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Updates from the Tampa Bay Health & Medical Preparedness Coalition—July 2021

Incident Response Guides & Resources: You don't have to reinvent the wheel!

In the past few months, the Coalition has sponsored several virtual courses on use of the Incident Command System (ICS) in healthcare—both Hospital Incident Command System (HICS) and Nursing Home (and Small Facility) Incident Command System (NHICS). ICS incredibly useful tool for managing any incident or event that your organization may come to face—a hurricane, a pandemic, and everything in between. Within HICS and NHICS, there are also many resources already developed for you to use.

On the [HICS website](#), you will find a number of [Incident Planning Guides](#) and [Incident Response Guides](#) on various incident types—including Active Shooter, Mass Casualty Incident, Utility Failure and Severe Weather (in case the next storm to target our areas isn't as nice as Elsa). The planning guides include a large number of considerations that your plans should cover. The response guides list the responsibilities of the key ICS positions throughout the phases of a response to each incident, allowing you to use them as checklists and documentation of your response. They are also fully editable, so you can customize them to match your emergency plans.

On the [NHICS website](#), you will find an [All Hazards Incident Planning Guide](#) and [Incident Response Guides](#) as well.

These guides focus on a wide variety of planning considerations for nursing homes (and other residential facilities) through the different response phases, and provide checklists to use during response. They are excellent resources to strengthen your current emergency plans.

There are many more resources on these sites, and even though they reference hospitals and nursing homes specifically, they can be useful to other facilities as well. We implore you to spend some time looking through these sites and figuring out how the Incident Command System can make your plans and responses stronger. Plus, we will be offering additional classes on both NHICS and HICS in the coming year to help with this integration!

Click here for more info



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Upcoming Coalition Meetings

Pinellas CHAMP:
July 9th

Pasco Health & Medical Preparedness Coalition:
July 12th

Hillsborough County Health Care Coalition:
July 15th

Citrus County ESF-8 Working Group:
July 28th

All Coalition Meetings are virtual at this time. For more info on attending these meetings, please reach out to the County Chairperson. Contact info is available on [our website](#).

Stay tuned for information on our new Coalition office, warehouse and training space opening up later this summer!

Upcoming Trainings & Events

Frightful Forecast: A Virtual Tabletop Exercise

Join us for Frightful Forecast, a Virtual Tabletop Exercise with a tropical weather scenario, for all of our Coalition healthcare organizations! This exercise will be offered twice (**July 28th and August 4th**) and will include an interactive, hurricane scenario with large and breakout group discussions. (Each offering will be the same; you only need to register for one.) Each participating agency will receive a copy of the exercise documents, a comprehensive After Action Report, and a certificate of participation that can be used to demonstrate compliance. This exercise can be used to meet your CMS 'Exercise of Choice' requirement.

We encourage you to participate as an organization, by registering once as a group (as opposed to multiple individual registrations), and use this opportunity to practice internal facility communications and Incident Command.

Register here for [July 28th from 1pm—4:30pm](#) OR [August 4th from 9am—12:30am](#).

Respiratory Protection Program Management Training

Need to develop or improve your Respiratory Protection Program? Join us on Wednesday, July 21st from 8am - 5pm at the Children's Board of Hillsborough County in Tampa.

We are collaborating with Dr. Melissa Pinke with Code Pinke Crisis Planning to bring this training on the OSHA standards & requirements for a respiratory protection program, including info on respirator types, protection factors, medical clearance, fit testing, and writing your respiratory protection plan! The target audience is whomever manages your organization's OSHA/Safety/Respiratory Protection Compliance. [Register here.](#)

Virtual Hospital Emergency Response Training (HERT-B-2) for Mass Casualty Incidents with Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital

The Hospital Emergency Response Training for Mass Casualty Incidents (HERT) course will be offered **Wednesday, August 18th from 8am—5pm** and addresses healthcare response at the operations level. This 8-hour virtual course is intended for healthcare responders such as physicians, nurses, administrators, security personnel, environmental staff, and other hospital staff. [More info and registration available here.](#)

The Southwest Florida Healthcare Coalition is sponsoring a series of trainings on relevant topics throughout 2021, that they are graciously sharing with other HCCs in Florida. Upcoming topics include **Infectious Disease Trainings** in July and August. More information on each class and registration are available [here](#).

SCDP ECHO Mini Series on Ebola Virus Disease

The Emory Serious Communicable Diseases Program's ECHO mini series on Ebola virus disease is underway! The second session in the series will occur Thursday, July 15th from 11am—12pm and will be on Ebola: Identify, Isolate, Inform. [More info & registration here.](#) The third session is on July 29th on Ebola: PPE Protocols, and the fourth session is on August 12th on Ebola: What EMS Providers Need to Know. [More info on all of these sessions here.](#)



FRIGHTFUL FORECAST: A VIRTUAL TABLETOP EXERCISE

Join the Tampa Bay Health and Medical Preparedness Coalition for a virtual, discussion-based exercise which can be used to meet your CMS 'Exercise of Choice' requirement. The exercise, which will be offered twice, will include an interactive, hurricane scenario that features both large and breakout group discussions. Each participating agency will receive a copy of the exercise documents, a comprehensive After-Action Report, and a certificate of participation that can be used to demonstrate compliance. If your organization intends to have multiple participants, we encourage you to register as a group and use this opportunity to practice internal facility communications and Incident Command.

Registration closes on July 23, 2021. Reserve your spot today!

FIRST OFFERING

JULY 28, 2021
1:00 PM - 4:30 PM EST

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

SECOND OFFERING

AUGUST 4, 2021
9:00 AM - 12:30 PM EST

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Participants: Healthcare organizations from the Tampa Bay Health and Medical Preparedness Coalition looking to meet their CMS 'Exercise of Choice' requirement.

- Long Term Care
- Home Health
- Assisted Living
- Nursing Homes
- Hospice
- Hospitals
- Skilled Nursing Facilities
- Dialysis
- Others

CITRUS, HARDEE, HERNANDO, HILLSBOROUGH, MANATEE, PASCO, PINELLAS, POLK & SUWANNEE COUNTIES

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RESPIRATORY PROTECTION PROGRAM MANAGEMENT TRAINING



Wednesday, July 21st
from 8am - 5pm

Children's Board of Hillsborough County
1102 East Palm Avenue
Tampa, FL 33605

This course will review the OSHA standards & requirements for a respiratory protection program and will include information on respirator types, protection factors, medical clearance, fit testing, and writing your respiratory protection plan!

The target audience is whomever manages your organization's OSHA/Safety/Respiratory Protection Compliance.

[Register here.](#)



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The Prepared4ALL Playbook: Strategies for Disability Inclusion in Public Health

Building local partnerships between disability organizations and emergency preparedness planners is essential for improving outcomes for people with disabilities during emergencies, disasters and pandemics. But how can we build these partnerships? AUCD's Prepared4ALL project has pulled together strategies that work. This webinar will introduce the playbook and show how you can use it in your local community, on Tuesday, July 13th from 2pm-3pm. [Register here.](#)



AdventHealth's 4th Annual Human Trafficking Symposium on August 12, 2021. Florida is ranked 3rd in the Nation for calls to the human trafficking hot line. By receiving education and creating awareness we can help to free these victims. Listen to Experts from the community as they share valuable information. For the safety of everyone, the symposium will be held virtually with Live Streaming of the multiple presentations. Within 72 hours of the symposium, a link and details of each session will be provided via email to all who [register here.](#)

MGT-319 Medical Countermeasures Point of Dispensing (POD) Planning and Response is being hosted by Manatee County Emergency Management on November 3rd and 4th, 2021. This is a U.S. Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency (DHS/FEMA)-certified course intended for participants within a community (from volunteers to skilled professionals) that respond to a medical surge and medical countermeasures event. [More info & registration available here.](#)



CISA and CDP VLT Classes

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), Office for Bombing Prevention (OBP) and the Center for Domestic Preparedness have partnered to provide bombing prevention awareness learning opportunities for first responders, public safety personnel, and private sector partners through Virtual Instructor-Led Training (VILT). VILT courses provide basic bombing prevention information ranging from IED construction and classification to the terrorist attack cycle. [More info available here.](#)

CISA Active Shooter Preparedness Webinar

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) invites you to join a two-hour security webinar to enhance awareness of and response to an active shooter event on Tuesday, August 10th at 11am. Registration is limited to 300 (and is open to multiple states), so [register here ASAP!](#)

Important Updates & Resources

Important Updates for Providers re: Expiration of Emergency Order 20-002 and Emergency Order 20-003

Florida's Emergency Order 20-002 and Emergency Order 20-003 related to COVID-19 expired on June 26, 2021. The expiration of these orders impacts the following services that were temporarily authorized in the state of Florida:

- Out-of-state health care practitioners are no longer authorized to render services for patients in Florida unless they become licensed to practice in Florida, except as specified in the HHS Guidance Memorandum Dated 3/12/2021, regarding vaccine administration.
- Out-of-state health care practitioners are no longer authorized to perform telehealth services for patients in Florida unless they become licensed or registered in Florida • Qualified physicians are required to conduct an in-person physical examination to issue a physician certification for any patient.
- Controlled substance prescribers are required to conduct an in-person physical examination to issue a renewal prescription for a controlled substance.

CISA's CSET Tool Sets Sights on Ransomware Threat

CISA has released a new module in its Cyber Security Evaluation Tool (CSET): the Ransomware Readiness Assessment (RRA). CSET is a desktop software tool that guides network defenders through a step-by-step process to evaluate their cybersecurity practices on their networks. CSET—applicable to both information technology (IT) and industrial control system (ICS) networks—enables users to perform a comprehensive evaluation of their cybersecurity posture using many recognized government and industry standards and recommendations.

[CISA's CSET Tool Sets Sights on Ransomware Threat](#)

BayCare HomeCare Implements Innovative IV Infusion Technology to Help Improve Patient Care



BayCare HomeCare continues to innovate its services to help improve patient care. One of those services include its Home Infusion Pharmacy.

HomeCare's newly renovated state-of-the-art, in-house Pharmacy, which provides home infusion, enteral and specialty medication services, is using innovative technology to provide safer and more efficient IV infusion compounding.

The Pharmacy recently implemented a medication compounding technology called BD Pyxis™ IV Prep Workflow System to its IV infusion process, which allows pharmacists to provide the most accurate doses possible for HomeCare patients.

“The BD Pyxis™ IV Prep Workflow System enables us to compound medication and verify doses that help identify potential errors in real-time,” said Noriko Kay, PharmD, manager of Pharmacy at BayCare HomeCare. “The system is able to capture barcodes and images and provide a full analysis of final measurements.” Read more [here](#).



Free Health Clinic in Wimauma to Serve Low-Income, Uninsured Hillsborough Residents

La Esperanza, a medical clinic that provides free health care to low income residents without employer-provided insurance is getting a new, permanent home in Wimauma.

BayCare Health System and Catholic Charities, Diocese of St. Petersburg, held a blessing and ribbon-cutting today at the new location for La Esperanza, 16640 U.S. Highway 301 South, Wimauma. La Esperanza is tentatively scheduled to open for patients at the new location in August. La Esperanza, which opened in 2013, has been previously housed at Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission in Wimauma. The English translation for La Esperanza is “The Hope.”

For more than 20 years, BayCare and Catholic Charities have provided Free Medical Clinics to underserved and uninsured Hillsborough County residents. Beginning in 2000 at the San Jose Mission in Dover, the service later expanded to La Esperanza Clinic in Wimauma. Services at these clinics include primary medical care, routine well woman exams, health promotion, disease prevention and health screenings for high blood pressure and diabetes.

Read more [here](#).



If you would like to share a highlight or best practice from your organization in a future Coalition newsletter or publication, please email it to Turea at TBHMPC2@gmail.com.

COVID-19 Vaccine & Testing Sites

◇ Use the [vaccine finder](#) to find a site near you.

◇ Citrus

⇒ First and second doses of the Moderna vaccine, single doses of the J&J Janssen vaccine and first and second doses of the hepatitis A vaccine will be provided at the Duke Energy/DOH-Citrus COVID-19 Vaccination Site, located at 8200 W. Venable St., by WALK-IN ONLY every Tuesday and Thursday in July from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

⇒ NO-COST BACK-TO-SCHOOL SHOTS - Walk in or make an appointment at the Lecanto Health Department from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday thru Friday, beginning on July 19 until Aug. 6

⇒ Langley Health Services– To schedule an appointment, please call .352-419-5760 EXT: 4818. More information [HERE](#).



◇ Hardee

⇒ **Vaccine-** Florida Department of Health in Hardee County, 115 K.D. Revell Road, Wauchula, FL 33873. Wednesdays, 9 am to 11 am Walk-ins welcome

⇒ Free COVID testing by appointment only. Please call 863-773-4161. 115 K.D. Revell Road, Wauchula, FL 33873. Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 8:30AM- 3:00 PM. Friday 8:30AM-12PM



◇ Hernando

⇒ Vaccine- County Health Department, 7551 Forest Oaks Blvd, Sping Hill, FL 34607. By appointment, 352-540-6800.

⇒ Testing- [COVID-19 Testing Sites in Hernando County](#)

◇ Hillsborough

⇒ Hillsborough County is demobilizing its COVID-19 coronavirus operations as cases continue to decrease, public demand for testing and vaccinations has declined significantly, and more private providers are offering services. To find pharmacies and other providers that are offering vaccines, go to [Vaccine.gov](#).

⇒ Homebound Residents- Residents who don't have transportation to get a vaccine can contact the Florida Division of Emergency Management to be placed on a list to receive a vaccination at home. Email HomeboundVaccine@em.myflorida.com to receive a survey to help determine qualification.

⇒ On-Site Targeted Vaccination Events- The Florida Department of Health in Hillsborough County is coordinating requests from businesses, community organizations, and faith-based organizations interested in an on-site targeted vaccine event. Requests can be made by [filling out this form](#) or calling (813) 307-8000.

⇒ Hillsborough County has transitioned its testing operations to pharmacies and medical providers. For the location of a testing site near you, go to [Hillsborough.FloridaHealth.gov](#) or [FloridaHealthCovid19.gov](#).

◇ **Manatee** - The Florida Department of Health in Manatee County (DOH-Manatee) and the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) have teamed up to offer a one-stop shop for COVID-19 testing and vaccination. The COVID-19 testing and vaccination site is located at the Palmetto Bus Station, 1802 Eighth Avenue West in Palmetto. The site operates 9 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays. Testing (including both PCR and rapid testing) and vaccinations (Moderna) are free of charge. This is a walk-up operation; no appointment necessary. Visitors are asked to bring proof of Florida residency (driver's license, utility bill with Florida address, etc.). For more information, call (941) 242-6646.

◇ Pasco

⇒ COVID-19 vaccination appointments are available Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the following DOH-Pasco clinic locations:

- 13941 15th, Dade City, FL 33525
- 10841 Little Rd., New Port Richey, FL 34654 then Option 2 for Immunizations. More information [here](#).

⇒ **Testing Sites-** [COVID-19 testing sites](#) for Pasco County



◇ Pinellas

⇒ DOH-Pinellas will begin offering vaccines by appointment at St. Petersburg, Clearwater and Mid-County centers. Appointments available at St. Petersburg and Clearwater on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; Mid-County appointments will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays. More information [here](#).

⇒ **Community Health Centers of Pinellas, Inc. (CHC)** Vaccines for all eligible individuals as supply is available. Visit www.chcpinellas.org for more information.

⇒ [COVID-19 Testing Locations in Pinellas County](#)

◇ Polk

⇒ The Florida Department of Health is providing COVID-19 vaccines to those wanting one from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the following locations:

- Mondays - Lakeland Health Department, 3241 Lakeland Hills Blvd. in Lakeland;
- Wednesdays - Auburndale Testing location, 245 E. Lake Ave. in Auburndale;

⇒ Vaccine is also available at 54 locations in Polk County, through both federal and state programs. Below is a list of federal programs and local partners:

- Lakeland Regional Health - <https://www.mylrh.org/vaccineform> or call (863) 904-1895
- Winter Haven Hospital
- Watson Clinic, Bond Clinic, Gessler Clinic, Ridge Medical Group and Health Medical Ultra
- Retail pharmacies - Walmart, Publix, CVS, Walgreens, Quick & Save, Ariana Pharmacy, Cleveland Heights Pharmacy, Family Discount Pharmacy, Polk Community Pharmacy, Broadway Pharmacy, Noble Pharmacy and Medoz Pharmacy.

⇒ [COVID Testing Sites](#)



◇ Sumter

⇒ Sumter County Health Department- APPOINTMENT REQUIRED, Call 352-569-3102 to schedule

⇒ Langley Health Services– To schedule an appointment, please call 352-569-2992. More information [Here](#).

⇒ Testing: Sumter County Health Department- 415 E Noble Ave, Bushnell, FL 33513. Tuesday & Thursday, 9:00am – 12:00 pm. Please call 352-569-3102 to schedule or if you have any questions or email AskSumter@FLHealth.gov

