



2025 CHEAC Annual Meeting Workshop Session Biographies

Unified Response: A Multidisciplinary Public Health Approach to H5N1

Annette Burgos, Emergency Manager

Annette Burgos is an Emergency Manager with twelve years of experience in emergency management, having held positions at Adventist Health Central Valley Network, Kings County, and currently holds the title of Public Health Emergency Manager at Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency. Her background includes emergency operations planning, continuity planning, training, exercise development, and department operations center activations. She is also experienced in medical surge, medical countermeasures dispensing and administration, mass care, community preparedness, healthcare and medical response coordination, and continuity of healthcare service delivery. Annette has served as the Medical Health Operational Area Coordinator (MHAOC) for the past nine years. Annette's significant achievements include working with Tulare County Public Health COVID-19 pandemic response and recovery, 2023 floods, and supporting wildfires, H5N1, and other disasters in Tulare County.

Annette holds a Bachelor of Arts in Social Science with an emphasis on organizational leadership and healthcare administration from Brandman University. She also has an associate degree in business administration from West Hills College.

Lisa Seliskar, Supervising Public Health Microbiologist

Lisa has worked in local California public health laboratories since 2003, beginning her career at the Placer County Public Health Laboratory. In 2007, Lisa accepted an opportunity with the Tulare County Public Health Laboratory, where she currently serves as the supervising Public Health Microbiologist. Lisa, a Tulare County native, received her BS degree in Microbiology from the University of California, Davis. She appreciates the opportunity to serve the community where she was raised, through her role in public health.

Jessica Kulow, Communicable Disease Investigator

Jessica Kulow holds a Communications degree and is pursuing her Master of Public Health (MPH) along with Certification in Infection Control (CIC). She began her career in public health during the COVID-19 pandemic, serving as a subject matter expert (SME) for CalCONNECT, the electronic system used for contact tracing during the pandemic. Jessica now works as a Communicable Disease Investigator specializing in multidrug-resistant organisms (MDROs). Her role also lends itself to acting as an infection prevention liaison, supporting 18 skilled nursing facilities and three hospitals across Tulare County. During the Avian influenza outbreak experienced by Tulare County beginning in August 2025, her knowledge of CalCONNECT helped streamline the process for monitoring the hundreds of workers exposed to the infected animals.