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Updates from the Tampa Bay Health & Medical Preparedness Coalition—April 2022

Small Healthcare Practices More Vulnerable to Data Breaches, Cyberattacks

By Jill McKeon, HealthITSecurity.com

Over 20 percent of small healthcare organizations surveyed by Software Advice reported experiencing a data breach. However, 46 percent of those breaches could be blamed on human error. The survey results revealed that as healthcare cyberattacks and data breaches increase, too many healthcare organizations remain unprepared.

The survey also found that 42 percent of small practices and 25 percent of large practices spent no more than two hours on data privacy and security training in 2021. Meanwhile, a third of large practices reported experiencing a data breach within the last three years, and 51 percent of those breaches were caused by human error.

Software Advice defined a small healthcare organization as a practice with five or fewer licensed providers. Large practices had six or more providers.

Almost half of all respondents said that 90 percent of their data was stored digitally, including financial information and protected health information (PHI).



Despite healthcare's increasing reliance on digital data storage and an uptick in healthcare data breaches and cyberattacks, 49 percent of small organizations and 15 percent of large organizations admitted that they did not have a codified plan of action in the event of a breach.

The HIPAA Security Rule requires organizations to implement an incident response plan and conduct employee security and privacy training regularly.

The report indicated that small healthcare organizations were more vulnerable to data breaches and cyberattacks for a variety of reasons. But if budget is a concern, small healthcare organizations should consider focusing their limited resources on training employees and creating a culture of cybersecurity within their practice, rather than implementing the latest and greatest technologies.

Instead, organizations should invest in the right security tools for their organization, train employees to prevent human error, and develop an incident response plan to minimize damage in the event of an attack.

Read more [here](https://healthitsecurity.com). (Accessed at <https://healthitsecurity.com> on 4/7/22)

Stay tuned for opportunities to improve your Cyber Preparedness... Coming soon from the Coalition!



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Upcoming Coalition Meetings

Hardee County Health & Medical

Coalition:

April 6th

Pinellas CHAMP:

April 8th

Pasco County Health & Medical

Preparedness Coalition:

April 11th

Manatee CHAMP:

April 13th

Sumter County ESF-8 WG:

April 21st

Citrus County ESF-8 Working Group:

April 27th

For more info on attending these meetings, please reach out to the County Chairperson.

Contact info is available on [our](#)



Important Info & Updates

DHS/CISA: Guidance on Sharing Cyber Incident Information

In this time of heightened risk due to the war in Ukraine, CISA urges lowering the threshold for sharing information to raise our collective resilience to global cyber threats. Sharing information about cyber incidents allows CISA to fill critical information gaps, rapidly deploy resources, and render assistance to victims suffering attacks, analyze incoming information from across sectors to spot trends, and quickly share that information with network defenders to warn other potential victims.

To facilitate the information sharing process, CISA developed the attached [Cyber Event Information Sharing Fact Sheet](#), which provides stakeholders like you with clear guidance about what to share, who should share, and how to share information about unusual cyber incidents or activity. We encourage you to share this resource with your networks, on your websites, and across your social media accounts.

Cybersecurity is national security, which is why we also encourage your organization, stakeholders, customers, and employees to utilize the wealth of resources on our [Shields Up webpage](#), including information for organizations and individuals, technical guidance for network defenders, and free tools and services. It takes the entire nation to raise our collective cyber defense, and we appreciate your support

COVID Treatment Update

On April 5, 2022, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) reissued the emergency use authorization (EUA) for GSK-Vir Biotechnology's sotrovimab monoclonal antibody treatment. Sotrovimab is no longer authorized for use in any U.S. state, territory, or jurisdiction at this time. The full FDA press release can be [found here](#).

This decision leaves the State of Florida with only a single post-exposure monoclonal antibody treatment, bebtelovimab.

Corresponding revisions have been made to the authorized fact sheets for sotrovimab. These fact sheets are available on the FDA's website. As a result of the reissued EUAs, health care practitioners in Florida are no longer authorized to administer these monoclonal antibody treatments to patients, effective immediately.

Resources for emerging treatments can be found at [HealthierYouFL.org](#). Providers that have received allocations of antiviral treatments, bebtelovimab monoclonal antibodies, and evusheld pre-exposure prophylaxis can be found at [FloridaHealthCOVID19.gov](#).

CDC & ASPR COVID-19 Updates

- **CDC Recommends Additional Boosters for Certain Individuals:** Following the FDA [regulatory action](#) on March 29, CDC has updated its vaccine recommendations. The update allows certain immunocompromised individuals and people over the age of 50 years who received an initial mRNA booster dose at least four months ago to be eligible for another mRNA booster to increase their protection against severe disease from COVID-19. Separately and in addition, based on [newly published data](#), adults who received a primary vaccine and booster dose of Johnson & Johnson's Janssen COVID-19 vaccine at least four months ago may now receive a second booster dose using an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine.
- **Biden Administration Launches new COVID.gov website:** On March 30, the Biden Administration launched [COVID.gov](#), a new central location for vaccines, tests, treatments, masks, and the latest COVID-19 information. The website also includes a new Test-to-Treat locator tool.
- **CDC Updates Guidance for COVID-19 & Schools:** CDC's updated [COVID-19 School Testing Toolkit](#) includes new resources featuring the voices of parents and school leaders discussing why they support school testing for COVID-19. A new [Questions and Answers About Regular Testing for COVID-19 at School video](#) covers common parent questions about regular testing for COVID-19 at school.
- **Do you know about Project Firstline?** CDC's Project Firstline provides infection control education for millions of healthcare workers & the public health workforce, empowers healthcare workers by building their core knowledge of infection control, and has dozens of new educational materials & resources you can use to protect patients, facilities & yourself from infectious disease threats. Find the infection control resources you need with [Project Firstline](#).

Upcoming Trainings & Events

TBHMPC Project Writing Workshop

It is that time of the year again when the Tampa Bay Health and Medical Preparedness Coalition begins to solicit for "projects" to support your preparedness needs and efforts. During your county level HCC meetings, we have or will be discussing the process to submit a project for grant finding for fiscal year 22/23, which begins July 1. Projects will be due to your County level Standing Committee Chair, no later than Friday, May 13th and due to the Region by Friday, May 27th. Please join us on April 20, 2022 from 11:00am– 12:00pm for a **Project Writing Workshop!** This webinar will provide members an opportunity to learn how to complete a Project funding request application. Join us [here on Zoom](#) on April 20th!

N-95 Fit Testing Train-the-Trainer for Healthcare

We have 2 upcoming classes of N-95 Fit Testing Train-the-Trainer for Healthcare. The goal of this class is to give our healthcare organizations the capability to fit test their own staff. The coalition has fit testing supplies to assist trained individuals with this process as well. Flyers are attached for more info or you can register below. Friday, April 29th at the Tampa Bay Health & Medical Preparedness Coalition Offices, 7300 Bryan Dairy Road, Suite 350, Largo, FL 33777. Class 1: [8am - 12pm](#) or Class 2: [1pm - 5pm](#)

Plugged In: Communicating During Disasters with the Cognitively Impaired

On Thursday, May 19th at 1:30pm, join us for **Plugged In: Communicating During Disasters with the Cognitively Impaired**, presented by Carol White and Connie Storms from the Alzheimer's Association, Central and North Florida Chapter. This presentation is intended for healthcare workers, those who staff Special Needs Shelters during disasters, those working with the cognitively-impaired during disasters, and those who conduct disaster planning for the cognitively impaired community. A flyer will be coming soon, but you can go ahead and [register here!](#)

ASPR's COVID-19 Recovery and Resilience Speaker Series

The COVID-19 pandemic has had devastating impacts on first responders' mental and physical health. Throughout the disaster response phase, regional recovery leaders, and dedicated inter-agency partners worked to create a coordination forum to discuss both challenges, solutions, and resources. This three-part [COVID-19 Recovery and Resilience Speaker Series](#) explores opportunities to raise awareness about resources that can help reduce burnout, promote mental health, and encourage trauma-informed care strategies among the health and emergency management workforce in response to COVID-19.

- Part 1: [It's OK to Not be OK Right Now](#), with Scott Webb
- Part 2: [Stress First Aid for the Health Care Workforce](#), with Dr. Richard Westphal
- Part 3: Pandemic Recovery: Balancing Reality with Reimagining our Future, with Dr. Mary Jo Kreitzer (coming in April!)

Emergency Management Training

Here are upcoming EM trainings available for registration on [SERT TRAC](#).

- [April 12-14](#)- G-400 **Advanced Incident Command System Command & General Staff: Complex Incidents** . Pinellas County Public Safety Complex, 10750 Ulmerton Road Largo 33778.
- [April 14– 15](#)- G-318 **Mitigation Planning Workshop for Local Government**. Manatee County Public Safety Complex, 2101 47th Terrace East EOC, Bradenton 34203.
- [April 18-22](#)- MGT-323 **Instructor Development Workshop**. Hillsborough County Public Safety Complex, 9450 East Columbus Drive, Tampa 33619.
- [April 18-20](#)- G-300 **Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents** . Pasco County EOC, 8744 Government Drive Building A, New Port Richey 34654.
- [April 18– 20](#)- L-984 **Strike Team/Task Force**. Sumter County Public Safety Center, 7361 Powell Road, Wildwood 34785
- [April 25-26](#)- G-400 **Advanced Incident Command System Command & General Staff: Complex Incidents**. Manatee County Public Safety Complex, 2101 47th Ter East EOC, Bradenton 34203.
- [May 3rd – 6th](#) – L958 **NIMS ICS All Hazards Position Specific Operations Chief Course** at the Pasco County EOC in New Port Richey

2022 Kidney Community Emergency Response (KCER) Program Summit

The will take place on Wednesday, April 20th, 2022 from 11 am – 3pm ET. Each partner from the ESRD community plays a critical role in the event of a disaster. The KCER Summit event is open to the public and brings together stakeholders from the end stage renal disease (ESRD) emergency preparedness community, including: Health and Human Services (HHS) Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR), CMS, ESRD Networks, providers, large dialysis organization (LDO) corporate leadership, patients, emergency management personnel, hospitals, departments of health (DOHs), utility companies, and transportation companies. The 2022 KCER Virtual Summit will feature topics that address the unique needs of the ESRD population during crises or disasters.

[Register here.](#)



EMS Care and Lassa Fever: Identify, Isolate and Inform

Emory University's Serious Communicable Diseases Project ECHO Program has an upcoming webinar on **EMS Care and Lassa Fever: Identify, Isolate and Inform**, on Thursday, April 14th from 11 am - 12pm ET. Anyone working in Emergency Medical Services (EMS) care, including EMTs, paramedics, physicians, nurses, pharmacists, hospital administrators, etc., are welcome to attend. CEUs are available and A flyer is attached for more information. [Register here.](#)

Facilitating the Integration of Firearm Injury Prevention into Healthcare: A Workshop

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine will host a virtual workshop, **Facilitating the Integration of Firearm Injury Prevention into Healthcare: A Workshop**, on April 25, 2022, 12:00 PM-5:15 PM ET exploring how firearm injury and mortality prevention can be integrated into routine care in health systems. The workshop will include discussion about the current evidence on strategies for prevention. It will also explore what we have learned about facilitators and barriers to implementation of strategies, and how health systems might work to overcome those barriers to improve the health of patients and communities. [Register here.](#)

Governor's Hurricane Conference

Governor's Hurricane Conference will take place in West Palm Beach on May 8th - 13th, 2022. There is a healthcare concentration track that offers CEUs and includes Advanced Healthcare Emergency Management, and workshops on The Importance of COOP in Healthcare, Health Care Integration Strategies for Non-Acute Care Providers, and Communication Flow during Emergencies. Please visit [the website](#) for more information.



1st Annual Emergency Response Summit

The **1st Annual Emergency Response Summit**, sponsored by HCA Florida, is begin held at Fire Tower Miami – Doral (8000 Northwest 21st Street, Miami) on Friday, May 27th, 2022. This summit will feature innovative lectures by experts in the field of trauma, burns and emergency care. It is intended to heighten participants' competence by providing the most up-to-date best practices for pre-hospital and emergency care. The overall goal is to produce positive patient outcomes, provide professional development opportunities, and expanded clinical practice guidelines. This multidisciplinary conference is designed for physicians, mid-levels, nurses, and pre-hospital providers. Continuing education credits will be provided. Tickets range from \$75 - \$175. More info and registration [available here.](#)

FALA 2022 Conference & Tradeshow: Lessons of the Past, Remaining the Future

Happy 30th anniversary to the Florida Assisted Living Association! This year's conference, "Lessons of the Past, Reimagining the Future," is May 31st– June 2nd at Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress in Orlando. We hope you are ready to celebrate 30 years of industry success and are excited to learn a few tips and tricks to help set up another 30 great years in this ever-changing industry. Whether you want to meet with other professionals to discuss networking opportunities, receive updates about the latest industry trends or connect with vendors who can help you deliver better care to your residents and staff, this conference will certainly deliver! [Register here.](#)



We want to hear from you! 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

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Coalition Highlights



Last week, the Coalition was thrilled to partner with our region's EMs, CHDs, and healthcare partners to welcome back the annual Hazards and Healthcare Conference! Over 150 public health, EM, and healthcare professionals gathered at the Hilton Garden Inn Suncoast Parkway on Thursday, March 31st to learn, network, and enjoy the camaraderie of their colleagues! In person!



Thanks to our Sponsors, Vendors & Planning Team for making this year's conference a great one!



Coalition Highlights, Continued

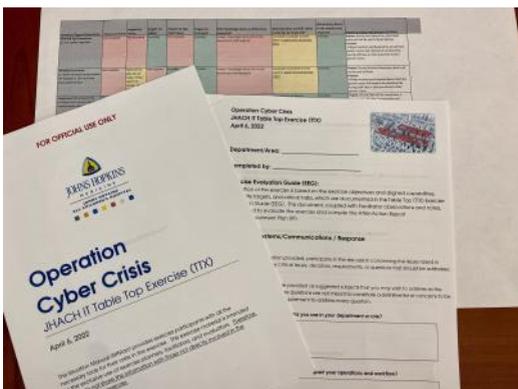
Region 4 Florida Infectious Disease Transportation Network Exercise

Earlier in March, the Coalition participated in our region's Florida Infectious Disease Transportation Network (FIDTN) Full-Scale Exercise. Held this year at St. Joseph's Hospital, this exercise followed a potential Ebola patient from presentation through diagnosis and transport to Tampa International Airport (and a simulated flight to Emory University in GA) by trained Tampa Fire Rescue and Hillsborough County Fire Rescue transport teams. This exercise was an excellent opportunity to implement our plans and learn lessons on how to improve them!



Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital Operation Cyber Crisis Tabletop Exercise

This week, Coalition staff were honored to observe Operation Cyber Crisis, a tabletop exercise at Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital. Individuals from all key departments came together to walk through how they would respond to a significant technology interruption. They covered everything from downtime forms and back-up code communications to ordering supplies and meals. It was an enlightening afternoon for all involved!



COVID-19 Vaccine & Testing Sites

◇ Use the [Florida Vaccine Locator](#) to find a site near you. Vaccines are available at many commercial pharmacies, medical clinics, offices and all county health departments.

◇ [CVS Pharmacy](#), [Walgreens](#), [Publix](#), [Walmart](#), [Sam's Club](#), [Winn-Dixie](#), and [Costco](#) are offering vaccinations and/or testing at many locations throughout the region.

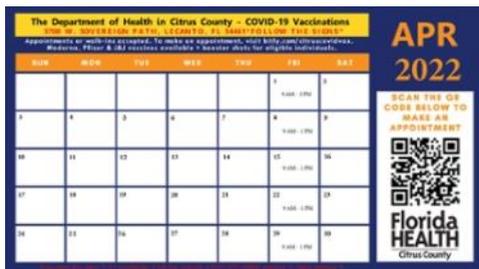
◇ Citrus

⇒ COVID-19 Vaccination is available on Fridays from 9am-1pm at the Florida Department of Health in Citrus County, 3700 Sovereign Path in Lecanto. To make an appointment, visit bitly.com/citruscovidvax.

⇒ Testing—Nomi Health provides no-cost COVID-19 testing at the Central Ridge Community Sat-Sun, 8am-5pm. Both rapid and PCR available while supplies last.

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

⇒ Additional Testing Locations can be found at [Florida Testing Locator](#).



◇ Hardee

⇒ Vaccine—Call the Florida Department of Health in Hardee County at 863-773-4161 for days and times for vaccination. Find other locations on [Florida Vaccine Locator](#).

⇒ Free COVID testing by appointment only. Please call 863-773-4161. 115 K.D. Revell Road, Wauchula, FL 33873. Tuesday– Friday

⇒ Testing by appointment at Prompt Care, 524 Carlton Street, Wauchula, FL. Phone number: 863-767-8333

◇ Hernando

⇒ Vaccine—Use [Florida Vaccine Locator](#).

⇒ Testing - Use [Florida Testing Locator](#).

- Get tested at the Hernando County Fairgrounds, 6436 Broad Street in Brooksville. No appointments (but you can [pre-register](#)), 7am—7pm daily.

◇ Hillsborough

⇒ [Hillsborough County COVID Dashboard](#)

⇒ Vaccine—Use [Florida Vaccine Locator](#)

⇒ Find a [COVID-19 Testing Location](#) near you



◇ Manatee

⇒ Vaccines—Use [Florida Vaccine Locator](#).

- The Florida Department of Health in Manatee South is offering free vaccines at 410 6th Ave E, Bradenton, FL 34208. Appointments are available between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on weekdays.

⇒ [COVID-19 Testing Sites for Manatee County](#)

- Free walk-up testing at 1301 8th Ave W (parking lot), Downtown Bradenton. Open 7am—7pm daily.

◇ Pasco

⇒ Vaccines—COVID-19 Vaccination appointments are available Mondays & Fridays only from 8:00 a.m. – 4pm at 13941 15th, Dade City, FL 33525. Tuesday and Thursdays at 10841 Little Rd., New Port Richey, FL 34654. [More information here](#).

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

- Gulf View Square Mall in Port Richey 7 days a week from 7 am–7 pm. No appointments, but you can [pre-register](#).

◇ **Pinellas**

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

◇ **Polk**

- ⇒ [COVID-19 Vaccination Sites in Polk County](#)- 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;
- Tuesdays & Thursdays - Bartow Specialty Care Clinic, 1255 Brice Blvd.;
- Fridays - Haines City Health Department, 1700 Baker Ave. E. in Haines City.
- Polk residents can also call 863-519-7911 to have a homebound vaccine scheduled.



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

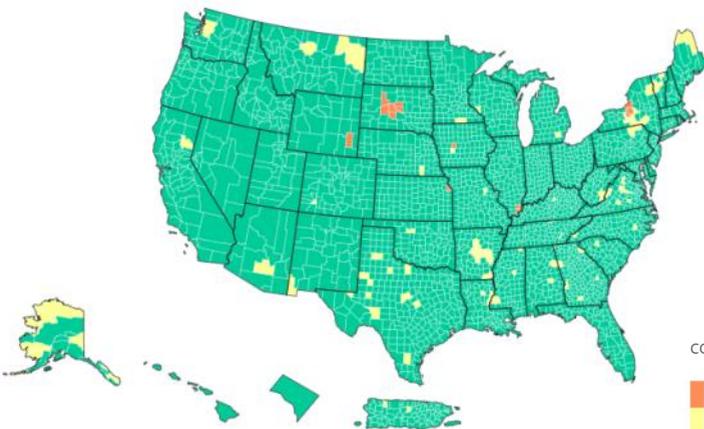
- Auburndale Testing Center - 321 Ramsgate Road, Auburndale, FL 33823. Monday – Thursday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. & Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- Advent Health - Heart of Florida Hospital—40100 US Highway 27, Davenport. 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Seven Days a Week (a Nomi Health site)
- Central Florida Health Care offers mobile COVID-19 Testing and Vaccination Locations. To see dates and locations for mobile services, [visit this website](#).

◇ **Sumter**

- ⇒ [COVID Vaccination Sites in Sumter County](#)
- ⇒ [COVID Testing Site](#)

- Curative Testing is at 415 E. Noble Ave in Bushnell, Monday—Friday, 8:30am—4:00pm.

COVID-19 Community Levels of All Counties in US



COVID-19 Community Levels in US by County

	Total	Percent	% Change
High	19	0.59%	0.06%
Medium	123	3.82%	-0.72%
Low	3082	95.6%	0.66%

How are COVID-19 Community Levels calculated?

● Low ● Medium ● High ● No Data