

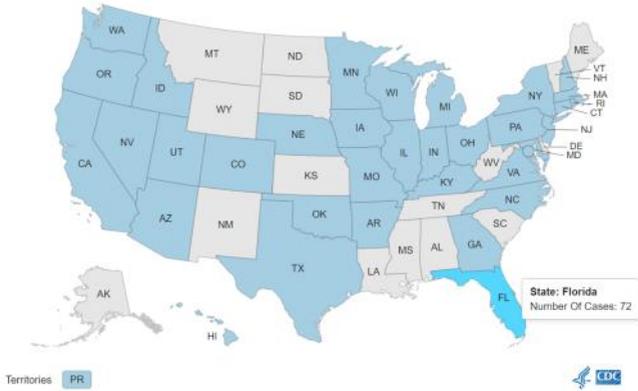
# Currently in the Coalition

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

### Monkeypox Outbreak Update & Resources

Monkeypox is a rare disease caused by infection with the monkeypox virus, similar to the smallpox virus. Monkeypox may cause fever, chills, muscle aches, and fatigue, along with rash and lesions on the skin. It is spread by close contact with an infected individual, and in recent weeks the number of confirmed cases has risen both in Europe and the United States.

#### 2022 U.S. Map & Case Count



On June 28th, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention activated its EOC in response to the monkeypox outbreak. CDC's activation of the EOC allows the agency to further increase operational support for the response to meet the outbreak's evolving challenges.

Globally, early data suggest that gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men make up a high number of monkeypox cases. Last month, CDC [updated and expanded the monkeypox case definition](#) and continues to encourage health care providers to consider testing for all rashes with clinical suspicion for monkeypox. Health care providers who see a patient with a rash that resembles monkeypox or might be more characteristic of more common infections (e.g., varicella zoster, herpes zoster, or syphilis) should carefully evaluate the patient for monkeypox and should consider testing. Anyone who has risk factors for monkeypox, and a new rash should seek care and testing.



Last week, CDC began shipping [orthopoxvirus tests to five commercial laboratory companies](#), including the nation's largest reference laboratories, to quickly increase monkeypox testing capacity and access.

Here are some new and updated resources on this outbreak:

- [CDC/AAMC Resource Guide on Monkeypox](#) for Physicians and Healthcare Providers and the [CDC Director's Dear Colleague Letter from June 23rd](#)
- [Monkeypox Vaccine 101 \(informative blog article\)](#) & [Considerations for Monkeypox Vaccination](#) (CDC)
- The Emory University Serious Communicable Diseases ECHO Program is offering a webinar—The Monkeypox Outbreak: Mitigation on a Global Scale—on Thursday, July 21st from 11am-12pm. [Register here.](#)



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### Upcoming Coalition Meetings

Pasco County Health & Medical Preparedness Coalition:

July 11th

Hardee County ESF-8 Working Group:

July 13th

Pinellas CHAMP:

July 13th

Hernando County ESF-8 Working Group:

July 14th

Hillsborough County Health Care Coalition:

July 21st

Citrus County ESF-8 Working Group:

July 27th

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

# MONKEYPOX UPDATE



As of July 5, **6,924** confirmed or probable monkeypox cases have been identified in **52** countries, including **560** in the US.

**Global Cases**

**6,924**

**US Cases**

**560**



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## Important Info & Updates

### HHS Launches New Pediatric COVID-19 Vaccination Toolkit

The Department of Health and Human Services' public education campaign, [We Can Do This](#), recently launched the [Pediatricians and Family Physicians Toolkit](#) to help physicians increase confidence in and uptake of COVID-19 vaccines among their patients and in the communities they serve. Developed in partnership with the American Academy of Pediatrics, the toolkit includes information from the CDC and new, culturally tailored materials.

Toolkit contents include a sample letter to parents, pediatrician talking points, and posters and flyers for offices and waiting rooms, as well as social media posts and sample text messages. Additional resources about the new authorization can be found on the [We Can Do This site](#).



### CISA, FBI and Treasury Cyber Advisory – North Korean State-Sponsored Cyber Actors Use Maui Ransomware to Target the Healthcare and Public Health Sector

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Department of the Treasury (Treasury) released a [joint Cybersecurity Advisory \(CSA\)](#) with technical details on Maui ransomware, which has been used by North Korean state-sponsored cyber actors since May 2021. Maui ransomware has been used in multiple incidents to encrypt servers responsible for healthcare services, to include electronic health records, diagnostics, imaging, and intranet services, that in some cases caused services to be disrupted.

FBI, CISA, and Treasury assess that North Korean state-sponsored actors are likely to continue targeting HPH Sector organizations, because of the assumption that these organizations are willing to pay ransoms to avoid disruption of the critical life and health services they provide. Organizations are reminded that in September 2021 Treasury [issued an advisory](#) highlighting the sanctions risk associated with ransomware payments and providing steps that can be taken by companies to mitigate risk being a victim of ransomware.

All organizations are encouraged to review the CSA for complete details on this threat and recommended mitigations, including specific mitigations that HPH executives and leaders should implement.

### TBHMPC 2022 Community Hazard Vulnerability Assessment and Gap Analysis Report

We have completed our 2022 Community Hazard Vulnerability Assessment (CHVA) and Resource Gap Analysis (RGA). The report is available on our website, under [TBHMPC Plans & Annexes](#) (login required to view). If you don't have a login, [you can request one here](#) by clicking on "Register". The CHVA/RGA process is an analysis of capacities and capabilities to address a medical surge and is intended to determine resource needs and gaps. The results of the CHVA/RGA will inform the TBHMPC preparedness priorities in planning, training, exercises, and future projects. Our member organizations can benefit by incorporating these results into their plans and exercises.

## Upcoming Trainings & Events

### Cybersecurity Updates and Best Practices for Emergency Cyber Preparedness & Malicious Malware: A Cybersecurity Tabletop Exercise for Healthcare Organizations

We are excited to announce an upcoming training and exercise series for TBHMPC Members and Partners on Cybersecurity in Healthcare and Emergency Response, coming this summer. On July 12<sup>th</sup> from 2pm – 3pm, we will offer a webinar on **Cybersecurity Updates and Best Practices for Emergency Cyber Preparedness**. Cyber-attacks to healthcare organizations are on the rise, and their impacts are wide-ranging – from access to records, to medical devices and telemetry, to communications equipment. This session will address today's cyber security challenges in healthcare (and provide guidance on how to conduct a successful tabletop exercise involving your healthcare leadership team). Next, we will have a regional virtual tabletop - **Malicious Malware: A Cybersecurity Tabletop Exercise for Healthcare Organizations** – on August 2<sup>nd</sup> from 1pm – 4:30pm. This tabletop is designed for healthcare organizations to participate as a TEAM, including their emergency manager, IT manager(s), and organization leadership. (Only one login will be assigned per organization.) Flyers for both the webinar and the tabletop are attached, and links to register are here: [Webinar Registration](#) and [Tabletop Registration](#). So register soon to ensure your spot. [Audience: Any healthcare organization EM, IT, and leadership team]

#### WEBINAR: CYBERSECURITY UPDATES AND BEST PRACTICES FOR EMERGENCY CYBER PREPAREDNESS

Webinar Overview: Cyber-attacks to healthcare organizations are on the rise. Ransomware attacks have caused hospitals to implement their emergency management plans and in some cases, divert patients to other hospitals. Organizations that are prepared with a measured and practiced incident response capability have the best possible means to address and quickly recover from an attack. This session will address today's cyber security challenges in healthcare and provide guidance on how to conduct a successful tabletop exercise involving emergency managers.

DATE: JULY 12, 2022  
TIME: 2:00 PM EST - 3:00 PM EST  
REGISTRATION: PRE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.  
[PLEASE CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)



**Presenter:** Tom Walsh is a Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP) with over 30 years of experience. He is a nationally recognized expert, leader and educator in healthcare information security. Tom serves as the "virtual" information security officer for several healthcare organizations. In addition to numerous articles, he has co-authored four books published by the American Medical Association, American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) and Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS).

Tom Walsh, is the Founder and Managing Partner of tw-Security. Since 2003, tw-Security, LLC, a nationally recognized leader and trusted advisor, has provided information security, privacy, and compliance consulting services. tw-Security has a roster of over 200 diverse customers. Their approach is scalable/tailored to accommodate various healthcare entities, from a small provider to a large health system and start-up business associates to international enterprises



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**Exercise Overview:** This virtual, discussion-based exercise has been designed to focus on consequence management by Emergency Management Personnel and Information Technology staff in response to a cybersecurity incident. This exercise includes an interactive cybersecurity 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 / Improvement Plan, and a certificate of participation. All exercise documents will be emailed one week before the exercise.

**Audience:** Emergency Management Personnel and Information Technology Staff from healthcare organizations within the Tampa Bay Health & Medical Preparedness Coalition.

*Please Note: To participate, organizations must register and participate as an incident command team. Only one login will be permitted per organization.*

**Pre-Registration is Required by July 22, 2022.**  
[Please Click Here to Register Your Organization](#)

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### Virtual Federal Consortia Training for Florida Health Care Coalitions:

- **Psychological Preparedness for Responders - [Thursday, July 14th at 10am - 11am](#) EST.** This class reviews common examples of situations encountered by emergency responders with a tendency to cause stress and/or stress-induced psychological trauma. The audience will gain knowledge of stress disorder causes, signs and symptoms of stress-induced psychological trauma, and multiple coping methods for stress and stress disorders.
- **Hospital Planning for Mass Casualty Incident Surges: Natural Disasters - [Thursday, August 4th at 10am - 11am](#) EST.** This class provides guidance in planning for operational response(s) related to naturally occurring Mass Casualty Incidents (Hurricanes, Tornadoes, Earthquake, etc.) in terms of number and types of casualties, casualty acuity, types of injuries to anticipate staffing, logistical, and surgical needs.

### Hospital Emergency Response Team (HERT) Trainings with BayCare



BayCare is graciously sharing spaces in Hospital Emergency Response Team (HERT) Trainings being offered at their facilities over the next several months. Upcoming training dates include July 11th at Mease Countryside, July 25th at Winter Haven Hospital, and more later in the fall. HERT is the first line of defense for protecting the facility, team members, and patients from hazardous materials. HERT Training is open to both clinical and non-clinical staff who have an interest in responding to incidents and have met the required criteria. Please contact one of the following individuals for more information. Dirk Palmer, [dirk.palmer@baycare.org](mailto:dirk.palmer@baycare.org) (West Region), Patty Cravey, [patricia.cravey@baycare.org](mailto:patricia.cravey@baycare.org) (East Region), or Tim Allen, [timothy.allen@baycare.org](mailto:timothy.allen@baycare.org) (Polk Region).

## Virtual Hospital Emergency Response Team Training for Mass Casualty Incidents (HERT-B)

John Hopkins All Children's Hospital, the Coalition and the Center for Domestic Preparedness are offering a virtual Hospital Emergency Response Team Training for Mass Casualty Incidents (HERT-B) on Thursday, August 4th, 2022. You can [register here!](#)



## Emergency Management Training

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

- [July 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>](#) – G300 – **Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents** in Hillsborough County—5411 Skycenter Drive in Tampa.
- [August 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>](#) – L449 - **Incident Command System (ICS) Curricula Train-the-Trainer** at the Hillsborough County EOC in Tampa

## 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.](#)

## Sunstorm Stories with the National Disability Rights Network (NDRN)

In collaboration with Foundations for Divergent Minds and the John Hopkins Disability Research Center, NDRN is proud to introduce our new initiative, Sunstorm Stories! This upcoming project will continue our efforts to prioritize the pandemic experiences of people of color with Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities. The stories will be featured in a short DocU style video and premiered during a virtual event on July 20th at 2pm aimed at urging medical professionals to meaningfully improve inclusion, enhance access and prevent discriminatory treatment. Join us as Sunstorm storytellers share their experiences, ideas and recommendations for how we can collectively build a more equitable public healthcare system. [Register here.](#)

## Webinars: Respiratory Protection for Workers Without Respiratory Protection Programs

Many workers face inhalation hazards such as wildfire smoke and airborne infectious agents while at work and may lack access to appropriate respiratory protection and guidance on its use if their workplace does not have an established Respiratory Protection Program (RPP). On July 20th from 1:30pm—4pm, join the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine for a discussion with key stakeholders on meeting the respiratory protection needs of workers who are not covered by RPPs. [Register here.](#)

The next webinar in this series will be on July 28th from 1pm—3:30pm on Respiratory Protection for the Public. [Register here.](#)

## Upcoming Conferences

### Florida Health Care Association (FHCA) 2022 Annual Conference and Trade Show will

take place July 31<sup>st</sup> – August 4<sup>th</sup> at the Hyatt Regency Orlando. This signature event features four keynotes and over 60 CE sessions, 250+ exhibits and several networking opportunities. More information and registration [available here.](#)



## Spotlight: Hernando County ESF-8 Working Group

On June 9th, the Hernando County ESF-8 Working Group (the county standing committee for the Coalition) held an in-person meeting at the Florida Department of Health in Hernando County's Spring Hill location, where they had first-hand look at lights, emergency batteries, exercise kits, porta counts, and radios to support emergencies. Many of these were the results of projects submitted to the TBHMPC to enhance preparedness and response capabilities of the health and medical community in Hernando County and the region as a whole!



*Variable message board, battery & AC powered*



*Battery powered lighting kits*



*14 gallon fuel caddy*



*Stop the Bleed: Includes training for staff, a Train-The-trainer class, and hand's-on training kit*



*Table top exercise kits for patient movement, medical surge, and active shooter scenarios. These can be borrowed by individual facilities/organizations to help them do their own exercises! We have these kits at the TBHMPC office for check-out as well!*



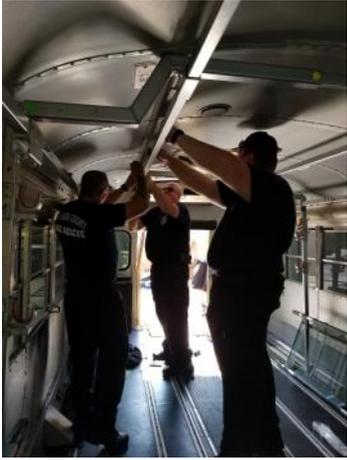
*PortaCount machine to fit test staff for N-95 respirators using qualitative fit testing methods (the gold standard). Hernando has this asset for members to borrow and fit test their own staff! (We have two at the TBHMPC office, too!*



*Battery pack powerful enough to run a refrigerator! (Useful in a power outage scenario!)*



*Hernando County Fire Rescue's Ambubus is capable of transporting 12 people on stretchers or a combination of stretchers and wheelchairs. It has basic life support capability and is a great local and regional resource for potential evacuations and more!*



**HERNANDO COUNTY ESF-8 WORKING GROUP**  
*To enhance health and medical preparedness and response in Hernando County*



**We want to hear from you!** If you would like to share a high-light or best practice from your organization in a future Coalition newsletter or publication, please email it to Turea at

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