

HERC News

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PROGRAMMATIC UPDATES

Current Projects:

- Working on the 2024-2025 regional Hazard Vulnerability Assessment (HVA) report and will be collaborating with public health to identify top public health threats per their deliverable requirements
- Distribution is underway to 100 ambulances in the region for [First Line Technology](#) dry decontamination kits
 - If you missed the survey deadline and are interested in the kits, email herc.coordinator@ncw-herc.org
- Completed the Readiness Assessment, a tool provided by ASPR that guides this year's planning and activities
- Updating the Response Plan, Resource Management Annex, Medical Surge Annexes (Burn, Pediatric, Radiation, HAZMAT, and High Consequence Infectious Disease), and the Continuity of Operations Annex to include new guidance provided by ASPR
- Developing the Readiness Plan, a thorough review of the Readiness Assessment, and identifies priorities and strategies for action for the upcoming five years

Budgetary Updates:

- BP1 Budget has been submitted, approved, and invoicing and payments have now begun
- BP2 draft budget is in development; the draft is due January 31, 2025

Upcoming/Recent Exercises:

- Planning is underway for this year's Medical Response Surge Exercise (MRSE);
 - New this year - two additional platforms will need to be utilize: eICS and EMTrack
 - Trainings on these platforms will be provided; additionally, some recorded trainings from the past are listed in the training table below
 - NCW HERC, along with five other HERC regions have contracted with Fire, LLC to lead the exercise
 - Exercise date has not yet been set, but will be sometime in the spring
- Working with Optima Emergency Preparedness consultants to once again offer a CMS exercise
 - The Trusted Agent meeting will be held June 4 from 1:00 – 1:30
 - The exercise will be held June 11 from 1:00 – 3:30 (virtual)
- The state has released their Integrated Preparedness Plan (IPP), which is essentially the five-year training plan; it can be found [here](#); priority trainings identified for our region include:
 - Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program and Integrated Preparedness Plan
 - Continuity of Operations
 - Mass Care and Emergency Assistance
 - Emergency Operation Coordination

Regional Updates:

- Hospitals **NO LONGER** need to report any exercise or real-life incident in the MATCH survey

| SITUATIONAL AWARENESS | LOGISTICS | RESOURCES |
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| <p>Health Alerts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Potential Hepatitis A Exposure in SE Wisconsin (November, DHS) ▪ First Case of Clade I Mpox Diagnosed in the United States (November, CDC) ▪ Increase in Mycoplasma Pneumoniae Cases in Wisconsin (DHS, October) ▪ First Marburg Virus Disease Outbreak in the Republic of Rwanda (CDC, October); Situation Updates ▪ Pertussis cases in WI (DHS, September) <p>Noteworthy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ IV Solution update (CDC, November) ▪ Conjunctivitis linked with H5N1 (DHS GovD, November) ▪ CDC Confirms New Human Cases of H5 Bird Flu in California (CDC, October) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ If your EMS agency is interested in dry decontamination kits and have not yet completed the HERC survey, please email herc.coordinator@ncw-herc.org ▪ NCW HERC currently has 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 logistic need related to the HERC, contact PJ Monday at philip.monday@aspirus.org or 715-574-6451.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ FEMA’s Resilience Analysis Planning Tool (RAPT) provides multiple local and county data sets that are helpful in preparedness planning and response ▪ 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 (temporarily down) ▪ 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>Basic Inland SAR Course February 11-13, 2025 Wausau</p> | <p>Governor’s Conference on Emergency Management & Homeland Security March 10-12, 2025 Green Bay</p> |
| <p>NC RTAC Trauma Conference April 10, 2025 North Central Technical College Wausau More info to come</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) <p>Hazmat DECON First Receiver Awareness - upon request</p> |
| <p>EMTrack Wisconsin offers a free EMTrack training, providing an overview of Wisconsin-specific functionality and system navigation.</p> | <p>eICS https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/preparedness/systems/eics.htm</p> |

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Navigate to the Juvare training webpage and sign in. If you have not taken a Juvare training before, you will need to sign up. 2. Select the EMTrack product to access Juvare trainings. 3. Select the "Client-Specific Courses" to access jurisdiction EMTrack trainings. 4. Select the "Wisconsin EMTrack Training" tile. 5. Select the appropriate training video based upon your role. 6. Enter the coupon "bigcheese2022" to waive the registration fee. <p>or https://youtu.be/LOFIufGBwAA</p> | |
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| <p>Radiation Training:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 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. ▪ Radiation Basics Made Simple - 8 short segments broken down by topic ▪ Radiation Detection Wand Quick Start Guide (these wands were provided by the HERC to each County EM and Hospital ED last spring) (~3 min) ▪ Radiation Emergency Training, Education, and Tools (CDC) – includes a TTX simulation tool, webinars, guidelines, videos, etc. ▪ Myths of Radiation – short videos ▪ Just in Time Training for Hospital Clinicians – 17 min. video ▪ How to Use Handheld Survey Equipment – 18 min. video ▪ Radiation Toolkit (NACCHO) – resources to help you prepare for a radiation emergency | |
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| <p>Crisis Emergency Risk Communication (CERC) Virtual – self-paced</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Intro to CERC ○ Webinars for specific threats | <p>Upcoming PIO Trainings TBD</p> |
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| <p>Equity Trainings: Prioritizing Equity video series: Advancing Equity Through Quality & Safety Peer Network (AMA) 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> |
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| <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>Comprehensive Schedule of Trainings (DHS & HERC) https://www.trainingwisconsin.org/Schedule.aspx</p> |
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***For 24/7 response needs contact Aspirus MedEvac 800-888-8056, and they will contact NCW HERC leadership.**

