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

TBHMPC 2025 Hazard Vulnerability Assessment & Gap Analysis

The Tampa Bay Health & Medical Preparedness Coalition is currently conducting its annual Hazard Vulnerability Assessment and Gap Analysis (HVA). This analysis helps identify potential risks for the population and infrastructure in our Coalition area, and allows us to develop more effective preparedness and response strategies. We encourage every Coalition member and partner agency to provide input to our HVA by taking this survey linked below. *Note that we only need one (1) response per organization. Please complete by December 13th.*

[HVA Survey Link](#)

The results of this survey are analyzed and combined with data from other regional risk assessments, including the Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA), Public Health Risk Assessment Tool (PHRAT), and data on our region's most vulnerable populations. The resulting HVA report will give a broad picture of the risks that may impact the health & medical system, and prioritizes those with preparedness gaps.

TBHMPC uses the HVA results to help guide upcoming planning, training, exercise, and response preparation efforts. This includes our project submission process, which prioritizes projects that address the significant risks identified by the HVA.

TBHMPC has currently paused funding current projects order to assess lessons learned from recent events and prioritize new projects based on identified gaps. There will be an additional opportunity to apply for project funding in January. More details in the January newsletter, but you can get started with the project guidance documents found in the resource library on our website, www.tampabayhmpc.org.

We encourage all members to participate in the HVA and project funding processes, to help close our identified gaps and improve the preparedness of our health and medical community!

Join us in making children's Christmas dreams come true by participating in our Christmas Toy Drive!

Toys for Tots donations will be accepted at all county meetings. You can also call 727-580-1024 to set a drop-off date and time at our TBHMPC office, which is located at 7300 Bryan Dairy Rd., Suite 450, Largo, FL 33777, or you can make a monetary donation by scanning the QR Code or [clicking here](#). All money raised will be used to buy toys!



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Upcoming Coalition Meetings

Pinellas CHAMP:
December 6th

Hardee County:
December 16th

Hernando ESF-8 WG:
December 18th

Sumter ESF-8 WG:
December 19th

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

Important Updates

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 next CEMP Plan Development Workshop for this platform is:**

- [Tuesday, December 17th from 1pm – 5pm](#)



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Act fast and get started today!

National Influenza Vaccination Week - December 6th –12th, 2024

National Influenza Vaccination Week (NIVW) is a critical opportunity to remind everyone 6 months and older that there's still time to protect themselves and their loved ones from flu this flu season by getting their annual flu vaccine if they have not already. [CDC data](#) shows that flu vaccination coverage was lower last season, especially among certain higher risk groups, including children. When you get a flu vaccine, you reduce your risk of illness, and flu-related hospitalization if you do get sick. This week is meant to remind people that there is still time to benefit from the first and most important action in [preventing flu illness and potentially serious flu complications](#): get a flu vaccine today. Check out [CDC's NIVW toolkit](#) for more shareable resources and content.



Upcoming Trainings & Events

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, in partnership with FHCA and Jensen Hughes. 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! We hope you will join us for this series! **The next webinar in our TBHMPC Long-Term Care Preparedness Series is on Long Term Care Facility Recovery, on Tuesday, December 17th at 11am via 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.

- December 6th Virtual Class—[Register here.](#)
- December 19th at AdventHealth North Pinellas—[Register here.](#)
- December 19th at Morton Plant Hospital - Contact Timothy.Allen@Baycare.org.

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

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

- Autism Awareness for Emergency Services (OLS-V19)- December 5th. [Register Here](#)
- Patient Management: Receiving a Highly Infectious Disease Patient (HIDV3)- January 14th. [Register Here](#)
- Patient Management: Management of a Highly Infectious Disease Patient in a Healthcare Facility (HIDV4) - February 6th. [Register Here.](#)

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

- G-108 Community Mass Care Management at Hardee County Department of Health. [Thursday, Dec 12, 2024 - Friday, Dec 13, 2024](#)
- G-489 Management of Spontaneous Volunteers in Disasters at Pasco County Emergency Operations Center [Tuesday, Dec 17, 2024](#)

BEYOND THE CRISIS: EFFECTIVE RECOVERY PLANS FOR LONG TERM CARE FACILITIES

This webinar is designed to equip LTC leaders with the tools to navigate post-crisis recovery in long-term care settings. This session will explore regulatory requirements and proven recovery strategies. We will share innovative approaches, real-world case studies, and actionable steps to enhance recovery efforts for residents, staff, and the organization.



JENSEN HUGHES

Florida Health Care Association

Tuesday,
December 17th at 11am
On Zoom

[REGISTER HERE](#)

For more information, contact Hunter Zager at Hunter.Zager@TampaBayHMPC.org



Coalition Highlights



TBHMPC staff observed a DECON drill at **HCA Florida Oak Hill Hospital**, gaining insights into emergency response protocols, teamwork, and effective communication. This experience strengthened their understanding of decontamination procedures and preparedness for real-life emergencies.



Post Storm Crisis Stabilization Webinar

If you missed our mental health webinar with Dr. Tania Glenn on Tuesday, November 5th, the recording is available [here on our Coalition website](#). We highly encourage you to share this link with staff and colleagues, as it contains info on recognizing and managing mental health issues for the current post-storm situation impacting many in our area.



Coalition Updates, Continued



TBHMPC and Florida Department of Health Regional Staff supported the Hillsborough Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Rodeo with the USF CERT Team on December 2nd. It included stations on first aid, radio use, call taking, fire safety, and general Emergency Operation Center. It was a great time!



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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

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