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Updates from the Tampa Bay Health & Medical Preparedness Coalition—April 2024

2024 Hazards & Healthcare Conference *Healthcare Tomorrow: Prepare, Respond, Innovate*

The 2024 Hazards and Healthcare Conference is the region's annual health care preparedness conference, attended by hundreds of health care professionals and first responders. Each year, the planning team strives to bring the most pertinent and relevant information, lessons learned, preparedness exhibitors, and community partners to support our front-line and first-responder communities. This is the only conference designed for this community, with a focus on enhancing preparedness efforts at the local level.

The theme for this year's conference is Healthcare Tomorrow: Prepare, Respond, and Innovate. Our mission is to build collaboration, preparedness, and resilience in the health and medical communities, and we hope that you will be a part of it.



This year's conference will be held at St. Petersburg Marriot Clearwater on June 24th and June 26th. Registration is open and early bird tickets are now on sale for \$100.

[Register here.](#)

Day 1 features trainings/workshops on Cybersecurity, Artificial Intelligence, CEMP Plan Development, Practical Applications of ICS and more. Day 2 includes presentations on Operational Security & Threat Mitigation, Crisis Informed Care, Cybersecurity, Social Media & Healthcare Messaging and the upcoming Hurricane Season. See the full agenda at the above registration link. We really hope you will join us!



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Upcoming Coalition Meetings

Hardee County Health Care Coalition:
April 3, 2024

Hernando County ESF-8 WG:
April 4, 2024

Pinellas CHAMP:
April 5, 2024

Sumter County ESF-8 WG:
April 25, 2024

Moving forward, all counties will meet bi-monthly with a virtual option. For more info on attending these meetings, please reach out to the County Chairperson. Contact info is available on [our website.](#)

Important Info & Updates

CDC Issues Health Advisory on Increase in Global and Domestic Measles Cases and Outbreaks

On March 18, CDC issued a Health Alert Network (HAN) [health advisory](#) to inform clinicians and public health officials of an increase in global and U.S. measles cases. This HAN also provides guidance on measles prevention for all international travelers ages six months and older and all children ages 12 months and older who do not plan to travel internationally.



From January 1 to March 14, CDC has been notified of 58 confirmed U.S. [cases of measles](#) across 17 jurisdictions, including seven outbreaks in seven jurisdictions compared with 58 total cases and four outbreaks reported the entire year in 2023. Among the 58 cases reported in 2024, 54 (93%) were linked to international travel. Most cases reported in 2024 have been among children ages 12 months and older who had not received MMR vaccine. Many countries, including travel destinations such as Austria, the Philippines, Romania, and the United Kingdom, are experiencing measles outbreaks.

To prevent measles infection and reduce the risk of community transmission from importation, all U.S. residents traveling internationally, regardless of destination, should be current on their MMR vaccinations. Health care providers should ensure children are current on routine immunizations, including MMR. Given currently high population immunity against measles in most U.S. communities, the risk of widescale spread is low. However, pockets of low coverage leave some communities at higher risk for outbreaks.

NETEC: New Guidance on Mpox Virus Waste



The U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration has collaborated with the CDC to address an emerging challenge: the handling of diagnostic samples and clinical waste containing Mpox virus (MPXV).

The advice published on March 11, 2024, clarifies that diagnostic samples and clinical waste containing MPXV Clade I or II should be designated as Category B infectious substances except when they contain or are contaminated with cultures of Clade I MPXV. [Read the Safety Advisory Notice](#). Learn more and read the full [article](#) from NETEC.

Biden-Harris Administration Announces \$39.4 Million in Funding Opportunities for Grants through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), has announced notices of funding opportunities for grant programs addressing behavioral health across the country. The grant opportunities total \$39.4 million and are part of the Biden-Harris Administration's priorities to beat the overdose epidemic and tackle the mental health crisis – two key pillars of the President's Unity Agenda for the nation.

"We are building a truly integrated, equitable and accessible behavioral health care system," said HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra. "Our efforts to change the way mental health is viewed and treated in this country are making it possible for more people to get the care and support they need. This funding is a critical investment that the Biden-Harris Administration is making to strengthen behavioral health in America." Read the full [press release](#) from SAMHSA.

Upcoming Trainings & Events

CISA Active Shooter Preparedness Webinar

The Cyber and Infrastructure Security Agency will be hosting an Active Shooter Preparedness Webinar on Wednesday, April 17th, 2024. These fill up FAST, so [register here ASAP if you'd like to attend](#). Objectives are as follows:



- Provide information about best practices, communications protocols, and resources that will assist stakeholders to develop or enhance their emergency planning, preparedness, and response to active shooter incidents.
- Discuss the elements of active shooter incident response planning with guidance from expert instructors.
- Describe common behaviors, conditions, and situations associated with active shooter events.
- Discuss how to recognize potential workplace violence indicators.

2024 Plugged In Speaker Series - Cybersecurity

Threats to Healthcare Organizations on Tuesday, April 30th at 1:30pm via Zoom with Roland Miller from CyberFlorida. This webinar will cover the different things that cyber threat actors are capable of doing to healthcare sector organizations as well as what agencies can do to proactively prepare for continuity of operations when impacted by a cyber incident. Please feel free to share this webinar with colleagues and [register here](#).

Hospital Emergency Response Team (HERT)

Training - We have HERT classes being offered through Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital (JHACH) and Baycare. See below for registration info and/or who to contact.

- April 4th – Virtual with Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital – [Register here](#).
- April 17th at Mease Dunedin Hospital – Contact Dirk.Palmer@baycare.org
- April 25th at St. Joseph South Hospital – Contact Patricia.Cravey@baycare.org
- May 8th at South Florida Baptist Hospital – Contact Timothy.Allen@baycare.org

Florida Health Care Coalitions are happy to bring the following Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP) virtual classes to our state! Feel free to share these classes far and wide. They are free and open to anyone in Florida. To register, [visit this site](#), and enter the promo code listed for the class below.

- Healthcare Facility Mass Fatality Management (HCV13) – April 9th from 10am – 11:15am [Target audience – Healthcare facilities, EM, EMS, Public Health & more] Promo Code: 24NV-0639 HCV13
- Active Shooter/Assailant: Behavioral Indicators and How to Respond (OLS-V9) – May 16th from 2pm – 3pm [Target audience – Everyone] Promo Code: 24NV-0642 OLS-V9
- Special Needs Population Considerations During Emergency Response (HCV3) – June 18th from 10am – 11am [Target audience – Healthcare organizations, EM, EMS, Public Health & more] Promo Code: 24NV-0643 HCV3



Planning for a Chemical Emergency Webinar Series: Vesicants & Irritants

SRDRS Healthcare and Public Health Planning for a Chemical Emergency Webinar Series continues with the 5th webinar in the series on Vesicants and Irritants on April 30th @ 3:00 PM EST. [Registration in advance is required here](#). More info on the series and previous webinar recordings [can be found here](#).

Emergency Management Training – Registration on [SERT TRAC](#).

- [Tuesday, Apr 23, 2024 - Thursday, Apr 25, 2024](#)- G-300 Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents at Pasco County EOC
- [Tuesday, Apr 30, 2024 - Saturday, May 18, 2024](#)- Basic Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training at Pinellas County Public Safety Complex

ECHO Program - Managing Multidrug-Resistant Organisms (MDROs)

The Emory University Serious Communicable Diseases ECHO Program presents an upcoming session on Managing Multidrug-Resistant Organisms (MDROs). This session will focus on (Carbapenem-Resistant Enterobacterales) CRE and (Extended-Spectrum Beta-Lactamases) ESBL and will include a case study. The webinar is Thursday, April 11th from 11am—Noon EDT. [Registration is available here](#).



Coalition Highlights

TBHMPC Chemical Surge Exercise

The Tampa Bay Health and Medical Preparedness Coalition is held a Chemical Surge Tabletop Exercise on Wednesday, March 6th from 1pm - 5pm. The exercise focus on response to a chemical event that creates a surge of patients impacting the local health and medical system, especially EMS and acute care hospitals.



Tampa General Hospital Workplace Violence Program & K9 Unit

At the Hillsborough County Healthcare Coalition Meeting, we had a great presentation from [Tampa General Hospital](#) on their Workplace Violence Program and K9 Unit! This presentation complemented TBHMPC's Volatile Visitor facilitated discussion that we are conducting at each county level HCC meeting.

Thank you TGH for hosting!



TBHMPC Moulage Training for Mass Casualty Incidents

The Tampa Bay Health and Medical Preparedness Coalition partnered with USF Health Center for Advanced Medical Learning and Simulation (CAMLS) and [Moffitt Cancer Center](#) to hold Moulage Training for Mass Casualty Incidents. Hosted by Moffitt, we brought together representatives from hospitals and partner organizations to learn how to create fake injuries to add realism to disaster exercises. Dr. Melissa Milner and Tiffany Sanchez from CAMLS taught multiple techniques for creating real-looking injuries, using cost-effective and easy to attain materials. Students got the opportunity to create their own injuries using these techniques, with very realistic results! The Coalition will be providing participating organizations with some moulage supplies prior to the May 2nd Mass Casualty Exercise! Thanks so much to Moffitt for hosting and for Dr. Milner and Tiffany for sharing their time and expertise!

Checkout this highlight [video of the training](#) on our Coalition Linked In page!

