

HERC News

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PROGRAMMATIC UPDATES

Current Projects:

- The Regional Hazard Vulnerability Assessment (HVA) survey is complete, and the report is being developed
- A workgroup was formed to develop the [HERC's HAZMAT Health Care Surge Annex](#); the annex was emailed to all partners for open comment and review and is now finalized and Board approved
- Planning for this year's required Medical Response and Surge Exercise (MRSE) has begun (see date below)
- Efforts are underway to provide additional training to regional partners on statewide preparedness platforms; one such platform is EMResource:
 - EMResource is a tool to optimize communication and expedite patient care among health care facilities, public health, emergency management, and first responders. EMResource can:
 - Send time-sensitive alerts to partners in all sectors
 - Review hospital diversion statuses
 - Determine bed availability
 - Share available resources to assist hospitals in need
 - Regional goal is to get users of this system comfortable and confident in using it, as it will be a critical communication tool in real events
- Requests for the surplus evacuation and response equipment was reviewed by the Board and is being distributed to approved regional partners

Budgetary Updates:

- Submitted Coalition's request for carryover dollars; request includes:
 - MRSE contractor
 - HERC cyber security software
 - HAZMAT Training
 - Equipment for Marathon County's Regional Forensic Center

Upcoming/Recent Exercises:

- Hazmat Health Care Surge Tabletop Exercise - February 14, 2024, 1:00 – 3:30; see [flyer](#) and be sure to [register](#) if you plan to participate
- MRSE - April 10, 2024 from 1:00 – 4:00; this exercise will be run virtually, but you will want to congregate with your colleagues at your own facility/department (more info to come)

Regional Updates:

- Ty Zastava has been hired as the new NCW HERC Coordinator
- Hospitals need to report any exercise or real-life incident in the [MATCH survey](#)
- A Communication drill was held on Nov. 3rd utilizing WISCOM radios and EMResource; at least one form of response was received from all hospitals – great job everyone!

SITUATIONAL AWARENESS	LOGISTICS	RESOURCES
<p>Health Alerts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Urgent need to increase immunization coverage for influenza, COVID-19, and RSV and use of authorized/approved therapeutics in the setting of increased respiratory disease activity during the 23-24 winter season (December) ▪ Mpox caused by human-to-human transmission of Monkeypox virus with geographic spread in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (December) ▪ Important recommendations for preventing RSV disease in infants (November) ▪ High Blood Lead Levels in Children Consuming Recalled Cinnamon Applesauce Pouches (November) ▪ Limited Availability of Nirsevimab in the United States—Interim CDC Recommendations to Protect Infants from Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) during the 2023–2024 Respiratory Virus Season (October) <p>Noteworthy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ COVID is no longer a reportable disease to PH as of 11/1/2023, unless it involves hospitalization or pediatric death ▪ Syphilis Cases Continue to Rise in Wisconsin-Affecting Babies, Teens, and Adults (October) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Currently have the following available to loan out: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Moulage kits for training and exercises ○ MCI training cards ○ EZ-Up tents ○ Portable ultra-cold freezer ○ Portable standard freezer/coolers ○ Generators ○ Decedent pouches ○ Bioseal unit <p>If you have a logistics need, contact PJ Monday at philip.monday@aspirus.org or 715-574-6451.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ASPR’s healthcare and public health cyber security website ▪ CDC/ATSDR's Social Vulnerability Index (SVI) uses 15 U.S. census variables to help local officials identify communities that may need support before, during, or after disasters ▪ HHS emPOWER program has innovative data and tools to inform response efforts of at-risk individuals that are power dependent for their medical equipment and devices ▪ Current Health Alerts in WI ▪ NCW HERC orientation brochure & PowerPoint ▪ Numerous resources, training opportunities, meeting minutes, and other info can be found on the NCW HERC website

TRAININGS

<p>North Central Regional Trauma Advisory Council (RTAC) Trauma Conference Save the Date April 11, 2024 North Central Technical College More information to come</p>	<p>Wisconsin Emergency Management Conference March 13-15, 2024 The Grand Geneva Resort and Spa in Lake Geneva</p>
<p>Radiation Training: Radiological Emergency Preparedness in WI Looking for easy access to an informative overview of dangers associated with radiological emergencies and our preparedness for them? Watch the recorded session from the NCRAC Trauma Conference 2023 on "Radiological Emergency Preparedness in Wisconsin" by DJ LeClear. The session is about an hour long and is free. No CEUs are available.</p> <p>Radiation Basics Made Simple - 8 short segments broken down by topic</p> <p>Radiation Detection Wand Quick Start Guide (these wands were provided by the HERC to each County EM and Hospital ED last spring) (~3 min)</p> <p>Radiation Emergency Training, Education, and Tools (CDC) – includes a TTX simulation tool, webinars, guidelines, videos, etc.</p> <p>Myths of Radiation – short videos</p> <p>Just in Time Training for Hospital Clinicians – 17 min. video</p> <p>How to Use Handheld Survey Equipment – 18 min. video</p> <p>Radiation Toolkit (NACCHO) – resources to help you prepare for a radiation emergency</p>	<p>Equity Trainings: Prioritizing Equity video series: Advancing Equity Through Quality & Safety Peer Network (AMA)</p> <p>From Concepts to Practice: Health Equity, Health Inequities, Health Disparities, and Social Determinants of Health</p>
<p>ICS Courses: Virtual – self-paced 100, 200, 700, and 800 FEMA National Incident Management System</p> <p>NCW HERC ICS Trainings: Hospital ICS Public Health ICS Nursing Home ICS</p>	<p>Additional self-paced courses found in the PCA Portal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Nuclear and Radiation:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Center for Radiological Nuclear Training○ Texas A & M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX)▪ Hazmat DECON First Receiver Awareness - upon request

<p>Crisis Emergency Risk Communication (CERC) Virtual – self-paced</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Intro to CERC ○ Webinars for specific threats 	<p>Comprehensive Schedule of Trainings (DHS & HERC) https://www.trainingwisconsin.org/Schedule.aspx</p>
<p>Case Studies Various case studies regarding the region’s top HVA threats are posted to the NCW HERC website, and can be used as quick preparedness reviews with staff</p>	

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