

HERC News

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PROGRAMMATIC UPDATES

Current Projects:

- The Preparedness Plan was distributed to all partners for open comment and review and will soon be finalized; HERC partner signatures of plan acknowledgement will be forthcoming
- The Response Plan is currently out for open comment and review; additions to the Plan this year include:
 - Hazmat Health Care Surge Annex
 - Critical Transport Annex
 - Recovery Annex
- The Regional Hazard Vulnerability Assessment (HVA) [report](#) is complete
- Planning for this year's required Medical Response and Surge Exercise (MRSE) continues; this year's functional exercise will directly involve hospital, trauma, EMS, public health, and emergency management partners; however, all partners are welcome to participate/observe
- Efforts are underway to educate HERC partners on [EMTrack](#); EMTrack is a tool that facilitates patient tracking from an initial encounter through the health care system. Through EMTrack, health care facilities, public health, and emergency management, and first responders can track patients, receive alerts, and allocate resources in a variety of scenarios:
 - Daily EMS transports
 - Mass casualty incidents
 - Facility evacuations
 - Family assistance/reunification efforts

Budgetary Updates:

- Annual audit is complete; no major concerns were found
- Carryover request was approved and includes:
 - MRSE contractor
 - HERC cyber security software
 - HAZMAT trainings
 - Equipment for use at Marathon County's new Regional Forensic Center to support a mass fatality incident and includes:
 - Overhead cadaver lift
 - Body tracking barcode scanner
 - Body tracking label printer
 - Body tracking iPad
 - Camera to be mounted on the ceiling to take photos as decedents arrive and used for decedent identification
 - Folding tables
- Reviewing the 23-24 budget to assure use of all available funds

Upcoming/Recent Exercises:

- Hazmat Health Care Surge Tabletop Exercise was held on February 14, 2024; [AAR](#) is complete
- MRSE - April 10, 2024 from 1:00 – 4:00
 - If you plan to participate, register [here](#)

- CMS Exercise will be June 12, 2024 from 1:00 – 3:30 (trusted agent meeting is June 5, 1:00 – 1:30); see [flyer](#) for more details and registration link

Regional Updates:

- Hospitals need to report any exercise or real-life incident in the [MATCH survey](#)
- A communication drill was held on February 7, 2024; hospital response via WISCOM radios and EMResource was tested; overall, 89% of hospitals responded in some capacity – great job!
- A training for using a hand-held radiation detector is being held at Marathon County’s Emergency Management Office on April 16 from 9:30-12:30; see [flyer](#) for more information and a registration link (register by March 29th, 2024)
- Advance Hazard Life Support (AHL) and Toxic Terrorism and AHL for Chemical Burns and Toxic Products of Combustion will be held in one day (you can choose to attend one or both trainings); training will be May 20 in Wausau; see [flyer](#) for registration details
- MGT 403: Underserved Populations Preparedness Planning for Rural Responders and Volunteers will be offered in Wausau in August, see [flyer](#) for more details and registration

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| <p>Health Alerts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Increase in Global and Domestic Measles Cases and Outbreaks: Ensure Children in the United States and Those Traveling Internationally 6 Months and Older are Current on MMR Vaccination ▪ Increasing Cases of Multidrug-Resistant Organisms in Wisconsin check link ▪ Adverse Health Effects Linked to Neptune’s Fix and Other Products with Tianeptine <p>Noteworthy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ DHS issued a statewide naloxone standing order for nurses effective December 1, 2023 ▪ DHS Supports the CDC Recommendation for Spring 2024 COVID-19 Vaccine for Adults Ages 65 and Older | <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 ○ 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

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| <p>North Central Regional Trauma Advisory Council (RTAC) Trauma Conference April 11, 2024 North Central Technical College Preparedness track includes:</p> | <p>Multiple Casualty Incident Responder Training (W-402) April 6, 2024 8:00 – 4:30 Portage County Annex Building</p> |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • US Senior Open 2023 Medical Sector Review – Dr. Michael Clark & Panel • Crisis Standards of Care: The Basics and How It Can Better Help You in Your Preparedness – Douglas Hill • There's an App for That: Simplify EMS and Hospital Communications – Katherine Johnson • Medical Aspects of Haz-Mat Incidents – Dr. Michael Clark, Ted Tautges & Wausau FD Haz-Mat Team Members | <p>or</p> <p>April 13, 2024 8:00 – 4:30 Arbor Vitae Fire Department</p> <p>Register on WEM Training Portal</p> |
| <p>Cyber Security Workshop April 23-24 Oshkosh UW-Oshkosh Culver Family Welcome Center or June 11-12 Eau Claire Metropolis Resort and Conference Center</p> <p>We previously were prioritizing teams for registration, but have now opened registration to first come, first served. Contact Ty Zastava at herc.coordianator@ncw-herc.org or 715-572-0816 for more information and registration information.</p> <p>*This is a free training sponsored by OPEHC.</p> | <p>Advance Hazard Life Support (AHLS) Monday, May 20th, 2024 Aspirus Wausau Campus AHLS and Chemical Burns and Toxic Products of Combustion: 8:00 am – 12:00 pm and/or AHLS and Toxic Terrorism: 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm</p> <p>Register by May 6, 2024 by clicking on appropriate class(s) AHLS for Chemical Burns and Toxic Products of Combustion and/or AHLS for Toxic Terrorism</p> <p>* A virtual option will be offered as well. * This is a free training sponsored by NCW HERC.</p> |
| <p>Radiation Training: Using a hand-held radiation detection device April 16, 2024; 9:30 – 12:30 Marathon County Emergency Management Office</p> <p>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 NCRTAC 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>Mgt 403: Underserved populations preparedness planning for rural responders and volunteers</p> <p>August 20, 2024; 8:00 – 5:00 Marathon County Conference Center See flyer for more details.</p> |

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| <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>Crisis Emergency Risk Communication (CERC) Virtual – self-paced</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Intro to CERC <p>Webinars for specific threats</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>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>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> | <p>Upcoming PIO Trainings (further details in link):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 26-28, 2024 Chippewa Falls • April 22-24, 2024 Marathon County • May 28-30, 2024 Vernon County • July 22-24, 2024 Price County • October 15-17, 2024 Vilas County • November 12-14, 2024 Green Bay |
| <p>Comprehensive Schedule of Trainings (DHS & HERC) https://www.trainingwisconsin.org/Schedule.aspx</p> | |

**For 24/7 response needs contact Aspirus MedEvac 800-888-8056, and they will contact NCW HERC leadership.*

