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

Welcome to Hurricane Season 2022!

As we enter this year's hurricane season with an already-active Gulf of Mexico (and increased rain chances this weekend in the southern part of our region), we want to take a moment to remind you of a few important actions to take to be prepared for whatever the season brings.

1. Reach out to your community partners! Do you know the phone number for your county Emergency Operations Center? Do you know how to reach the Health & Medical Desk there? And when you should reach out? (Spoiler alert! We will be covering this in county-level Coalition Meetings this summer.) These are useful pieces of info for you to have at your fingertips during hurricane season (and all year 'round).
2. Make sure your contracts and MOUs for supplies, transportation, and other services are up-to-date and still cover your disaster-related response needs.
3. Update all of your contact lists & phone trees, both with external partners (like the Coalition!) and your own staff.
4. Test out your equipment! This can mean starting up your generator, changing batteries in flashlights, testing out radios or satellite phones and more.



Tampa Bay Health & Medical Preparedness Coalition

Citrus, Hardee, Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk & Sumter Counties

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Assemble Disaster Supplies

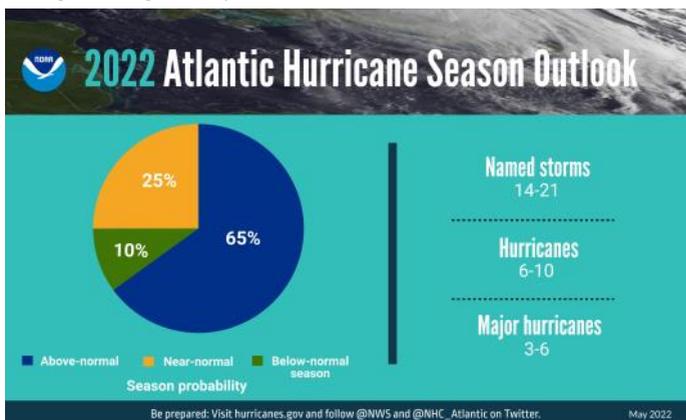
- Food & water
- Medicine & prescriptions
- Flashlight
- Batteries
- Water bottles
- Radio, batteries, phone chargers
- Keep gas tank full
- Cash on hand

Emergency Preparedness Checklist

NOAA weather.gov

5. Remind your staff and clients to develop or update [their personal preparedness plan](#). You need them to be prepared so you can respond effectively. So encourage them to have a plan for themselves, their homes, their families & pets! It's a good time to stock up—the sales tax holiday lasts through June 10th and includes pet items this year.

And remember, no matter what this year's hurricane season outlook says, it only takes one storm to potentially impact our area. So get let's get ready now!



Upcoming Coalition Meetings

Pinellas CHAMP:

June 3rd

Manatee CHAMP:

June 8th

Hernando County ESF-8 Working

Group:

June 9th

Pasco County Health & Medical Preparedness Coalition:

June 13th

Sumter County ESF-8 Working

Group:

June 16th

Citrus County ESF-8 Working

Group:

June 29th

For more info on attending these meetings, please reach out to the County Chairperson. Contact info is available on [our website](#).

Important Info & Updates

Tax Free holiday disaster supplies 5/28-6/10/2022

We are in the middle of this year's Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday, which includes a variety of pet supplies for the first time. It's a great time to restock your hurricane kits and make sure your pets are response-ready as well!

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS SALES TAX HOLIDAY | May 28 - June 10, 2022



Purchase qualifying disaster preparedness supplies tax-free

\$20 OR LESS

- Reusable ice
- Leashes, collars and muzzles for pets
- Pet pads

\$40 OR LESS

- Portable self-powered light sources
- Pet beds

\$50 OR LESS

- Portable self-powered radios, two-way radios or weather-band radios
- Gas or diesel fuel tanks
- Batteries, including rechargeable batteries:
 - AA-cell
 - AAA-cell
 - C-cell
 - D-cell
 - 6-volt
 - 9-volt

\$100 OR LESS

- Tarpaulins or other flexible waterproof sheeting
- Ground anchor systems
- Portable pet kennels

\$1,000 OR LESS

- Portable generators used to provide light or communications or to preserve food in a power outage



Find a full list of tax-free items at FloridaRevenue.com/DisasterPrep and a complete disaster supply kit checklist at FloridaDisaster.org/Kit

Addressing Health Worker Burnout: The US Surgeon General's Advisory on Building a Thriving Health Workforce

The US Surgeon General issued a detailed advisory detailing health worker burnout. It not only describes the extent of the problem, but puts out a call to action. It includes a variety of strategies that different types of organizations (including governments, insurers, health tech companies), groups, communities, and even individual healthcare workers can focus on to help pull our health workforce out of this crisis.

This is not a short report, but this is not a small problem. We need action, and we need it now, so I encourage you to give it a read. [Access it here.](#)

Thriving together: Solutions to health worker burnout



We must shift burnout from a "me" problem to a "we" problem.



Upcoming Trainings & Events

Plugged In Series Webinar: Hurricanes, Healthcare, and Decoding the Warnings

Hurricanes, Healthcare, and Decoding the Warnings will take place on **Wednesday, June 8th at 2pm** on Zoom. This webinar will feature Dan Noah, Warning Coordination Meteorologist with the National Weather Service Tampa Bay, and will cover the risks, warnings, and potential impacts of the upcoming hurricane season. [Register here.](#) [Audience: Everyone]

Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Development Series

The Coalition is also happy to kick-off our partnership series with the Florida Department of Health, the Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Development Series. Monthly webinars in this series will focus on improving IPC programs in long term care and residential facilities. Our first webinar will be **June 14th at 1:30pm** and will feature Jacqueline Whitaker with FDOH speaking on Introduction to the Role of the Infection Prevention and Control Education Specialist. [Register here!](#) [Audience: All staff & administration at long-term care facilities]

First Responder Resiliency: Smashing the Stigma with Dr. Tania Glenn

The Northeast Florida Healthcare Coalition is graciously sharing this virtual training opportunity with us on **June 21st from 11am—1pm**. Dr. Tania Glenn is a leading national clinician in the treatment of PTSD, specializing in creating effective programs that assist patients in returning to normalcy as quickly as possible. She was the kick-off speaker at this year's Plugged In Series, but her message is worth repeating! Tania specializes in the identification and treatment of severe stress and trauma. And because Tania focuses on the aviation, military, and public safety communities, she has worked with hundreds of individuals in combating their PTSD. Tania has been in practice for thirty years interacting with professionals from the federal, state, and local arenas. Tania's colleagues refer to her as a "warrior healer" because she is passionate about her work and dedicates her practice to helping those who serve and protect. [Register here.](#) [Audience: Anyone!]

Ready Before the Storm

The Alzheimer's Association, North Central and North Florida Chapter is hosting two offerings of a training for caregivers - Ready Before the Storm. There will be a virtual webinar on **Tuesday, June 8, Noon-1:30 p.m.ET** and an in-person training on **June 24th** at the Wildwood Community Center, 6500 Powell Road in Wildwood (Sumter County). Learn how caregivers of people living with dementia can prepare for hurricanes or other potential disasters. Hear what other caregivers say they wish they knew from Lindsay Peterson, Ph.D. and learn about the limitations of Special Needs Shelters from Judy Silverstein. Carol White will wrap up the program with tips for effective communication that can be key for keeping people safe who have a form of dementia. Register for the [webinar here](#). For the Wildwood in-person training, RSVPs are preferred to 800.272.3900. [Audience: caregivers for those with dementia]

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

ASK THE EXPERT

TUESDAY, JUNE 8 | 12 P.M. ET/11 A.M. CT

Ready for the Storm

Join us to learn how caregivers of people living with dementia can prepare for hurricanes or other potential disasters. Dr. Lindsay Peterson will summarize findings from a research study focusing on caregiver's recommendations and tips about disasters. Judy Silverstein will describe the environment and limitations of Special Needs Shelters for those with cognitive impairment. In addition, Carol White will provide tips to help you communicate effectively with individuals with dementia and to share these tips with others who may be involved in their care during a hurricane or other disaster.

With special guests:

- Lindsay Peterson, Ph.D., Research Assistant Professor, School of Aging Studies, College of Behavioral and Community Sciences, University of South Florida
- Judy Silverstein, MPH, MAOM, Regional Special Needs Consultant - Tampa Bay Region, Florida Department of Health
- Carol L. White, MSW, CDP, CADDCT, Alzheimer's Association's Community Educator

Register today!

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Sarasota County

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

READY BEFORE THE STORM

June 24 Wildwood Community Center
6500 Powell Road, Wildwood **10 a.m.**

Join us to learn how dementia caregivers can prepare for hurricanes or other potential disasters. Hear what other caregivers say they wish they knew before experiencing a disaster. Find out about the limitations of Special Needs Shelters, and gain tips and strategies to be a more effective communicator with someone who has dementia, a key to ensuring safety.

SPEAKERS

- LINDSAY PETERSON, PH.D.
Research Assistant Professor
School of Aging Studies
University of South Florida
- JUDY SILVERSTEIN, MPH, MAOM¹
Regional Special Needs Consultant
Florida Dept. of Health
- KARI WALKER, MS, CDP
Alzheimer's Community Educator
Population Health Specialist
The Villages Health

SUMTER COUNTY Q&A PANELISTS

- DAVID CASTO, Director, Emergency Management, Board of Sumter County Commissioners
- SHARON HOWARD, CREAM Project, Victim Services Manager, Sumter County Sheriff's Office
- MAURSEEN KOPS, RN, Training & Exercise Coordinator, Sumter County Medical Reserve Corps

RSVP preferred to 800.272.3900

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The Congressional Church in Sumner field

Qualitative Fit-Testing for N-95 Respirators

The Florida Department of Health's Healthcare-Associated Infection (HAI) Prevention Program is reaching out to offer a free training opportunity for health care personnel on Qualitative Fit Testing for N95 Respirators. This training will take place on Wednesday, June 15th from 9:30am – 11:30am at the Children's Board of Hillsborough County at 1002 E. Palm Avenue in Tampa. This training is for facility infection preventionists or the person(s) responsible for the facility's infection control program or respiratory protection program. Attendees need to bring their own qualitative respirator fit test kit and several types of N95 respirators used at your facility. To register, email Alexandria Lewis at Alexandria.lewis@flhealth.gov. (Capacity for this training is 14 individuals, but if there is more interest, additional sessions may be scheduled) [Audience: Those involved with fit-testing at long-term care facilities]

Hospital Emergency Response Team Trainings for Mass Casualty Incidents (HERT-B)

John Hopkins All Children's Hospital and the Center for Domestic Preparedness have scheduled the next virtual Hospital Emergency Response Team Training for Mass Casualty Incidents (HERT-B) for June 16th. The You can [register here](#) and get [more info on the flyer here!](#)



Emergency Management Training

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

- [June 6th – 8th](#) or [June 14th – 16th](#) – G300 – Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents at the Citrus County EOC in Lecanto or the Polk County EOC in Winter Haven.
- [June 6th – 10th](#) – L950 NIMS ICS All Hazards Position Specific Incident Commander Course at the Manatee County EOC in Bradenton.
- [June 13th – 16th](#) – L962 NIMS ICS All Hazards Position Specific Planning Chief Course at the Pasco County EOC in New Port Richey
- [June 21st – 22nd](#) or [June 23rd – 24th](#) - G400 - Advanced Incident Command System Command & General Staff at the Hillsborough EOC in Tampa or the Pasco EOC in New Port Richey.

CISA Active Shooter Preparedness Webinars

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) is providing several Active Shooter Preparedness Webinars (which tend to fill up very quickly). Click on the date to register: [June 9th from 3pm-5pm](#), [June 16th from 3pm-5pm](#), [June 23rd from 3pm-5pm](#), [July 6th from 1pm-3pm](#), and [July 12th from 1pm-3pm](#).



CISA Quarterly ChemLock Trainings

This course introduces how to identify, assess, evaluate, and mitigate chemical security risks. This easy-to-understand overview identifies key components and best practices of chemical security awareness and planning to help kick start chemical security discussions at your facility. The course is appropriate for all personnel regardless of their level of involvement with dangerous chemicals.

- [Register for July 13, 2022 – 9-11 am ET](#)
- [Register for October 13, 2022 – 11 am-1 pm ET](#)
- [Register for January 11, 2023 – 3-5 pm ET](#)
- [Register for April 12, 2023 – 1-3 pm ET](#)



Amateur Radio Licensing Class through Hillsborough ARES RACES

Hillsborough ARES/RACES is hosting an Amateur Radio Licensing Class this summer on Saturdays July 23rd & August 6th, 2022 at the Public Safety Operations Center, 9450 E. Columbus Drive, Tampa, FL 33619. Students must attend both classes; cost is \$45 (does not include \$35 FCC licensing fee). [Register here](#).

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY
ARES RACES
AMATEUR RADIO LICENSING CLASSES
EARN YOUR TICKET TO GET ON THE AIR!

TICKET TECH TICKET GENERAL

SATURDAYS
JULY 23 & AUGUST 6, 2022
8AM - 5PM
Must attend both days
Cost: \$45 includes materials & testing fee
\$35 FCC licensing fee not included
To preregister visit:
www.hillsboroughares.org/events/
Hillsborough County PSOC
9450 E Columbus Dr Tampa, FL 33619
Hillsborough County Florida

Upcoming Conferences

The 25th Annual First There First Care Conference Gathering of Eagles

hosted by the Fire Chiefs Association of Broward County and the Broward County Regional EMS Council, is scheduled June 13-17, 2022, at the Hard Rock Casino and Hotel in Hollywood, FL. This year's theme is "Honoring the Past, Connecting the Present, Developing the Future." For the past two decades, The First There First Care team has brought the latest trends and techniques to pre-hospital EMS and emergency department nurses with CEU's awarded. More information and registration [available here](#).

The 2022 Aging Life Care Association Florida Chapter Conference

is coming up on June 23-25th, 2022 at the Hilton St. Petersburg Bayfront in St. Petersburg. This conference is open to Aging Life Care/geriatric care managers, social workers, nurses, professional guardians, as well as gerontology, nursing and social work students, and healthcare professionals, and is offering 7.5 CEUs. Registration fees start at \$225 for members (and early bird registration expires this Friday, May 13th). More info and registration [available here](#).



Coalition Highlights



Tampa Bay Health & Medical Preparedness Coalition Burn Surge Annex Tabletop Exercise

On June 2nd, representatives from the region's Burn Centers, Trauma Centers, EMS, and Public Health agencies came together to discuss and enhance the Coalition's new Burn Surge Annex.



Last weekend, Sunstar Paramedics staged one of their Ambubuses as a contingency asset at the Sunset Music Fest at Raymond James Stadium! (These buses are previous Coalition projects that have proven to be valuable additions to our regional EMS transportation capability!)



Hurricane Preparedness

Develop an Evacuation Plan



Find out if you live in an evacuation zone

Plan several routes

Have a go bag for supplies

Plan for your pets

Follow evacuation orders if given

weather.gov

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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

TBHMPC2@gmail.com.

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-12pm at the Florida Department of Health in Citrus County, 3700 Sovereign Path in Lecanto. To make an appointment, visit bitly.com/citruscovidvax.

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



◇ 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](#)

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

◇ Polk

⇒ [COVID-19 Vaccination Sites in Polk County](#)- 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the following locations:

- Mondays - Lakeland Health Department, 3241 Lakeland Hills Blvd. in Lakeland;
- Tuesdays & Thursdays - Specialty Care Clinic, 1255 Brice Blvd., Bartow, FL, 33830
- Wednesdays - Auburndale Testing location, 245 E. Lake Ave. in Auburndale;
- 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.

◇ Sumter

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