

North Central Wisconsin Healthcare Emergency Readiness Coalition

NCW HERC Public Health Update Call

Virtual, May 18, 2022, 1300-1400

Location: Virtual

Attendees: Robbie Deede, Ty Zastava, Tammi Boers, Sue Smith, Liz Szot, Elizabeth Beck, Donna Wiegert, Becky Mroczenski, Jessica Bellomy, Dan Thompson, Chris W., Anna Marciniak, Michelle Edwards, Meghan Williams, Samantha Hoffman, Tiffany Wozniak, Gary Garske, Kathryn, Kristin Bath, Oneida Co., Sara Wartman, Eileen Eckardt, Lexi Buntrock

Call Topics:

- **Thank you!**
 - For all your help in the HERC program deliverables
- **NCW HERC Board Representation**
 - Sue's term is expiring
 - No other nominations
 - Sue has agreed to another 2-year term
- **COVID-19 Response**
 - Marathon Co. is texting out disease surveys and it increased their response rate by 30%
 - Concern for the public's appetite for masking or other mitigation efforts at this point
 - Some Universities are bringing back masking protocols
 - Seeing testing fatigue among the community
 - Some health systems are creating apps that automatically notify your provider if you test positive
 - Access to antivirals is an issue for some
 - Some hospitals aren't carrying the correct monoclonal antibody treatment
 - Some hospitals telling patients certain antibody treatments don't work so they won't give them
- **Shortages**
 - Contrast used for diagnostics shortage; will probably last for a few months, and be especially tight through end of May
 - There are some alternatives and they are being utilized
 - Infant formula shortage
 - WIC is allowing families to buy other formulas outside program criteria
 - Discussion on importance of promoting breastfeeding
- **Other Topics and Discussion**
 - Spending of PHEP funds ideas:
 - Staff training, technology needs, infrastructure, fit testing equipment, pharmaceutical grade refrigerator, clothing, mini flashlights
 - Cannot be used for AEDs or treatment type things
 - Mass fatality planning for rural communities training is on June 29 – register on [WEM training portal](#)
 - Crisis Emergency Risk Communication (CERT) course virtual, self-paced CDC course; <https://emergency.cdc.gov/cerc/training/index.asp>
 - RTAC Conference Trainings: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/cu/oVY5vdA/NCRTAC2022>

- **Next Meeting**
 - Wednesday June 15 from 1300-1400