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

May is Mental Health Awareness Month!

While our awareness shouldn't be limited to just May, this month is Mental Health Awareness Month. This year, the National Alliance on Mental Health (NAMI) is celebrating with the More Than Enough campaign!

It's an opportunity for all of us to come together and remember the inherent value we each hold — no matter our diagnosis, appearance, socioeconomic status, background or ability. We want every person out there to know that if all you did was wake up today, that's more than enough. No matter what, you are inherently worthy of more than enough life, love and healing. Showing up, just as you are, for yourself and the people around you is more than enough.



Tampa Bay Health & Medical Preparedness Coalition

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Upcoming Coalition Meetings

Pinellas County CHAMP:

May 5th

Pasco County Health

& Medical Coalition:

May 8th

Hernando County ESF-8

Working Group:

May 11th

Hillsborough County Health

Coalition:

May 18th

Manatee County CHAMP:

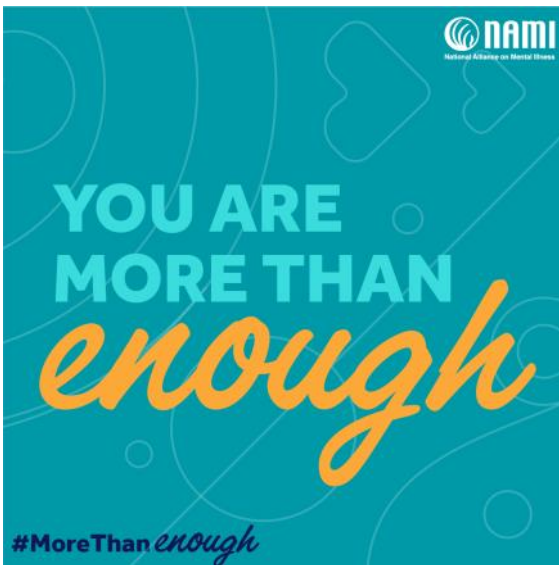
May 24th

Citrus County ESF-8

Working Group:

May 31st

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



This campaign includes resources that you can use to promote positive mental health within your organizations and patient/client populations. We encourage all of our members and partners to join the Coalition in promoting Mental Health Awareness throughout May. NAMI has provided graphics, social media posts, and resources [here, on their website](#), for us to use to get the word out.

FIRST RESPONDER



Another great resource that we want to share is the First Responder Hope Line! The Hope Line works to ensure that our community's first responders have access to a lifeline of support, allowing you to speak confidentially with trained specialists anytime. You may put others' lives first, but you can still make your mental health a priority. Because saving lives starts with your own. Call 1-866-4FL-HERO and learn more at LastToAsk.com. (P.S. Healthcare workers are responders, too. Please use this info if you need help.)

Upcoming Trainings & Events

Continuity of Operations (COOP) Workshop

Join us on Tuesday, May 23rd from 9am – 4pm via Zoom to get to work developing YOUR Continuity of Operations (COOP) Plans with the BOLDPlanning COOP Platform. Participants in this workshop will create the bulk of their new and improved COOP plan during the workshop. (All registrants must complete 4 spreadsheet templates prior to May 15th, to allow for the creation of an account for their organization. Templates can be found [here](#).) [Click here to register](#).



DLX Shelter Training Course for ASAP-18 Shelters

TBHMPC will be hosting three (3) offerings of the DLX Shelter Training Course for ASAP-18 Shelters at our office – 7400 Bryan Dairy Road, Suite 350, in Largo on the following dates – May 25th from 9am-12pm, May 25th from 1pm-4pm, or June 9th from 9am-12pm. This hands-on course will cover shelter deployment, teardown, accessories and much more! [Register here](#). *Note: this course is for coalition members & partners that have ASAP-18 shelter systems.*



HICS: Hospital Incident Command System

TBHMPC will be offering an 8-hour HICS: Hospital Incident Command System course, put on EREC, on Wednesday, May 31st from 8am—5pm at the People Development Institute at Tampa General Hospital. This class is for individuals who will play a Command or General Staff role in their facility's HICS structure. There are a limited number of seats available, so please register soon for this class! [Register here](#).

Hospital Emergency Response Team Courses with BayCare

Baycare has graciously offered up seats in their Hospital Emergency Response Team (HERT) courses to other hospitals in the region.

These are 8-hour courses that include Hospital Incident Command System (HICS), HERT Team basics, mass casualty triage, PPE selection, decontamination and more! The next dates are May 5th at St. Joseph's South, May 16th at South Florida Baptist, and May 25th at St. Joseph's Main. [Click here for info on how register](#).



Emory University Special Pathogens Training Class for Frontline Hospital Workers, consisting of both didactic and hands-on training, is taking place on May 16th at the Hotel Indigo in Gainesville, and still has space available! There is no cost for this class, which is one of only eight being offered in the Southeast U.S. (Travel expenses are the responsibility of the sending agency.) Enhance your readiness to safely identify and isolate a patient with a suspected or confirmed special pathogen and inform appropriate officials while providing necessary patient care. [Get more info and register here!](#)

Polk County Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) Tabletop Exercise

Polk County Emergency Management will be hosting a discussion-based Continuity of Operations Tabletop Exercise on Wednesday, May 17th from 12pm—5pm at the Polk County EOC, 18900 Jim Keene Blvd., Winter Haven, FL 33880. Target audience is personnel from any agency (public or private sector, including healthcare organizations!) located in/operating in Polk County that are responsible for continuity policies, procedures and related roles. [Register Here](#).

Emergency Management Training

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

- G-400 **Advanced Incident Command System Command & General Staff**— May 15th-16th at Citrus EOC [Register here](#).
- AWR-414-V – **Creating Economic Resilience: A Whole Community Approach: Multiple Online Offerings** – May 19th from 1pm – 3pm, and June 20th from 1pm – 3pm. [Register here](#).
- G-300 **Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents**—May 23rd—May 25th at the Sumter County Public Safety Center. [Register here](#).
- G-2300 **Intermediate Incident Command Center Functions**—May 17th—19th at the Manatee County EOC. [Register here](#). OR May 31st—June 2nd at the Hillsborough County PSOC. [Register here](#).

Free Webinars from All Clear Emergency Group

- **Strengthening Your Risk Assessment on May 18, 2023 at 2:00pm EST.** A thorough risk assessment is the cornerstone of any Emergency Management Program. This process can help identify your hazards, evaluate the associated impact to your organization, and help prioritize where to spend your time and energy. Join All Clear for a FREE 30-minute webinar as we discuss ways to strengthen your risk assessment. [Register Here.](#)



Exercise Highlights

Outage Odyssey: 2023 TBHMPC Full-Scale Mass Casualty Exercise

Our first annual Coalition-wide Mass Casualty Exercise took place last Thursday, April 27th, 2023 at hospitals and other healthcare & response organizations across the Tampa Bay region. Organizations participated at a variety of levels, but many hospitals exercised at a full-scale level, welcoming volunteer “victims” to help them exercise their medical surge and decontamination plans in a realistic way! Here are a few photos that we’ve received from the exercise at St. Joseph’s Hospital—South. If you have pictures you’d like to share with us from the exercise, please send them to Hunter.Zager@TampaBayHMPC.org.



A big thanks to the **Florida Department of Health in Hillsborough County**, for allowing us to expand their annual Medical Surge Exercise to create this regional Mass Casualty Exercise. Their time & expertise made this exercise possible! We are excited to have started this new annual tradition with them.

Coalition Highlights



On April 12th, Sunstar EMS participated in the annual Pinellas Park High School Disaster Day, which is focused on the high school seniors who are enrolled in the 1st Responder Program. Each year the seniors will plan out the scenario, and fill the positions of Incident Commander, Operations, Hazmat, Medical Branch, Treatment and Transport. Local 1st Responders within the community will participate and work with the high school seniors in their assigned position for the day, helping them facilitate a successful disaster drill. Sunstar EMS has been participating in the Pinellas Park High School Disaster Day Drill for several years and is happy to be a part of helping the Pinellas Park High School 1st Responder program and their continued success each year.



Sunstar also brought one of their three ambulances over to the 2023 Hazards & Healthcare Conference, and staged one at last weekend's St. Anthony's Triathlon!





Six representatives from the TBHMPC staff and Board of Directors traveled to Savannah, GA last month to attend the **Emergency Management Association of Georgia's Annual Conference**. Franklin Riddle presented on Erasing Boundaries: The Importance of Collaboration and all attended sessions on a variety of relevant topics! We will be sharing info from this conference in our county-level Coalition meetings in the months to come!

