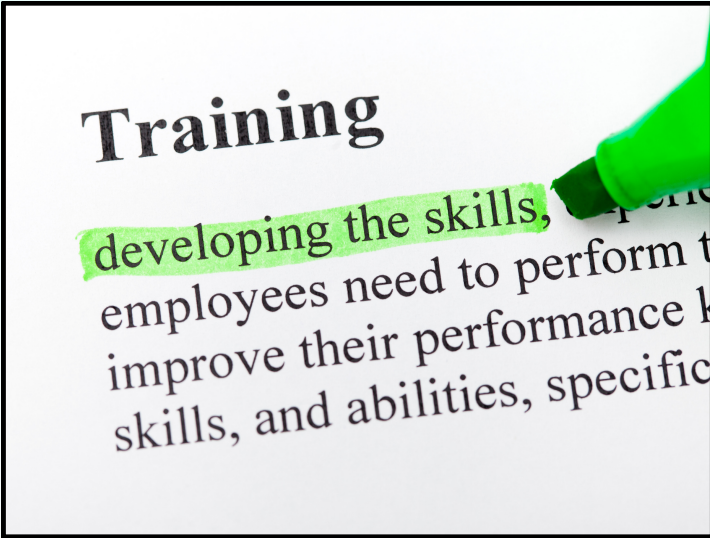
**Tuesday:** EMS Safety Day - Sponsored by FirstNet Built with AT&T

**Wednesday:** EMS for Children Day - Supported by NHTSA Office of EMS

**Thursday:** Stop The Bleed Day

**Friday:** Save-A-Life Day - Sponsored by the NREMT

# Trainings



## EMT Certification Classes

Erie County EMS is in progress hosting 6 EMT classes. There are 2 new courses being offered in May.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Days</u>
ECTA 3359 Broadway Cheektowaga	5/28- 8/15	M,T,W Th, Sat, Sun
Twin City Ambulance 555 Commerce Dr., Amherst	5/9- 9/19	T, Th

For more information about this training or future EMS trainings visit: [erie.gov/ems](http://erie.gov/ems)

## Erie County Medical Reserve Corps (ECMRC) Trainings

### 2024: 2nd Quarter

- April 23: New Member Orientation
- April 25: Emergency Response to Terrorism
- May 18: Tents, Trailers, and a Picnic
- June: Date TBD, Companion Animal Shelter Training

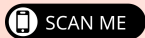
Hope to see you there! To become a volunteer please visit [www.erie.gov/ecmrc](http://www.erie.gov/ecmrc)



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## MERS Call Data

MERS/ADI provides 911 medical interrogation for approximately 60,000 calls annually for the City of Buffalo and surrounding Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) throughout Erie County. In 2024, these are the calls to date:

911 calls answered: 14,813  
Other lines answered: 6,932

DOH after-hours line answered: 271  
Calls dispatched: 15,065

