

North Central Wisconsin Healthcare Emergency Readiness Coalition
NCW HERC Public Health Update Call
Virtual, March 16, 2022, 1300-1400

Location: Virtual

Attendees: Robbie Deede, Ty Zastava, Jessica Bellomy, Michelle Cahoon, Annette, Elizabeth Beck, Amber, Kandie Sipple-King, Anna Marcinak, Donna Wiegert, Elizabeth Beck, Tammi Boers, Danielle Habeck, Liz Szot, Laurie Scudiere, Rebecca Cahoon, Chris W., Kristin Bath, Marta McMillian, S. Supinski, Tiffany, Gary Garske, Linda Conlon, Corrine Spencer, Jacee Shepard, Eileen Eckardt, Rachel

Call Topics:

- **COVID-19 Response Topics**
 - **Regional Data/ Metrics**
 - **Average cases/day over last week** = ~25 (-146) * includes confirmed and probable
 - **Previous day's hospitalizations** = 30 (-8) Inpatient, 8 (-18) ICU
 - **Ventilators in use:** 28 (-15) vents in use 4 (-13) COVID pts.
 - **State of Response**
 - **AAR (PHEP Deliverable)**
 - Out of patient surge, still experiencing staffing shortages
 - HERC will be conducting input from HD's for AAR, and should qualify for your AAR
 - **Hospital Capabilities**
 - In a good spot if we have 10-30% ICU beds available
 - Hospitals are resuming elective surgeries
 - **Current Surges/ Funding/ Future Surges**
 - Concerns of a decrease in funding for COVID response
 - China is seeing a surge in cases
- **HERC Topics**
 - **Hazard Vulnerability Assessment (PHEP Deliverable)**
 - Robbie created a summary of regional results
 - Document will be uploaded to PCA Portal
 - **Supply Chain Integrity Assessment**
 - Our region fell in the middle of the road
 - Looking to have a supply chain exercise within next year
 - **HERC Evaluation/ Restructure/Strategic Planning**
 - State is conducting strategic planning for all HERCs
 - **Preparedness Plan**
 - The updated/revised plan has been sent out for open comment and review
 - **Response Plan/ COOP/ Mass Fatality Plan**
 - Currently being updated and will be out for open review later this spring
 - **Medical Response and Surge Exercise (MRSE)**
 - Exercise will be held April 14
 - Partner briefing is March 24
 - Exercise debriefing is May 11
 - **HERC Physical Address**

- Looking to identify a physical address to use for the HERC; considering use of a health department
- **PHEP Deliverable Discussion**
 - Regional PHEP Coordinator?
 - Seems to be working very well for the Western Region
- **Other**
 - **WHA Release**
 - WHA released a document of challenges found with public health
 - <https://www.wha.org/MediaRoom/WHANewsletter/2022/02-17-2022/Wisconsin-Policy-Forum-Study-Documents-Public-Health>
 - Highlighted the need for resources in public health
 - **Crosswalk**
 - Working with Brian and Hannah to sophisticate as we address the 22-23 deliverables
 - **WI/MI Border Meeting**
 - Meeting set for Sept. 15th