

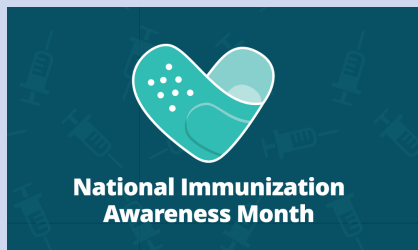
### Northeast Health Partners

Northeast Health Partners (NHP) is the Regional Accountable Entity (RAE) responsible for improving the health and wellness of our community members in the Northeast region of the state (Region 2). Our mission is to provide a comprehensive health plan that integrates physical and behavioral health care in a way that improves the the quality of life for members by ensuring they are connected to health care supports every step of the way. We proudly serve the following counties: Cheyenne, Kit Carson, Lincoln, Logan, Morgan, Phillips, Sedgwick, Washington, Weld & Yuma.

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### August Is National Immunization Awareness Month!

National Immunization Awareness month focuses on the importance of vaccinations for individuals of all ages. This month serves as an opportunity to promote awareness and encourage discussions with your healthcare providers regarding the necessity of staying current on vaccinations. To locate a provider in your area, please click [HERE](#).



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### Program Spotlight: Alis Behavioral Health Virtual IOP

Alis Behavioral Health proudly introduces the newly launched adolescent virtual Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP), offering the same exceptional level of care and support as our in-person program but now accessible from the comfort and safety of your home. Tailored for adolescents aged 11 to 17, the program has bilingual clinicians available to ensure inclusivity and understanding. Learn more [HERE](#).

### August Upcoming Events

#### NHP Getting Started Webinar

**August 1st, 11 - 11:30 a.m.**

With guest speaker Lyndsey Wolfe, BSN, RN, to discuss Prenatal and Postpartum care

Click [HERE](#) to access full details on this online event.



#### Back To School Events

**August 3rd:**  
**District 6 School Kickoff**  
**Community Celebration**  
9 - 12 p.m.  
Island Grove Regional Park

**August 12th:**  
**Kit Carson Community Night**  
5:30 p.m.  
Kit Carson County School

**August 13th**  
**Cheyenne Wells Back to**  
**School Night**  
5:30 - 7 p.m.  
Cheyenne Wells School

## Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) A(H5N1)

The United States Department of Agriculture has confirmed the presence of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI), also known as the "Bird Flu," in over ten dairy facilities in Northern Colorado. It is crucial for dairy workers in Northeast Colorado experiencing respiratory symptoms or conjunctivitis to undergo testing.

To coordinate testing, individuals can reach out to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) at **303-692-2700** or **303-370-9395** for after hours.

Testing for the HPAI A(H5N1) virus in human specimens is exclusively conducted at the State Public Health Laboratory. The collection of upper respiratory tract specimens and conjunctival swabs in viral transport media is necessary for accurate testing. Stay informed and take necessary precautions to protect yourself.

### Helpful Tips:

- Wear clean and protective clothing (gloves, coveralls, masks, goggles, hats).
- Wash your hands frequently.
- Don't drink raw milk.
- Clean areas around sick animals.

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### NAMI Summer Bash

**August 17th, 12 - 2 p.m.**  
Bittersweet Park West Pavilion  
Greeley, CO

[Learn More HERE](#)

### Kit Carson Childrens Festival

**August 17th, 10 - 2 p.m.**  
Kit Carson County Fair  
Grounds



### Weld County Food Bank Mobile Food Pantry

**August 23rd, 10 a.m.**  
Immigrant and Refugee Center,  
Evans, CO



## NHP Staff Highlight: Meet Our Contract Manager



### Natasha Lawless, Contract Manager

Natasha is from a rural farm town in Indiana. After graduating college, she traded the cornfields for the swamp life and moved to New Orleans, Louisiana. While the food and music kept her in the south for 5 years, the unwelcomed reptilian friends and violent hurricanes eventually sent her packing to the Pacific Westcoast. Unfamiliar with the popular Mark Twain quote, "The coldest winter I ever spent was a summer in San Francisco" she only lasted two years in San Fran with the icy cold beach waters and foggy mornings. She didn't wander too far east before she landed in Denver. Delighted with the minimal insect population and year-round sunshine, she was captivated by the Rockies and put down her roots. In 2020 she married her husband Kevin in the mountains near Red Feather Lakes and had their first child, Cassius, three years later in 2023. Natasha has worked in the public healthcare sector since arriving in Denver in 2017, starting at the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, then transitioning to Northeast Health Partners in 2020. As



the NHP Contract Manager, she is the grand marshal for all things RAE contract related and spends most of her time writing reports that capture the meaningful work of NHP, our providers, and community partners.

**Fun Fact: Natasha loves games...basketball games, board games, video games, arcade games...you name it, she will play it. When she isn't at Dave & Buster's stacking up Wizard of Oz cards or challenging her friends and family to a late-night Sequence series, you can find her in the gym watching her husband coach high school basketball.**

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