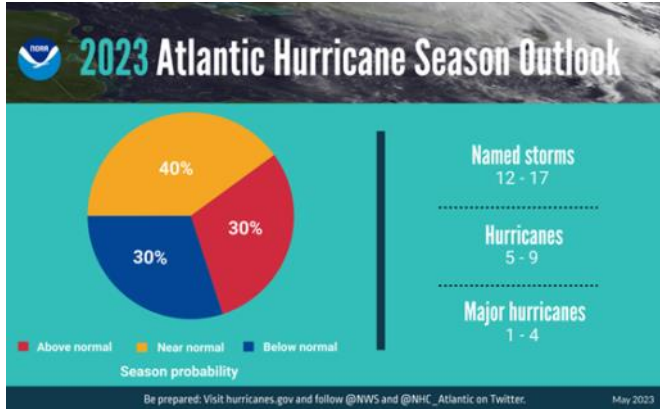


# Currently in the Coalition

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

## The 2023 Hurricane Season is Here!


Welcome to June! Hurricane season is upon us again, and we've already seen activity quite near Florida (hello Tropical Storm Arlene!). The [forecasts are out](#), but we all know that whether we have an above or below average season, IT ONLY TAKES ONE STORM to have potentially devastating impacts, if it comes our way.



The beginning of hurricane season means hurricane expos, sales tax holidays and making sure you have your preparedness plans in place. Here at TBHMPC, we are kicking off this hurricane season with our last *Plugged In* Speaker Series Webinar of the year. Join us on **Tuesday, June 13th at 1:30pm** for **Plugged In: Understanding Ian's Impacts to Better Prepare for the Next Hurricane with Dan Noah, Warning Coordination Meteorologist, National Weather Service Tampa Bay**. This topic is applicable to all Coalition members and partners - so feel free to share it with your colleagues anywhere in Florida! [Register here](#).

The 2023 Plugged In Series Presents  
**UNDERSTANDING IAN'S IMPACTS TO BETTER PREPARE FOR THE NEXT HURRICANE**  
with Dan Noah, National Weather Service

Join us on Zoom on **Tuesday, June 13th at 1:30pm** to learn more about the lessons learned from Hurricane Ian that can prepare us for this hurricane season!

 **REGISTER HERE**

Questions? Contact Hunter Zager at [Hunter.Zager@TampaBayHMPC.org](mailto:Hunter.Zager@TampaBayHMPC.org).



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## Upcoming Coalition Meetings

Pinellas CHAMP:  
June 2nd

Hernando County ESF-8  
Working Group:  
June 8th

Pasco County Health  
& Medical Coalition:  
June 12th

Hardee County Health Care  
Coalition:  
June 14th

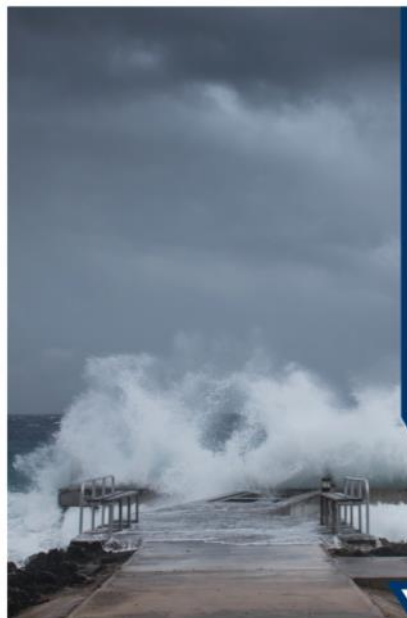
Citrus County ESF-8  
Working Group:  
June 8th

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

# Important Info & Updates

## 2023 Florida Disaster Preparedness Tax Holiday

The first 2023 Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday begins on Saturday, May 27, 2023, and ends on Friday, June 9, 2023. A second Disaster Preparedness Holiday begins on Saturday, August 26, 2023, and ends on Friday, September 8, 2023. More info is available [here](#).



## Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday

- \$10 or less**
  - Dog or cat food if sold individually or the equivalent if sold in a box or case
- \$15 or less**
  - Manual can openers
  - Collapsible or travel-sized food or water bowls for pets
  - Cat litter pans
  - Pet waste disposal bags
  - Hamster or rabbit substrate
- \$20 or less**
  - Reusable ice
  - Leashes, collars, and muzzles for pets
  - Pet pads
- \$25 or less**
  - Cat litter weighing 25 or fewer pounds
- \$30 or less**
  - Laundry detergent and supplies: powder, liquid, or pod detergent; fabric softener; dryer sheets; stain removers; bleach
  - Toilet paper, paper towels, paper napkins and tissues, facial tissues
  - Hand soap, bar soap, and body wash, sunscreen and sunblock
  - Dish soap and detergents, including powder, liquid, or pod detergents or rinse agents that can be used in dishwashers
  - Cleaning or disinfecting wipes and sprays, hand sanitizer
  - Trash bags
- \$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, listed sizes only: 0 Ah-cell, AAA-cell, C-cell, D-cell, 6-volt, 9-volt
- \$60 or less**
  - Nonelectric food storage coolers
  - Portable power banks
- \$70 or less**
  - Smoke detectors or smoke alarms
  - Fire extinguishers
  - Carbon monoxide detectors
- \$100 or less**
  - Tarpaulins or other flexible waterproof sheeting
  - Ground anchor systems
  - Portable pet kennels or pet carriers
  - Dog or cat food weighing 50 or fewer pounds
  - Over-the-counter pet medications
- \$3,000 or less**
  - Portable generators used to provide light or communications or to preserve food in a power outage

May 27-June 9, 2023  
August 26-September 8, 2023  
Visit [floridarevenue.com/DisasterPrep](http://floridarevenue.com/DisasterPrep)



## TBHMPC Tropical Weather Planning Resources

For additional information and resources, please visit the [Tampa Bay Health & Medical Preparedness Coalition Tropical Weather](#) page. Below are a few resources you will find:

- County 2023 Hurricane Preparedness Guides (& EM Websites for inland counties)
  - [Citrus](#)
  - [Pasco](#)
  - [Hardee](#)
  - [Pinellas](#)
  - [Hernando](#)
  - [Polk](#)
  - [Hillsborough](#)
  - [Sumter](#)
  - [Manatee](#)
- [Ready.gov Family Plans](#)
- [Know Your Zone, Know Your Home](#)

### ✓ 12 WAYS TO PREPARE

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Sign up for Alerts and Warnings	Make a Plan	Save for a Rainy Day	Practice Emergency Drills	Test Family Communication Plan	Safeguard Documents
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Plan with Neighbors	Make Your Home Safer	Know Evacuation Routes	Assemble or Update Supplies	Get Involved in Your Community	Document and Insure Property

## Hurricane Preparedness

# DEVELOP AN EVACUATION PLAN

Find out today if you live in a hurricane evacuation zone and identify trusted sources for receiving evacuation orders. Plan for multiple options on where to go and how to get there. Have a go bag for supplies and a plan for your pets. Be prepared to leave immediately if ordered to evacuate.

- Find out if you live in an evacuation zone
- Have a go bag for supplies
- Follow evacuation orders if given

- Plan several routes
- Plan for your pets

[weather.gov/hurricane](http://weather.gov/hurricane)

## Upcoming Trainings & Events

### CISA Active Shooter Preparedness Webinar

The Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) has scheduled an active shooter preparedness webinar for 1:00 p.m. June 8 to help employers prepare workers for a potential active shooter event. Because active shooter incidents are unpredictable and evolve quickly, preparing for and knowing what to do in an active shooter situation can be the difference between life and death. Every second counts. [Click on this link](#) for more information and registration. Note that registration closes at Noon on January 7th.

### DLX Shelter Training Course for ASAP-18 Shelters

TBHMPC will be hosting a **DLX Shelter Training Course for ASAP-18 Shelters** at our office – 7400 Bryan Dairy Road, Suite 350, in Largo on June 7<sup>th</sup> 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 and partners that have or will have an ASAP-18 shelter system.*



### Plugged In: Understanding Ian's Impacts to Better Prepare for the Next Hurricane

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### Emergency Management Training

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



[FloridaDisaster.org](http://FloridaDisaster.org)  
Florida State Emergency Response Team

- **G-400 Advanced Incident Command System Command & General Staff**— June 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> at Polk EOC - [Register here](#) AND June 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> at Pasco EOC - [Register here](#)
- **AWR-414-V – Creating Economic Resilience: A Whole Community Approach: Multiple Online Offerings** – June 20<sup>th</sup> from 1pm – 3pm. [Register here](#).
- **G-300 Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents**—June 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> at Citrus EOC - [Register here](#)

### June is Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month

Alzheimer's and dementia don't come with an instruction manual, but there are resources available to help. Use these free education programs to learn more about what to expect and how to prepare for the future. Programs for caregivers:

- [Dementia Conversations: Driving, Doctor Visits, Legal & Financial Planning](#) — Learn to have honest and caring conversations about common concerns when someone begins to show signs of dementia.
- [Effective Communication Strategies](#) — Learn to decode the verbal and behavioral messages delivered by someone with dementia, and identify strategies to help you connect and communicate at each stage of the disease.
- [Understanding and Responding to Dementia-Related Behavior](#) — Learn about some of the common triggers for behaviors associated with dementia, how to assess the person's needs, and how to intervene effectively in this educational training program for non-professional caregivers.

# ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION®



**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](mailto:TBHMPC2@gmail.com).



## Coalition Highlights



### Radiation Surge Annex Tabletop Exercise

Coalition members and partners came together to participate in a virtual Statewide Radiation Surge Tabletop Exercise on Wednesday, May 17th, in conjunction with all Florida Health Care Coalitions. We had great discussions on how we can improve our preparedness for a medical surge incident with a radiological twist!



### DLX Shelter Training

TBHMPC held hands-on training on the DLX ASAP-18 Shelter System on May 25th at the Coalition Warehouse. Participants gained experience packing and unpacking the shelters, setting them up, installing interior components, and demobilizing them. An additional training on these systems is being held [on June 7th](#), for those organizations with this type of shelter/tent system.



### Hospital Incident Command System (HICS)

TBHMPC hosted a Hospital Incident Command System class at Tampa General Hospital with Emergency Response Educators and Consultants, Inc. We had folks from hospitals all around Tampa Bay learn how they can more effectively respond to disasters.







# Highlights from National EMS Week

Thank you to all of our EMS Partners!



  
**EMS WEEK**  
Where  
Emergency Care  
Begins  
May 21-27, 2023

