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Updates from the Tampa Bay Health & Medical Preparedness Coalition—*January 2023*

2023 Hazards & Healthcare Conference “Resiliency through Preparedness”

Hazards and Healthcare is the greater Tampa Bay region’s annual health care preparedness conference, attended by hundreds of health care professionals and first responders. This is the only conference designed specifically for this community, with a focus on enhancing preparedness efforts at the local level. This year’s conference will take place on March 23rd & 24th at the Sheraton Brandon Tampa Hotel. Registration is open and early bird tickets are on sale for \$125. [Register here.](#)

The theme for this year’s conference is Resiliency through Preparedness, and it has been expanded to two days—a day of training (March 23rd), followed by the main conference (March 24th). The three training tracks are described below.

- 1. Healthcare Emergency Management and Incident Command-** This track will focus on an all-hazards healthcare emergency management, integrating incident command and emergency management principles in the healthcare setting. This track will conclude with a healthcare focused table top exercise.
- 2. Active Shooter/Assailant Preparedness-** This track offers a first-hand account of the response and lessons learned from Pulse Night Club, and other events from around the nation from Special Agent in Charge (ret) Hopper. Registrants of this track will also undergo Stop the Bleed training, and focus on Active Shooter/Assailant plans and a table top exercise.
- 3. Healthcare Emergency Plan Development-** This track offers registrants the opportunity to further develop their organizations Continuity of Operation Plan, and Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan. This track will include examples, templates, development tools, and subject matter experts in these areas.

For the Conference itself, we have developed an excellent line-up of speakers to address timely & important issues in healthcare! This includes keynotes by the inspirational Brett Culp, speaking on **Superhero Leadership in Uncertain Times**, and Dr. Tania Glenn with **Resilience Through Chaos**. The afternoon will include **Emerging Threats in Healthcare**, and an incredibly timely presentation on **Hurricane Ian—Lessons Learned from Lee Health** by Gloria Graham, System Director of Public Safety!

Please visit [the Hazards & Healthcare website](#) for a detailed agenda, training descriptions, speaker bios, and sponsor/vendor information. CEUs will also be available for licensed professionals. [Register here today!](#)



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Upcoming Coalition Meetings

Pinellas CHAMP:
January 6th

Pasco County Health & Medical Coalition:
January 9th

Manatee CHAMP:
January 11th

Citrus County ESF-8 Working Group:
January 18th

Hillsborough County Healthcare Coalition:
January 19th

Hernando County ESF-8 Working Group:
January 27th

Important Info & Updates

2023 Plugged In Series: Mental Fitness

We are excited to announce that the kickoff of the **2023 Plugged In Speaker Series** will be on **Mental Fitness with Loree Draude**, on Thursday, January 19th, 2023 from 1:30pm - 2:30pm via Zoom. We know that mental health is an important issue for everyone, but especially those in the healthcare and first response worlds. In this one-hour webinar, Loree will cover the concept of Mental Fitness and share tools that you can use to help improve your resilience.

Loree Draude was one of the first women to fly combat jets in the U.S. Navy. She deployed twice to the Persian Gulf and accumulated over 300 carrier landings. After completing her naval service, Loree earned her MBA at the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. She spent 20 years in Silicon Valley, leading teams at startups and tech companies, including Google and Facebook. Loree is now an executive coach, leadership trainer and motivational speaker.

[Register Here](#)

The 2023 Plugged In Speaker Series Presents

Mental Fitness:

Improve Performance and Increase Resilience with Loree Draude

Topics include:

- Definition of mental fitness
- How to boost your ability to handle stress
- Tools to increase your resilience

Thursday, January 19th at 1:30pm via Zoom

[Register Here.](#)

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CDC Provides Updates on COVID-19 Therapeutics for Treatment and Prevention

CDC [issued a Health Alert Network \(HAN\) health update](#) to supplement CDC HAN health advisories issued [April 25](#) and [May 24](#) regarding COVID-19 therapeutics. The December 20 update emphasizes to healthcare providers, public health departments, and the public that the majority of Omicron sublineages circulating in the United States have reduced susceptibility to the monoclonal antibody bebtelovimab and the monoclonal antibody combination cilgavimab and tixagevimab (Evusheld™).

Antiviral therapeutics for the treatment of COVID-19, ritonavir-boosted nirmatrelvir (Paxlovid™), remdesivir (Veklury®), and molnupiravir (Lagevrio™), retain activity against currently circulating Omicron sublineages. These medications can prevent severe disease, hospitalization, and death and are widely available but have been underused.

This [HAN health update](#) provides health care professionals, public health officials, and the public with guidance on improving use of therapeutics for treatment of COVID-19 and strategies to prevent serious outcomes of COVID-19.

CDC Provides Pediatric Surge Resources

The following CDC resources have been developed to help address the current response to the pediatric surge in viral respiratory illnesses impacting hospital capacity since the fall of 2022. View the following CDC webpages for the most current Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV), influenza, and COVID-19 surveillance information.

- [Increase in Pediatric Invasive Group A Streptococcal Infections](#)
- [RSV Research and Surveillance](#)
- [Seasonal Flu Surveillance](#)
- [COVID Data Tracker: Pediatric Data](#)



Tampa Bay Health & Medical Preparedness Coalition is now enrolled in the Amazon Smile Program! Please add TBHMPC (WCF) as your designated charity & a small portion of your eligible purchases will be donated to the Coalition (0.5% of every eligible purchase) by Amazon. You may also add the TBHMPC (WCF) as your preferred charity in the Amazon App. There are no extra fees or hidden costs and the donations come from Amazon directly to the TBHMPC (WCF). Here's the link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/20-4507312>.

Upcoming Trainings & Events

Virtual Federal Consortia Training for Florida Health Care Coalitions:

- **Critical Incident Stress Debriefing (CISD): We Need It More Than We Know** – [January 10th from 10am – 12pm](#). Discusses how stress kills people every day, including Police Officers, Firefighters, EMS, and hospital personnel. CISD helps reduce many types of stress by participating in either defusing/debriefing sessions or both following a tragic, traumatic, and sometimes gruesome emergency scene, response, or situation.



Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Development Series

The next webinar in the IPC Development Series is coming up on Tuesday, on January 17th at 1:30pm. The series will cover **Vaccine Preventable Diseases in Long Term Care Facilities** – [Register here](#). This Zoom webinar will be presented by Jacqueline Whitaker, RN, MS, CPHRM, CPHQ, CIC, FAPIC. Jackie is the Infection Prevention & Control Education Specialist for the Florida Department of Health in the greater Tampa Bay region. (The next webinar in this series will focus on Environmental Cleaning & Disinfection on February 21st!)

Tabletop Exercise Opportunity: Containment of Multidrug-Resistant Organisms

The Florida Department of Health's Health Care-Associated Infection (HAI) Prevention Program is presenting a tabletop exercise on January 23rd from 9am—12pm EST at 1002 East Palm Avenue in Tampa, with a virtual option as well. This exercise is intended to prepare facilities in Region 4 for multidrug-resistant organism (MDRO) containment across the continuum of care and to increase the awareness of prevention practices. [Register here](#).



Emergency Management Training

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

- [January 13th—15th](#) or [February 7th—9th](#)—**G-300—Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents** at the Coast Guard Auxiliary Building in St. Petersburg OR at the Polk County Emergency Operations Center in Winter Haven.
- [January 18th & 19th](#) or [February 1st & 2nd](#) – **G-400 – Advanced Incident Command System Command & General Staff: Complex Incidents** at the Polk County Emergency Operations Center in Winter Haven OR at the Pinellas County Emergency Operations Center in Largo.
- [February 14th & 15th](#)—**MGT-319: Medical Countermeasures: Points of Dispensing (POD), Planning and Response** at the Pasco County Emergency Operations Center in New Port Richey.

Free Webinars from All Clear Emergency Management Group

- **Safely Exercising Your Active Threat Plan** on Wednesday, January 11th at 2pm EST. Because active threat situations tend to be unpredictable and can evolve quickly, it is critical that your staff have the proper education and training to better prepare them for responding to the incident. Join us for a short webinar that outlines best practices for SAFELY training, drilling, and exercising your active threat plan. [Register here](#).
- **An Introduction to the Incident Command System** on Thursday, February 23rd at 4pm EST. Join All Clear Emergency Management Group to better understand the practical implementation of the Incident Command System in a healthcare setting. This webinar will provide healthcare organizations of all sizes and experience levels with a few tools to advance their emergency preparedness and response capabilities. [Register here](#).



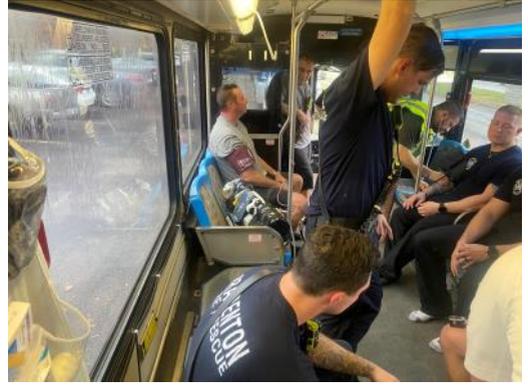
Free Public Cybersecurity Courses from CISA

The Federal Virtual Training Environment (Fed VTE) provides cybersecurity courses free of charge and without login requirements. You must use a modern browser (Edge, Chrome, Firefox) and have cookies enabled to track your progress in these courses. Classes include Coding, Cyberessentials, Foundations of Cybersecurity for Managers, Don't Wake Up to a Ransomware Attack and more! To find the full list of available courses, click on [Fed VTE Public Courses](#).



Coalition Highlights

Manatee County Public Safety - Our Manatee County EMS team and Rapid Activation Patient Treatment or Rehab (RAPTOR) bus provided rehabilitation for those fighting the fire at the Carlton Arms structure fire yesterday afternoon. The bus allows EMS to treat multiple patients and provide a place for firefighters to get a much needed break from the heat, rehydrate, and check vital signs.



BayCare Earns National Recognition for Excellent Patient Experience



BayCare Health System is the proud recipient of seven 2022 Press Ganey Human Experience awards. These awards are part of Press Ganey's annual ranking of the top hospitals and health systems in the country, according to performance in patient experience.

Press Ganey annually surveys patients of over 41,000 health care facilities throughout the U.S., asking them questions about overall safety, quality, and experience of care. As a winner, BayCare is in the top 5% of healthcare providers in delivering patient experience in the last year.

BayCare's ambulatory division won six of the seven awards. Winning the "Guardian of Excellence - Patient Experience" awards, given to locations that have reached the 95th percentile for patient experience, were South Tampa Lab Patient Service Centers, Carillon Imaging, Hampton Lakes Imaging, St. Anthony's Medical Arts Lab Patient Service Centers, and Mease Dunedin Lab Patient Service Centers.

Additionally, BayCare's Hampton Lakes Imaging location was recognized for sustained excellence for three years in a row, claiming the "Pinnacle of Excellence - Patient Experience" award.

Mease Countryside Hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) also won a Guardian of Excellence award for patient experience.

"This prestigious recognition demonstrates BayCare's commitment to our mission: providing high quality, compassionate care to all we serve," said Stephanie Conners, president and CEO of BayCare. "I'm immensely proud of how dedicated our teams are in ensuring that our patients feel welcome, safe, and supported when they need us most."

"By putting their patients and workforce first each and every day, BayCare is demonstrating its unwavering commitment to their employees and to the communities they serve," said Patrick T. Ryan, chairman and chief executive officer, Press Ganey. "The caregivers at BayCare have inspired us with the compassion, empathy and human connection they bring to the clinical healthcare setting. We are honored to partner with them as we celebrate their achievement."

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