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

National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM)

As the start of the 2023-2024 school year is just around the corner, the Tampa Bay Health & Medical Preparedness Coalition is happy to promote National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM)! NIAM is an annual observance held in August to highlight the importance of routine vaccination for people of all ages. Communities across the country use the month each year to raise awareness about the important role vaccines play in preventing serious, sometimes deadly, diseases across the lifespan.

CDC develops immunization materials our partners can use in outreach and education efforts during NIAM and throughout the year. You can find CDC promotional and educational resources for every audience, from pregnant women to young children to adolescents to adults, on CDC's website for [immunization partners](#).

Check with your [state or local health department](#) to see if they have additional immunization resources you can use during NIAM or plans to celebrate the month.

Use these resources to help you discuss routine vaccinations with your patients and parents during NIAM and throughout the year.

- Engage in learning opportunities with CDC's [Immunization Education and Training](#) courses.
- Make your practice a supportive space that welcomes [vaccine questions and concerns](#) from patients and parents.
- Use [proven strategies](#) to encourage parents and patients to stay up to date on vaccinations.
- Make [immunization schedules](#) easy for parents and patients to find by displaying them [on your website](#).
- Use tools like [PneumoRecs VaxAdvisor Mobile App](#) to help you make vaccine recommendations.
- Share clear and accurate information about the latest vaccine recommendations, including [COVID-19 vaccines](#).



National Immunization Awareness Month



Tampa Bay Health & Medical Preparedness Coalition

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Upcoming Coalition Meetings

Pinellas CHAMP:
August 4th

Hardee County Health Care Coalition:
August 9th

Hernando County ESF-8 Working Group:
August 10th

Pasco County Health & Medical Coalition:
August 14th

Sumter County ESF-8 WG:
August 17th

Citrus County ESF-8 Working Group:
August 27th

Important Info & Updates

National Disaster Medical System (NDMS) Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Update

The National Disaster Medical System is updating its Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with hospitals/healthcare systems in our region. We have [posted in our Resource Library](#) the updated agreement (already signed by the VA/DoD), ready for signature by hospitals. In addition, there is information on what has been updated, a presentation explaining Federal Coordinating Centers and why signing this agreement is important, a summary of changes and a Q & A document—all you could want to know about the MOA!

In a nutshell, here is what your hospital is agreeing to when they sign the MOA—as appropriate and based on your resources and availability:

- Participate in scheduled FCC Exercises (If Asked)
- Report the number of its available, equipped, and staffed beds (i.e., medical-surgical, critical care, pediatric, burn, psychiatry, pediatric intensive care unit and negative pressure/isolation)
- Admission, treatment, and discharge of NDMS federal patient(s), and/or transfer to secondary healthcare facilities as medically necessary.
- Sanitize and track any NDMS federal patient’s medical equipment, referred to as “patient movement items” (PMI) in accordance with local infection control guidelines and facility protocol before releasing the PMI to the designated personnel.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Darryl Stevenson at Darryl.Stevenson@va.gov or 813.893.1816.

Attention Hospital Partners—Research Participation Opportunity

Courtney Connor with Baptist Health in Jacksonville is conducting research on hospital preparedness, as part of her PhD studies. She is looking for individuals in charge of EM for his/her campus and/or CEOs from a variety of hospitals from across Florida to participate in a survey to gather information. If you are interested in participating, please read further for more info and contact Courtney at cc3134@mynsu.nova.edu.

Topic: A grounded theory of the systemic conflict underlying a healthcare standard of preparedness for Florida hospitals. The goal is to interview 32 hospitals: 28 participants in charge of EM for his/her campus (minimum of 1 year experience) and 4 CEOs (1 CEO from each hospital type). Participation is completely anonymous and will consist of a 90–120-minute virtual recorded interview.

Purpose of Study: To identify the driving factors that could influence a healthcare standard of preparedness for Florida hospitals (i.e., the duty a hospital owes its patients, staff, and visitors to prepare for disasters), and determine how these factors help inform the development of this standard. Presently, there is no standard of care for healthcare disaster preparedness.

Anticipated benefits of research to hospitals: (1) reduce litigation and settlement values for cases involving allegations of failing to plan or negligent disaster preparedness, (2) save money on costs for preparedness, and (3) identify when enough disaster preparedness is reasonably enough.

Upcoming Trainings & Events

Hospital Emergency Response Team (HERT) Classes

We have HERT classes being offered through Johns Hopkins All Children’s Hospital (JHACH) and Baycare in the coming months. See below for registration info and/or who to contact!

- August 18th at JHACH from 9am—5pm. [Register here.](#)
- September 2nd at Morton Plant Hospital. Email Dirk.Palmer@baycare.org to sign up.
- September 14th at St. Anthony’s Hospital. Email Ryan.Becker-Sikes@baycare.org to sign up.
- October 12th at AdventHealth Tampa from 9am—5pm. [Register here.](#)
- October 13th at JHACH from 9am—5pm. [Register here.](#)

Emergency Management Training

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

- G-300 Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents
 - [Monday, Aug 07, 2023 - Wednesday, Aug 09, 2023](#)- USF, 4202 E. Fowler Ave, Tampa 33620
 - [Tuesday, Aug 15, 2023 - Thursday, Aug 17, 2023](#)- Pinellas County Public Safety Complex, 10750 Ulmerton Road, Largo 33778
 - [Tuesday, Aug 29, 2023 - Thursday, Aug 31, 2023](#)- Polk County EOC, 1890 Jim Keene Blvd., Winter Haven 33830
- G-400 Advanced Incident Command System Command & General Staff
 - [Thursday, Aug 10, 2023 - Friday, Aug 11, 2023](#)- Hillsborough County PSOC, 9450 E Columbus Drive, Tampa 33619

Florida Healthcare Coalitions & The Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP)

The following Virtual Trainings are available to any Coalition member/partner in Florida!

- [August 22nd from 10am - 11am](#): The Effective Use of Social and Traditional Media during Emergencies (OLS-V8)
- [September 19th from 10am - 11am](#) (Full but more seats may be opening soon) OR [September 21st from 1pm—3pm](#): Healthcare Facility Patient Evacuation Planning and Preparedness (HCV12).
- [October 17th from 10am - 12pm](#): Medical Surge Management (HCV4)
- [November 14th from 10am - 11:30am](#): Crisis Standards of Care and Treatment Decision Making (HCV1)
- [December 12th from 10am - 1pm](#): Healthcare Facility Emergency Management Program (HCV6)



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CyberSecureFlorida Training for Public Employees!

This training initiative has stemmed from Florida Legislation HB5001, Section 2944B, which directs Cyber Florida “to conduct cybersecurity training for state and local government executive, managerial, technical, and general staff.” Every employee has a role to play in preventing cyber-crime, and this effort aims to make Florida’s public sector workforce the most cyber-ready in the nation! [Click here](#) for more info.



Visit cybersecureflorida.org/training to view courses and register!

Options tailored for all skill levels and job roles:

- General cybersecurity awareness for office staff
- Technical certification training for IT/cyber personnel
- Risk management, incident response, policy, and governance courses for executives and managers
- Each course provides a digital badge certifying completion

Program partners offering approved courses:



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state-funded
cybersecurity
awareness
education &
technical
training for the
public-sector

Courses are free and open to ALL state and local government employees, including

- State government
- County government
- Municipal government
- Law enforcement
- State University System
- Florida College System
- Public School Districts

Coalition Highlights

Earlier this month, Citrus County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) Emergency Management Coordinator Lane Schneider completed his Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Advanced Professional Series (APS) coursework. The APS provides emergency managers and first responders with numerous practical skills relating to disaster operations, emergency management, and coordination. These vital skills are established through over 140 hours of "how-to" training focused on practical information.



Lane began his career with CCSO's Emergency Management Division in 2021 as the Emergency Management Coordinator. This position entails developing and maintaining emergency management plans for Citrus County, monitoring severe weather or hazardous conditions, and coordinating response and recovery plans for natural, manmade, and technological events. When not working on an active emergency situation, Lane conducts training exercises for CCSO and county partners, manages the AlertCitrus program, and administrates the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).



Kevin & Ashlyn represented our organization at the vibrant Hampton Community Event on July 19th! They shared information about our Emergency Preparedness Program ahead of the peak hurricane season in September, prioritizing community readiness and support. They met numerous residents, emphasizing CILNCF's willingness to lend a hand whenever needed, fostering a stronger, more resilient community. The event featured a mobile food pantry, resources, giveaways, and health screenings, showcasing heartwarming community support. We are incredibly grateful for the event's success! Thank you City of Hampton for their warm welcome and look forward to continuing positive impact in our communities.

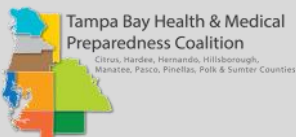


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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM

HAMPTON COMMUNITY EVENT



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.



Local 7th and 8th grade students explored nursing and other health care careers at **BayCare's Mease Dunedin Hospital** recently during Diane Rauch Camp Nurse Jr. Over three days, the group was immersed in a variety of hands-on experiences, from CPR training to touching a pig's lungs to performing a mock laparoscopic procedure on a fake patient in the hospital's OR. Learning is fun!

<https://bddy.me/3YhFmy4>



Lakewood Ranch Medical Center

Lakewood Ranch Medical Center would like to recognize their Education Department for hosting another lively educational Skills Fair where clinical employees learned best practices as they visited different stations. The fair focused on a variety of topics, including resuscitation, pharmaceutical waste, and how to perform safe patient transfers utilizing available equipment. This training ensures staff skills are sharp and up-to-date as they provide exceptional care to patients.

