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Washington, DC, April 19, 2019 –The [National Association of County and City Health Officials](#) (NACCHO) is the voice of the nation’s nearly 3,000 local health departments. NACCHO hosts the regularly scheduled NACCHO Podcast Series [Podcast from Washington](#).

On [this week’s episode](#), Eli Briggs and Ian Goldstein discuss a vaccine resolution passed by the Senate. They also discuss the introduction of a House bill that would ban flavored tobacco and e-cigarettes, including menthol, as well as raise the minimum age of purchase for tobacco products to 21.

Later in the program, Ian Goldstein sat down with the Executive Director of [Healthcare Ready](#) Dr. Nicolette Louissaint. Healthcare Ready leverages unique relationships with government, nonprofit and medical supply chains to build and enhance the resiliency of communities before, during and after disasters. The three R’s of Healthcare Ready are:

- **Resilience:** Improve communities’ resilience and disaster and infectious disease preparedness by proactively solving recurring and emerging challenges, sharing best practices, and fostering cross-sector relationships at all times.
- **Response:** Increase communities’ crisis response capabilities by identifying and working to solve critical issues, bridging response organizations and private sector partners, and serving as a trusted resource for information sharing, coordination, and expertise during disasters and pandemics.

- **Recovery:** Assist communities' recovery from disasters and infectious disease outbreaks by fostering collaboration, identifying and promoting lessons learned, and assisting community economic recovery.

Dr. Louissaint and Mr. Goldstein discussed how the Healthcare Ready project came about and how local health departments can utilize private partnerships in their preparedness activities. They also discussed steps in making governments and healthcare providers response ready.

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