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

Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) AND Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) Development Software

The Florida Health Care Coalitions have partnered with BOLDPlanning to provide access to their Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and Continuity of Operations Plan platforms for all health care organizations in Florida at NO COST to you! The CEMPs generated meet relevant state and federal requirements. To request access to the platform, just reach out to Turea Sheppard at the Tampa Bay Health and Medical Preparedness Coalition at tbhmpc2@gmail.com or complete the [access request form](#). And make sure you've joined as a member by [completing this form](#), to ensure you get all the benefits of this and other programs provided by TBHMPC! **Our fall schedule for CEMP Development Workshops will be out soon, so watch your email inboxes for these training opportunities!**

- Emergency Management agencies & DOH folks who review CEMPS, we have a webinar coming up on August 21st at 2pm just for you! [Click here](#) for more info.



Contact your local coalition for details!

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FLORIDA
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Continuity of Operations and Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan

Development Software Powered by BOLDplanning

5 Ways Our Tool Can Help You:

1. Quickly create a COOP and CEMP that meet state and federal requirements
2. Invite team members to work together in real-time
3. Mobile-friendly, with a companion app that allows you to access your emergency plans on the go
4. Planning tutorials and best practices embedded in the software
5. Make data-driven decisions with the reporting features

Act fast and get started today!



Tampa Bay Health & Medical Preparedness Coalition

Citrus, Hardee, Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk & Sumter Counties

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Upcoming Coalition Meetings

Pinellas CHAMP:
August 2nd

Hernando County
ESF-8 Working Group:
Cancelled due to hurricane

Hardee County
Health Care Coalition:
August 14th

Sumter County
ESF-8 Working Group:
August 15th

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

Important Updates

OneBlood Target of Ransomware Event

OneBlood, the not-for-profit blood center serving much of the southeastern United States is experiencing a ransomware event that is impacting its software system. OneBlood is working closely with cyber security specialists, and also federal, state and local agencies as part of their comprehensive response to the situation.



Although OneBlood remains operational and continues to collect, test and distribute blood, they are operating at a significantly reduced capacity. Read more [here](#).

Protecting Patient Care Through Cybersecurity

ASPR recognizes the importance of prioritizing cybersecurity and protecting patient health, safety and protected health information across the health care sector. Recent unprecedented cyber incidents highlighted how these can cause extended disruptions in patient care, including delays in medical procedures, and result in a significant impact on health care systems in rural communities. Access the full [blog post](#) to learn more.



National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM)

National Immunization Awareness Month is the month of August, giving organizations and coalitions the opportunity to work together to grab the public attention on immunizations. Together, we can help raise awareness about the importance of vaccination and encourage people to talk to a healthcare provider they trust about staying up to date on their vaccinations.

All staff in healthcare practices, including non-clinical staff, play important roles during NIAM:

- 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.

National Immunization Awareness Month

#Ivax2Protect



TBHMPC Tropical Weather Planning Resources

For additional information and resources, please visit the [Tampa Bay Health & Medical Preparedness Coalition Tropical Weather page](#).

2024 Hurricane Preparedness Guides: These guides include important information regarding preparing for this year's hurricane season, and can be found on the following websites (for each county): [Citrus County](#), [Hardee County](#), [Hernando County](#), [Hillsborough County](#), [Manatee County](#), [Pasco County](#), [Pinellas County](#), [Polk County](#), [Sumter County](#)

Know Your Zone, Know Your Home

Every year it's important for residents to know if they live in an evacuation zone, a low-lying, flood prone area, a mobile home or an unsafe structure during hurricane season. These areas and buildings are most likely to be evacuated and knowing these zones helps Floridians prepare to evacuate and better understand orders from local officials.

KNOW YOUR ZONE



KNOW YOUR HOME



Know if you live in an evacuation zone (flood zone).



If you don't live in an evacuation zone, know your home and its ability to withstand strong winds & heavy rain.

Determine if you live in an evacuation zone at [FloridaDisaster.org/Know](#)

Upcoming Trainings & Events

TBHMPC Long-Term Care Preparedness Series

The **TBHMPC Long-Term Care Preparedness Series** will focus on areas and gaps to improve preparedness and response capabilities of the long-term care sector. Training topics over the next few months will include Evacuation and Surge, Emerging Infectious Diseases, Supply Chain Logistics During Emergencies, Operational Consequences of a Cyber Attack and more. The series will also conclude with a Virtual Exercise!

The first class is coming up this week! [Sign up now!](#)

- Emergency Management 101 for Long-Term Care Professionals on, August 9th from 10am – 12pm on Microsoft Teams. [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.

- August 8th at Winter Haven Hospital- Contact Timothy.Allen@baycare.org
- August 15th– Morton Plant North Bay- Contact Dirk.Palmer@baycare.org

Emergency Management Training – Registration on SERT TRAC.

- [Tuesday, Aug 13, 2024 - Thursday, Aug 15, 2024](#) - MGT-323 Instructor Development Workshop at Hillsborough County EM
- [Tuesday, Aug 13, 2024 - Tuesday, Aug 13, 2024](#)- AWR-376 Understanding Targeted Cyber Attacks at Pinellas County Public Safety Complex
- [Tuesday, Aug 20, 2024 - Thursday, Aug 22, 2024](#)- G-300 Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents at Hardee County Department of Health
- [Monday, Aug 26, 2024 - Tuesday, Aug 27, 2024](#)- G-400 Advanced Incident Command System Command & General Staff at Citrus County EOC

Strengthening Community Resilience: Bridging Disaster Behavioral Health Across All Phases of Disasters

This webinar will describe the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's role in fostering and supporting disaster behavioral health in all phases of disasters, including emergency response. Wednesday, August 14, 1:00 - 2:00 PM ET. [Connection Information.](#)

Mental Health First Aid Certificate

SPC is offering a virtual Mental Health First Aid Certificate class on Saturday, August 17th from 9am - 4pm. The class is free for public service and non-profit professionals. See below graphic for registration steps via this site ([Register here.](#)), call 727-341-3640, or email corde.joanna@spc.edu.

Presented by: **SPC St. Petersburg College**

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID CERTIFICATE

FREE for Nonprofit & Public Service Professionals

BECOME EMPOWERED TO:

- Assess for danger of suicide or harm
- Refer to emergency and non-emergency services
- Listen non-judgmentally
- Provide reassurance and information
- Encourage and connect with professional help
- Encourage self-help and other support strategies

To register, scan or contact us at: (727) 341-3640 corde.joanna@spccollege.edu

Free (with discount code) for nonprofit & public service professionals thanks to:

Saturday, August 17, 2024
9 AM - 4 PM

Zoom

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MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING BY ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE

Registration Steps

This process will take 7 minutes to complete.

- 01 - Choose Training Date**
Click [HERE](#) to view upcoming training sessions.
• If your organization is hosting a private training, look for the organization's name in the title of the class.
- 02 - Click "Add to Cart"**
- 03 - Click "Create a New Profile" / "Log In" For Existing Users**
Have an existing profile but can't access it? Email: corde.joanna@spccollege.edu so we can finish your registration.
• First & Last Name
• Date Of Birth
• Desired Training Date
- 04 - Proceed to Cart to Checkout**
- 05 - Redeem FREE Training**
1. Type **MHFA** under "Discounts and Checkout" so the training is free.
2. Click "Apply Class Code" to zero out your total.
- 06 - Click "Checkout"**
Credit card information will not be requested if the discount code processed. Otherwise, attempt Step 5 again.
A confirmation email will be sent once registration is completed.

NEXT →

At least 14 days prior to the training class, you will be sent detailed "next steps" to the email provided at registration. This will include instructions on how to complete your pre-work which is due seven (7) days prior to the training class.

CALL 727-341-3640 TO REGISTER OVER THE PHONE
M-TH 9AM-3PM

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TAMPA BAY HEALTH & MEDICAL PREPAREDNESS COALITION PRESENTS

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT 101 FOR LONG-TERM CARE PROFESSIONALS

with Jensen-Hughes

Join us for this first webinar in the TBHMPC Long-Term Care Preparedness Series! It will cover regulatory requirements and recent findings, along with practical insights into handling emergencies effectively through incident command, management, and coordination.

Friday, August 9th from 10am - 12pm

Coalition Highlights



TBHMPC had the esteemed pleasure of hosting Amie Leigh and Capacity Path today, as they trained new team members for their Community Crisis Stabilization Team. This team is deployed to various disasters and events supporting the Florida Division of Emergency Management and other partner agencies throughout Florida.



TBHMPC assisted Dr. Tania Glenn during her week-long training and exercise with the Customs and Border Protection Air and Marine Operations critical incident team at a Federal site in Orlando. Seven TBHMPC Region 4 Peer Response team volunteers served as victims, adding realism to the event and providing a great learning opportunities for actors and responders alike!



Baycare recently held a preparedness kit drive for complex pediatric patients. These kits were provided as part of a TBHMPC regional project to improve preparedness and resilience for children and adults with complex medical conditions.



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.

An Urgent Message to our Community from TGH (and all Florida hospitals, really)...

System outages at [OneBlood](https://www.oneblood.org) have drastically reduced their platelet production, impacting the blood supply to nearly 90% of Florida hospitals. The current supply is critically low, and our community needs to step up now more than ever.

Today, we ask everyone who is able to consider donating blood and/or blood products to augment OneBlood's supply. All blood types are needed, but there is an urgent need for O-positive, O-negative, and platelet donations.

If you're able to donate, find a OneBlood donation location near you by visiting: www.OneBlood.org/donate-now

Every donation makes a difference, so let's come together to save lives!



URGENT NEED FOR BLOOD DONATIONS.



Mental Health REGION 4 PEER CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM

OUR MISSION

The Regional Response Team mission is to provide awareness, training, crisis intervention, crisis stabilization and follow up assistance to care for those impacted when the unthinkable happens within our region. This team will utilize PEER support personnel from all sectors and disciplines of Healthcare, EMS, Fire and Law enforcement.

Scan to Join our Team



EVALUATING THE PRESENCE OF A STRESS INJURY IN A PEER

ADVOCATING FOR APPROPRIATE RESOURCES TO BE PROVIDED TO A PEER



COORDINATING HIGHER LEVELS OF CARE FOR THE PEER

TRACKING A PEER'S PROGRESS OVER TIME

RECOGNIZING STRESS INJURIES COMMON AMONG FIRST RESPONDERS & HEALTHCARE WORKERS

Scan for a Quick Video



Please Contact Bill Howe for more information:
William.Howe@tampabayhmpc.org or 727-310-1509

Coming Up August 24th—September 6th, 2024!

Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday

\$10 or less

- Wet 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

\$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:
 - AAA-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
- Dry 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

June 1-14, 2024
August 24-September 6, 2024
Visit floridarevenue.com/DisasterPrep

