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Updates from the Tampa Bay Health & Medical Preparedness Coalition—July 2026

Preparedness Through Partnership: The Role of TBHMPC

The Tampa Bay Health and Medical Preparedness Coalition (TBHMPC) plays an important role in strengthening healthcare emergency preparedness and response across our nine-county region. Through collaboration, planning, training, and information sharing, the coalition helps healthcare organizations and response partners prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies that may impact the health and medical system.

TBHMPC works closely with healthcare facilities, the Florida Department of Health, Emergency Management, and other key partners to support Emergency Support Function 8 (ESF-8) when assistance is needed. The coalition's efforts align with the National Preparedness Goal mission areas of prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery, with a focus on improving regional coordination before, during, and after disasters. By bringing partners together across disciplines and jurisdictions, TBHMPC helps build and sustain a stronger healthcare preparedness and response system throughout the Tampa Bay region. If you are not already a member and would like to join or learn more, please contact your [coalition county chair officers](#) or visit www.tampabayhmpc.org.

TBHMPC Response Support Assets- The Coalition supports and/or maintains the following Mission Ready Packages (MRPs) and response support assets, available to coalition members and local jurisdictions upon request. For more information please visit: [Mission Ready Packages \(Deployable Assets\)](#) – Tampa Bay HMP



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

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Upcoming Coalition Meetings

Manatee County
July 8th

Pasco County
July 13th

Hillsborough County
July 21st

Polk County
July 23rd

Citrus County
July 29th

ABOUT TBHMPC
TAMPA BAY HEALTH & MEDICAL PREPAREDNESS COALITION

One of Florida's largest healthcare coalitions supporting:

- Healthcare Preparedness
- Emergency Coordination
- Training & Exercises
- Healthcare Surge Readiness
- Hurricane & Disaster Response
- Downtime & Continuity Planning

SUPPORTING THE HEALTHCARE CONTINUUM

- Hospitals
- Long-Term Care
- EMS
- Dialysis Centers
- Outpatient Providers
- Public Health
- Emergency Management

COALITION FOCUS: COORDINATION • COMMUNICATION • COLLABORATION • OPERATIONAL READINESS

TBHMPC
9-COUNTY REGIONAL COVERAGE
STATEWIDE DEPLOYMENT CAPABILITY

BEYOND OUR REGION, ACROSS FLORIDA.
Mobile, Flexible, Ready to Respond.

OUR 9-COUNTY REGION
Coordinating healthcare preparedness and response across West Central Florida.

- CITRUS
- HERNANDO
- HARDEE
- HILLSBOROUGH
- MANATEE
- PASCO
- PINELLAS
- POLK
- SUMTER

REGIONAL COORDINATION
Bringing partners together to strengthen healthcare preparedness and response.

RAPID DEPLOYMENT
Mobile assets and experienced personnel ready to respond where they are needed most.

STATEWIDE SUPPORT
Seamless integration with state and local agencies to support effective response.

DEPLOYABLE RESOURCES
STATEWIDE IMPACT. Supporting communities beyond our region when it matters most.

FIELD OPERATIONS
Deploying and supporting assets on-site and on-scene.

COORDINATION & PLANNING
Multi-agency planning and operational planning.

RAPID DEPLOYMENT
Experienced personnel and assets ready to mobilize.

SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT
Specialized equipment and resources to support healthcare response.

MOBILE ASSETS
Transportation for personnel, equipment, and supplies.

PARTNER WITH US. SUPPORT THE REGION.



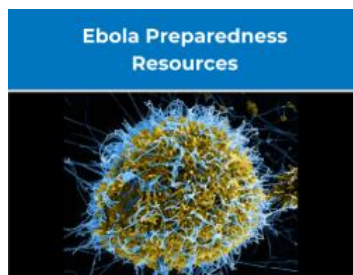
TBHMPC Tropical Weather Page

Stay informed this hurricane season with the TBHMPC Tropical Weather Page—your central source for the new **Storm Warning Toolkit**, county hurricane guides, and preparedness information. The Storm Warning Toolkit features a structured, discussion-based exercise that helps healthcare organizations assess and strengthen their hurricane and incident preparedness, response, continuity, coordination, and recovery capabilities. It focuses on operational decision-making as storm conditions worsen and encourages organizations to review existing plans, policies, procedures, coordination methods, and recovery considerations. From planning tools and evacuation guidance to trusted updates that help residents identify their zone and prepare their homes and families, the page brings essential storm-readiness resources together in one place. Visit the Tropical Weather Page today to get the information you need to stay alert, make a plan, and be ready before severe weather strikes. [Tropical Weather – Tampa Bay HMPC](#)



TBHMPC Healthcare Infectious Disease Resource Guide

Our [Healthcare Infectious Disease Resource Guide](#) is a central tool for strengthening infectious disease readiness across the region. The guide brings together practical resources that help healthcare organizations, emergency responders, long-term care partners, and community agencies prepare before an incident, respond with confidence, and coordinate more effectively when public health threats emerge.



The guide includes materials for high-consequence infectious diseases such as Ebola, along with resources for fast-moving threats such as measles. TBHMPC encourages healthcare facilities, emergency management agencies, EMS providers, fire rescue organizations, long-term care partners, and other stakeholders to review the guide, share it with their teams, and use the available tools to evaluate current plans.

We will continue to share updates on ongoing Ebola outbreaks and preparedness efforts as we receive them. TBHMPC has an Ebola/HID PAPER Support Package (MRP 9) as part of our Mission Ready Packages, and full details on the package [can be found here](#). We also recommend that all hospitals and acute care providers follow NETEC—the National Emerging Special Pathogens Training and Education Center—linked both in our TBHMPC resource guide and [at this link](#). They track current outbreaks and provide a plethora of preparedness and response resources for a variety of special pathogens, including Marburg virus and Hantavirus!

National Special Pathogen System (NSPS) Special Pathogen Treatment and Network Development (STAND) Awards—Applications are OPEN!

ASPR is continuing to invest in special pathogen preparedness through the NSPS STAND Awards, which will support up to 21 health care facilities as they strengthen readiness for threats like Bundibugyo Ebolavirus and Andes Hantavirus. Building on the first round of STAND Awards to 54 health care facilities across 28 states, the **NETEC has issued a second request for proposals and will award a total of up to \$10.5 million to 21 additional health care facilities** to strengthen Level 2 special pathogen capabilities.

Awardees will build or maintain the ability to deliver safe, specialized care, support national surge events, serve as expert resources in their regions, and more. ASPR's funding enables these facilities to continue to grow their special pathogen preparedness capabilities and help fill existing gaps in health care system readiness. Recent Bundibugyo Ebolavirus and Andes Hantavirus outbreaks remind us why this work matters. This investment will enhance frontline clinicians' preparedness, strengthen workforce training and standards, and improve the nation's ability to protect the public's health from special pathogen threats. **Eligible facilities must apply by August 3.** Learn more about the [NSPS STAND Awards here](#).

The Return of Measles: An Invisible Threat in the Modern Fire Service

The article explains how rising measles activity is prompting firefighters and EMS crews to reassess exposure risks, operational readiness, and everyday infection control practices. Written by: Logistics Chief Bill Howe and Christine McGuire-Wolfe, PhD, CIC, CPH, with the University of South Florida/Infection Control for Emergency Responders Collaborative and Training Hub. Check out the article [here](#).

Training & Exercise Opportunities, cont.

Downtime Operations Webinar Series with TBHMPC & Jensen Hughes

The Fifth Session: The Financial Foundation (Supply Chain & Recovery)- [Tuesday, July 21, 2026 at 1pm](#) OR [Thursday, July 23, 2026 at 10am](#)

The webinars are designed to provide valuable insights and practical strategies for managing downtime events effectively within various operational environments. Each session will focus on a different downtime topic, and will feature industry experts from Jensen Hughes, who will share their knowledge and answer participant questions. Attendees will have the opportunity to engage in interactive discussions, learn about best practices, and gain resources that can help minimize disruptions and improve overall operational resilience.



Downtime Operations Webinar Series

Topic :

The Financial Foundation (Supply Chain & Recovery)

Register Now for either offering:

[Tuesday, July 21, 2026 at 1pm](#)

[Thursday, July 23, 2026 at 10am](#)

Questions?
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Future Sessions

August 18th & 20th
The Strength in Numbers
(Regional Coordination & HCC)



September 22nd & 24th
Final Synthesis & The Resiliency Toolkit



Training from the Center for Domestic Preparedness for Florida HCCs

The Florida Health Care Coalitions have partnered to bring key virtual instructor-led courses from the Center for Domestic Preparedness in Anniston, AL to our members and partners. Below are the upcoming classes.

- **Hospital Incident Command System** on Tuesday, July 14th from 1pm - 3pm
- **Healthcare Facility Patient Evacuation Planning and Preparedness** on Wednesday, July 29th from 11am – 1pm
- **Healthcare Facility Preparedness** on Monday, August 24th from 1pm – 2:15pm
- **Healthcare Facility Mass Fatality Management** on Thursday, September 10th from 10am – 11:15am
- **Special Needs Population Considerations During Emergency Response** on Tuesday, September 22nd from 12pm – 1pm

Defense at the Bedside: Navigating the Aggressive Patient

This four-hour, hands-on training, presented by Frontline Defense, is designed to lay the groundwork for best practices across the entire healthcare industry for safely mitigating and de-escalating potentially violent situations. This training also incorporates agency SOPs related to physical and chemical restraints to ensure alignment with the practices of each individual organization.

Friday, July 17th from 8am – 12pm at Mease Countryside Hospital. Registration is limited. [Register here.](#)

FLHCC and BOLDplanning Monday Webinar Series, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. EST

All healthcare facilities and organizations in Florida can utilize this platform for your Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) or Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) at no cost to you, paid for by the Florida Health Care Coalitions! To request access to the platform complete the [access request form](#). **The platform is scheduled to cease operations in August 2026. Stakeholders are advised to make necessary preparations and download any required materials. [Click here to join either webinar below.](#)** Registration is NOT required.

- **Security & Access** – Monday, July 6th from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. EST
- **Teams** – Monday, July 20th from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. EST

DEFENSE AT THE BEDSIDE: NAVIGATING THE AGGRESSIVE PATIENT TRAINING

PRESENTED BY FRONTLINE DEFENSE

PREPARE. PROTECT. EMPOWER. SAFETY STARTS WITH YOU.

Mease Countryside Hospital, 3233 McMullen Booth Rd, Safety Harbor, FL 34695

July 17, 2026

8:00AM - 12:00 PM

COURSE OVERVIEW

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CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

IDEAL PARTICIPANTS

- Nurses
- Clinical Staff
- Security Personnel
- Emergency Department Teams
- Behavioral Health Staff
- Healthcare Leadership
- EMS & First Responders



The Florida Emergency Nurses Association is holding webinars this summer on key pediatric preparedness issues—**Pediatric Sexual Assault Victims and the SANE Role in Florida** – July 27th from 5pm-6pm EST. Participants will learn to identify clinical indicators of abuse, understand Florida’s legal definitions, and apply best practices in forensic evidence collection. The webinar highlights the role of Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs), psychosocial and long-term health impacts on child victims, and interpretation of findings in pediatric sexual assault examinations. [Register here.](#)



CISA Conflict Prevention Webinars—Conflict Prevention Strategies to Deter Targeted Violence on **July 15th from 1:30pm—2:30pm** provides a more in-depth discussion on tangible de-escalation actions that can be used to effectively diffuse a volatile situation. [Register Here](#)

Center for Domestic Preparedness On-Campus Courses Open for Registration!

There are multiple on-campus courses this summer at the Center for Domestic Preparedness in Anniston, Alabama that are open for registration. Click on the below courses for more info!

- Emergency Medical Operations for CBRNE Incidents (EMO PER-267) - <https://cdp.dhs.gov/training/course/PER-267>
- Intermediate Hands-On Training for CBRNE Incidents (HOT-I PER-900) - <https://cdp.dhs.gov/training/course/PER-900>
- Environmental Health Training in Emergency Response (EHTER) - Operations (EHTER OPS PER-309) - <https://cdp.dhs.gov/training/course/PER-309>
- Barrier Precautions and Controls for Highly Infectious Disease (HID PER-321) - <https://cdp.dhs.gov/training/course/PER-321>
- Framework for Healthcare Emergency Management (FRAME AWR-900) - <https://cdp.dhs.gov/training/course/AWR-900>

Additionally, the CDP training calendar has been updated and is available through the end of September, marking the conclusion of their fiscal year. All classes have available seats for immediate registration. <https://cdp.dhs.gov/training-calendar>

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



- [Monday, Jul 13, 2026 - Wednesday, Jul 15, 2026](#) - G-300 post 5/10/2019 Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents at Polk County Emergency Operations
- [Tuesday, Jul 14, 2026](#)—MGT-460 Planning for Disaster Debris Management at Pasco County Emergency Operations Center
- [Tuesday, Jul 14, 2026](#) -2026 F-ROC Training Tour – Exercise Recovery at Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority
- [Wednesday, Jul 15, 2026 - Thursday, Jul 16, 2026](#) - MGT-318 Public Information in an All-Hazards at Pinellas County Public Safety Complex
- [Monday, Jul 20, 2026 - Tuesday, Jul 21, 2026](#)- G-400 post 5/10/19 Advanced ICS Command & General Staff at Polk County Emergency Operations Center
- [Wednesday, Jul 22, 2026](#)- G-191 Emergency Operations Center/Incident Command System at Pinellas County Public Safety Complex
- [Wednesday, Jul 22, 2026 - Friday, Jul 24, 2026](#) - G-428 Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Train-the-Trainer at Citrus County Emergency Operation Center
- [Tuesday, Jul 28, 2026 - Friday, Jul 31, 2026](#)— L-965 NIMS ICS All-Hazards Resources and Demobilization Unit Leaders at Citrus County Emergency Operation Center
- [Monday, Aug 03, 2026 - Tuesday, Aug 04, 2026](#) -MGT-345 Disaster Management for Electric Power Systems at Hillsborough Public Safety Operations Complex
- [Wednesday, Aug 05, 2026 - Friday, Aug 07, 2026](#) E/G/K-2300 Intermediate Emergency Operations Center Functions at Pinellas County Public Safety Complex
- [Wednesday, Aug 05, 2026 - Friday, Aug 07, 2026](#) G-300 post 5/10/2019 Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents at Hillsborough Public Safety Operations Complex

Coalition Highlights

Hernando County Emergency Management held HERRricane HERNando Camp from June 22–26. The five-day program introduced girls in grades six through 12 to careers in public safety and emergency management through hands-on activities, real-world training, and mentorship from emergency management and public safety professionals. Campers developed practical skills, confidence, resilience, teamwork, and leadership abilities. TBHMPC was happy to provide CPR and fire extinguisher trainings at this amazing annual event!



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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 TBHMPC2@gmail.com.