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Cybersecurity Awareness Month: CISA Spotlight Webinars

This October during the 20th annual Cybersecurity Awareness Month, the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), the National Cybersecurity Alliance (NCA), and many partners and champions, will be encouraging actions we can all take to stay safe online. Expanding cybersecurity awareness of the simple steps we can all take to protect ourselves when digitally connected is critical for individuals, small business and organizations. During Cybersecurity Awareness Month, toolkits, resources, and recommended actions to reduce potential cyber threats will be provided by CISA and NCA, along with best practices to reduce risks from those threats and increase digital and online safety.

Each week in October, CISA will spotlight one of the [four key behaviors](#) we encourage all to take now to protect ourselves online— using strong passwords and a password manager; enabling multifactor authentication; recognizing and reporting phishing; and frequently updating software. Engage with cybersecurity experts to learn more about these actions through CISA's webinar series, as we take a deeper dive into why we need to take these actions now.

Please join the conversation and collaborate with us to improve digital safety habits and bolster cybersecurity. [Register for the webinars now!](#)

- [How to Create Stronger Passwords and Debunking Myths About Password Managers](#) - October 3, 2023, 2:00pm-2:30pm ET. Use passwords that are long, unique, and randomly generated. Use password managers to generate and remember different, complex passwords for each of our accounts, encrypt your passwords, and secure our passwords.
- [The Importance of Multifactor Authentication](#) - October 10, 2023 | 2:00pm-2:30pm ET. We need more than just a password to protect our online accounts; enabling MFA makes us significantly less likely to get hacked.
- [How to Recognize and Report Phishing](#) - October 17, 2023 | 2:00pm-2:30pm ET. If a link looks a little off, think before you click. It could be an attempt to get sensitive information or install malware.
- [Keeping Software Up to Date](#) - October 24, 2023 | 12:00pm-12:30pm ET. Don't delay – when we see a software update notification, act promptly. Better yet, turn on automatic updates.



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Upcoming Coalition Meetings

Pinellas CHAMP:
October 6th

Hardee County Coalition Meeting: October 10th

Hernando County ESF-8 Working Group:
October 12th

Sumter County ESF-8 Working Group:
October 19th

Citrus County ESF-8 WG:
October 25th

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



Important Info & Updates

DHS/CISA: Releases Security Planning Workbook

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) is pleased to announce the release of a new resource titled, [Security Planning Workbook](#), which can assist critical infrastructure owners and operators with developing a foundational security plan. This workbook is designed to be flexible and scalable to suit the needs of most facilities. It is intended for any individual who is involved with an organization's security planning efforts, including those with varying degrees of security expertise, who are charged with the safety and security of facilities and people. This product also provides descriptions of critical elements of security planning information, offers a multitude of resources, and includes fillable fields to guide stakeholder efforts.



For more information and to access this workbook, visit: <https://www.cisa.gov/resources-tools/resources/security-planning-workbook>

Biden-Harris Administration Awards \$600 Million to Bolster U.S. Manufacturing of COVID-19 Tests and Announces the Re-Opening of COVIDTests.gov

HHS, through ASPR, is announcing an investment of \$600 million across 12 domestic COVID-19 test manufacturers and the reopening of COVIDTests.gov to deliver COVID-19 tests for free to households across the country. Each residence can order 4 free at-home tests with free delivery via USPS.

- Limit of one order per residential address
- One order includes #4 individual rapid antigen COVID-19 tests ([COVIDTests.gov](#) has more details about at-home tests, including extended shelf life and updated expiration dates)
- Orders will ship free starting the week of October 2, 2023



These critical investments in U.S. manufacturing will improve preparedness for COVID-19 and other pandemic threats of the future, strengthen the nation's capacity to manufacture tests, and secure approximately 200 million new over-the-counter COVID-19 tests for future federal government use. Read the [full press release](#) from HHS and CMS.

FEPA Offers Health Care Emergency Management Certifications!

Did you know that the Florida Emergency Preparedness Association offers two levels of certifications for professionals in Health Care Emergency Management? They offer the FPEM-HC and the FAEM-HC, applications for which are due on November 30th of each year. Details about these certifications are as follows:

- Florida Professional Emergency Manager—Health Care: This certification recognizes devoted experienced Emergency Managers who possess advanced and diverse knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform effectively within a comprehensive Emergency Management program. In addition, they possess advanced knowledge, skills and abilities to perform effectively within a comprehensive realm of a health care emergency management program.
- Florida Associate Emergency Manager—Health Care: This certification recognizes devoted individuals who possess the knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform effectively within a comprehensive Emergency Management program or within a profession directly related to or in support of a comprehensive Emergency Management program. In addition, they possess advanced knowledge, skills and abilities to perform effectively within a comprehensive realm of a health care emergency management program.

If you'd like more info on these certifications, visit FEPA's Website Certification page—<https://www.fepa.org/certification>.



Upcoming Trainings & Events

Continuity of Operations (COOP) Workshop

Our next **Continuity of Operations (COOP) Workshop** with BOLDPlanning will be on Tuesday, **October 3rd from 1pm – 4pm** via Zoom. Participants in this workshop will create the bulk of their new and improved COOP plan during the workshop. (All registrants need to complete 4 spreadsheet templates ASAP, to allow for the creation of an account for their organization. Templates can be found [here.](#)) [Register here](#)

N-95 Fit Testing Train-the-Trainer for Healthcare Classes

- **Friday, October 13th from 9:30am - 1:30pm** at St. Joseph's Hospital, 3001 W MLK Jr Blvd, Tampa, FL 33607 - [Register here.](#) (Class is full, but the waiting list is open. Let us know if you are interested, so we can bring additional classes in the coming months.)

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!

- October 12th at AdventHealth Tampa from 9am—5pm. [Register here.](#)
- October 13th at JHACH from 9am—5pm. [Register here.](#)
- October 27th at Morton Plant North Bay Hospital BECR Classrooms 1 & 2 from 8am-5pm. For more Information contact dirk.palmer@baycare.org

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

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

- [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)



Emergency Management Training

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

- G-300 Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents
 - [Monday, Oct 16, 2023 - Wednesday, Oct 18, 2023](#) at Citrus County EOC
 - [Tuesday, Oct 31, 2023 - Thursday, Nov 02, 2023](#) at Polk County EOC
- [Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program Training Course \(HSEEP\)](#)- Tuesday, Nov 14, 2023 - Wednesday, Nov 15, 2023 at Hillsborough County EOC.

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 cybercrime, and this effort aims to make Florida’s public sector workforce the most cyber-ready in the nation! [Click here](#) for more info.

AN INITIATIVE TO STRENGTHEN FLORIDA'S CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

FREE 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

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:



Coalition Highlights



BayCare Hospital Wesley Chapel Decontamination Day Exposition

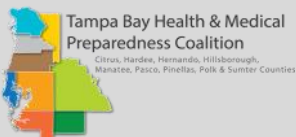
Dirk Palmer, BayCare EM Specialist, displayed the ASAP-18 Decontamination Tent and the various types of Personal Protective Equipment available for use in an emergency at BHWC. Patty Cravey RN., Emergency Management Specialist for SJH North and South, and Ryan Becker-Sikes NREMT, Emergency Management Specialist at SJH, SJWH, SJCH, and SAH, presented a discussion on Mass Casualty Triage, using both the START/JumpSTART, and SALT Triage algorithms.

Joeseh Burgess Jr. of HotZone USA held hands-on in-services on the Trident One Mass Decontamination Device. This Tool allows a single person to be able to establish Mass Decontamination to victims in less than 5 minutes.



SAVE A LIFE

South University PA Clinical Students attending the Stop the Bleed Course led by Dr. Matthew Nelson .



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.