



This week's update includes:

- Please send us your HVA by EOD tomorrow
- Information for September's Communications Exercise
- WHO revealed its list of over 30 pathogens that are most likely to cause the next pandemic
- COOP Toolkit now available
- And More!

Follow up needed.....

(this box will indicate areas within the update that require action by membership)

- Hospitals, EM and LPH- Please send your HVA by August 30th

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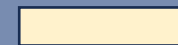
Hospital/Healthcare



All Membership



SNF/Assisted Living/Home Health Hospice



Health Care
Coalitions Weekly
Update:
August 29, 2024

Coalitions Contact Information

Email us at cwhealthcarecoalitions@centracare.com

[Visit the Coalition Website](#)

Emergency 24/7 Phone: 320-654-2720



We would like your assistance!

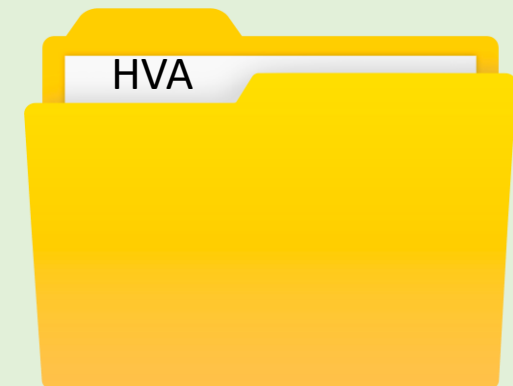
Hospitals, EM's, and LPH, please send us your most recent **HVA** plans.

We are updating the regional plan, and we don't want to miss anything. We would like these by **August 30, 2024**.

Please send them to the
cwhealthcarecoalitions@centracare.com

Please indicate if you are with the Central or West Central Coalition.

Thank you for your help!



National Weather Service Update

Thunderstorms are expected to develop this afternoon over western MN that will quickly form into a line, moving into western WI this evening. There is a Slight Risk (level 2 of 5) of severe storms. After today, no hazardous weather is expected through the upcoming holiday weekend.

Please see the attached Decision Support Packet for more details, or you can always view the latest packet online at [MPX DSS Packet](#).

Useful Links:

[Severe Weather Outlooks and Watches](#)

[Heavy Rain Outlooks](#)



Monthly Communications Exercise Meeting Invite

Our apologies!

We had a major issue with our original calendar meeting invite/placeholder and needed to re-send the invite. We ended up having to send the new invite multiple times to some participants- so sorry! We believe we have corrected the issue and should be good moving forward.



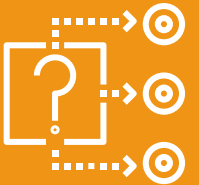
Let's try this again...



~~August~~ September 2024 Comms Test

We will again be conducting 800 MHz portable radio testing for the month of September. Those without a portable 800 MHz radio can relax and have a month off.

Purpose



The purpose of this and all monthly communication tests & exercises is to share an opportunity with coalition partners to not only refresh, but to train new staff to be familiar with the different communication modalities that are available to coalition partners during a real-life event. It is better to train on a sunny day so that we can respond on a cloudy day.

Turn on your portable radio at 12:25...call down will start promptly at 12:30...



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Select STAC 11 as the Talkgroup...monitor for further instructions...

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The HMAcc will do a call down by county...we will go through the list twice...

When your site is called, please acknowledge...we will ask at the end for those to identify that we have not called...



What is the process for this test? Example below...



HMAcc calling Essentia - Saint Joseph's Medical Center...HMAcc Radio Traffic.

Essentia - Saint Joseph's Medical Center Checking in...Site Radio Traffic

Infection Prevention and Control for Shelters During Disasters



[Click here](#) to view APIC's Infection Prevention and Control for Shelters During Disasters document.

This document consists of planning recommendations/guidance that disaster planners can use to prepare and respond to potential emergencies involving IPC issues in shelters. The document is designed to be used as a planning and reference document for disaster planners setting up and/or running a shelter.

[Click here](#) for APIC's washing hands poster

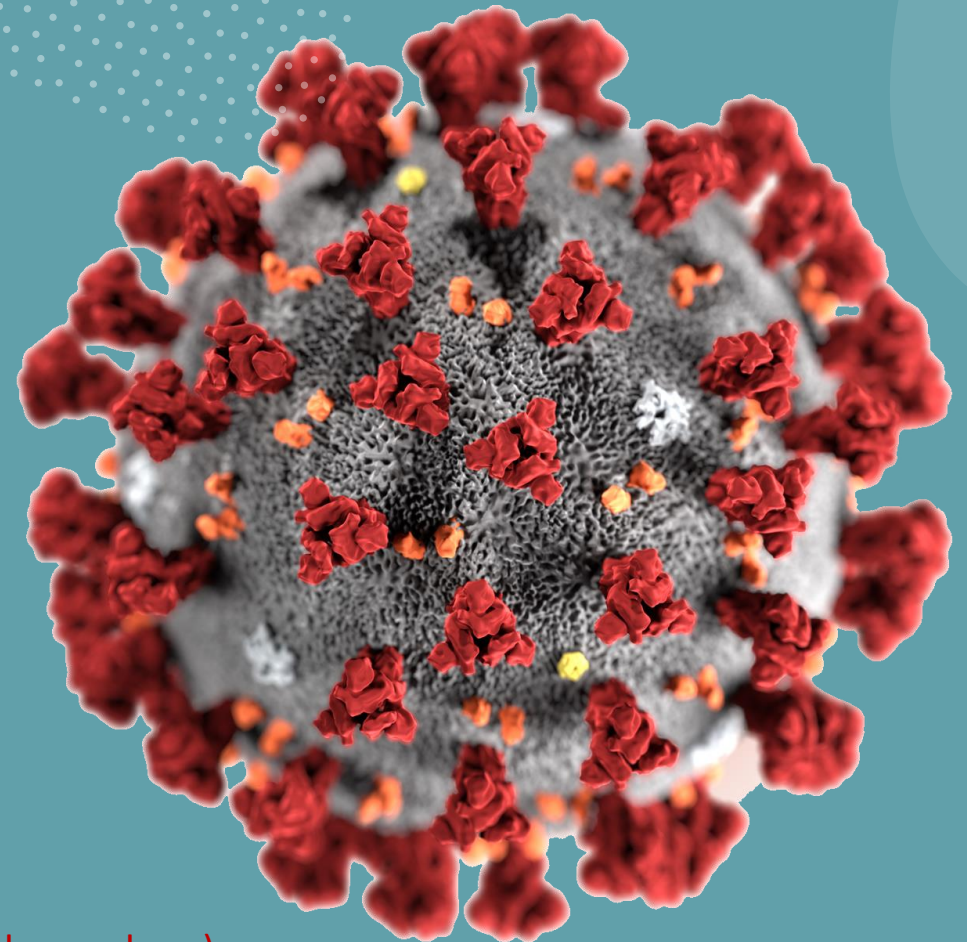
Per MDH's LTC Call on 7/10/24, COVID-19 Rapid Test Kits are still available from the federal government:

To request, please e-mail: tdx@hhs.gov

In the e-mail, include:

- Facility name
- Address
- CLIA waiver number
- Request to begin receiving test kits
- To change the distribution once it begins, e-mail the same address

For more information: [Free COVID-19 Tests Still Available from HHS \(ahcancal.org\)](https://www.ahecancal.org)



We shared some great resources on our last Coalition calls... make sure to check them out!

Coalition Website

Home - Central and West Central Healthcare Preparedness Coalition
(cwhealthcarecoalitions.org)

NW Coalition Website

HOME | NWHSC (nwmnemergencypreparedness.com)

MDH Website

Medical Surge Education and Planning - MN Dept. of Health
(state.mn.us)

AHEPP/Association of Healthcare Emergency Preparedness Professionals

Resource Center - Association of Healthcare Emergency Preparedness Professionals (ahepp.org)



World Health Organization Reveals 30 Pathogens Most Likely to Trigger Next Pandemic



WHO has revealed its list of more than 30 pathogens that are most likely to cause the next pandemic.

Among the most dangerous viruses and bacteria is avian influenza H5N1, which is spreading in the US and which scientists fear could easily mutate to jump between humans.

There are also fears about the mosquito-borne dengue fever, sometimes dubbed the 'bone-breaking disease' which is also spreading in the US at unprecedented levels.

And monkeypox, which caused a global epidemic in 2022, was also on the list, amid an outbreak of a deadlier and more infectious strain in Africa.

More than half of the entries were new compared to the list from 2017, when the list was first published.

It also included hantavirus, a virus that spreads among rodents, the mosquito-borne West Nile Virus, influenza and COVID.

The scientists also added smallpox even though it is currently eradicated, fearing it could be accidentally released in a lab accident and then spread quickly because few people now have immunity against the virus.

And the rodent-borne Lassa fever, which can cause bleeding from the gums, eyes and nose and seizures in patients.

The list was compiled by 200 scientists from more than 50 countries after reviewing a shortlist of 1,600 bacterium and viruses.

Those marked as having 'pandemic potential' were highly transmissible and virulent — or able to cause serious disease in humans. Learn more on [dailymail.co.uk](https://www.dailymail.co.uk).

Around The World

WHO Director-General Declares Mpox Outbreak a Public Health Emergency of International Concern

World Health Organization (WHO) Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus has determined that the upsurge of mpox in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and a growing number of countries in Africa constitutes a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) under the International Health Regulations (2005) (IHR).

Dr Tedros's declaration came on the advice of an IHR Emergency Committee of independent experts after they reviewed data presented by experts from WHO and affected countries. The Committee informed the Director-General that it considers the upsurge of mpox to be a PHEIC, with potential to spread further across countries in Africa and possibly outside the continent.

The Director-General will share the report of the Committee's meeting and, based on the advice of the Committee, issue temporary recommendations to countries.

In declaring the PHEIC, Dr Tedros said, "The emergence of a new clade of mpox, its rapid spread in eastern DRC, and the reporting of cases in several neighbouring countries are very worrying. On top of outbreaks of other mpox clades in DRC and other countries in Africa, it's clear that a coordinated international response is needed to stop these outbreaks and save lives."

WHO Regional Director for Africa Dr Matshidiso Moeti said, "Significant efforts are already underway in close collaboration with communities and governments, with our country teams working on the frontlines to help reinforce measures to curb mpox. With the growing spread of the virus, we're scaling up further through coordinated international action to support countries bring the outbreaks to an end." Learn more on [who.int](https://www.who.int).





HealthCare Preparedness in the News

AHEPP featured the following stories and resources in their recent update:

[7 Things to Know About the New COVID Vaccines](#)

[A Rare but Deadly Mosquito Virus Infection has Massachusetts Towns Urging Vigilance](#)

[CDC Urges Updated COVID, Flu Vaccination in September or October](#)

Best Practices for Event Logging and Threat Detection

The Australian Signals Directorate's Australian Cyber Security Centre (ASD's ACSC), along with Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), National Security Agency (NSA), and international partners, released a guide titled "Best Practices for Event Logging and Threat Detection". This guide is intended to help organizations establish effective event logging practices to combat cyber threats, particularly those using advanced techniques like living off the land (LOTL) and fileless malware. CISA urges information technology systems (IT) and operational technology systems (OT) professionals, network administrators, and critical infrastructure operators to adopt the recommended practices to better detect and respond to malicious activities and anomalies. For more information, the guide can be found at [Best Practices for Event Logging and Threat Detection](#).

COOP for Rural Healthcare: Office Hours

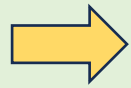


The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) & the Coalitions have created a Continuity of Operations (COOP) Planning Toolkit for health care facilities. Along with the toolkit, support includes a series of Office Hours where health care facilities can ask questions and share best practices.

Please [Click here](#) for more information & registration.

TOPIC 1	HOW TO COOP: A ROADMAP	Aug 1, 12:00-12:45 pm Oct 10, 1:00-1:45 pm
TOPIC 2	COOP 101	Aug 8, 9:00-9:45 am Oct 17, 1:00-1:45 pm
TOPIC 3	IDENTIFYING ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS	Aug 15, 11:00-11:45 am Oct 24, 1:00-1:45 pm
TOPIC 4	VITAL RECORDS, IT, HUMAN RESOURCES, AND COMMUNICATIONS	Aug 22, 12:00-12:45 pm Oct 31, 9:00-9:45 am
TOPIC 5	CONTINUITY FACILITIES, RECONSTITUTION, AND DEVOLUTION	Aug 29, 12:00-12:45 pm Nov 7, 10:00-10:45 am
TOPIC 6	CONTINUITY PLANNING FOR LONG TERM CARE	Sep 5, 12:00-12:45 pm Nov 14, 12:00-12:45 pm

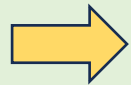
COOP Toolkit Now Available Online!!



The COOP toolkit is now on the MDH website and can be found at:

[Continuity of Operations Planning for Health Care & Long-Term Care - MN Dept. of Health \(state.mn.us\)](https://state.mn.us)

AND...



6 webinars have been developed as part of the toolkit and are in the process of being uploaded to the MDH YouTube website (all are anticipated to be uploaded by 9/5/24). These webinars can be found at:

[Minnesota Department of Health YouTube Channel \(www.youtube.com/@mnhealth\)](https://www.youtube.com/@mnhealth).

PLAN, PREPARE, ACT: Practical Strategies for Emergency Preparedness and Response in Healthcare Facilities



REGISTRATION IS STILL OPEN!

In this all-day in-person workshop, you will gain practical strategies and insights to enhance your facility's preparedness and response capabilities for all types of hazards.

Those who should attend, but not limited to:

- Emergency Preparedness Coordinators
- Emergency Management Program Leads
- Others, such as Facilities Management Staff, Administrative, and Support Staff, and Clinicians

REGISTER for the Dates: Central Coalition dates: Sept 12 St. Cloud
West Central Coalition: Sept 24 or 26 Fergus Falls



Minnesota Health Equity Networks: Core Training Series

Sept. 4, 1:00 to 4:30 PM

This series features three distinct sessions: Health Equity, Community Engagement, and Successful Networks. It is designed for drop-in attendance, and participants can attend one, two, or all three sessions.

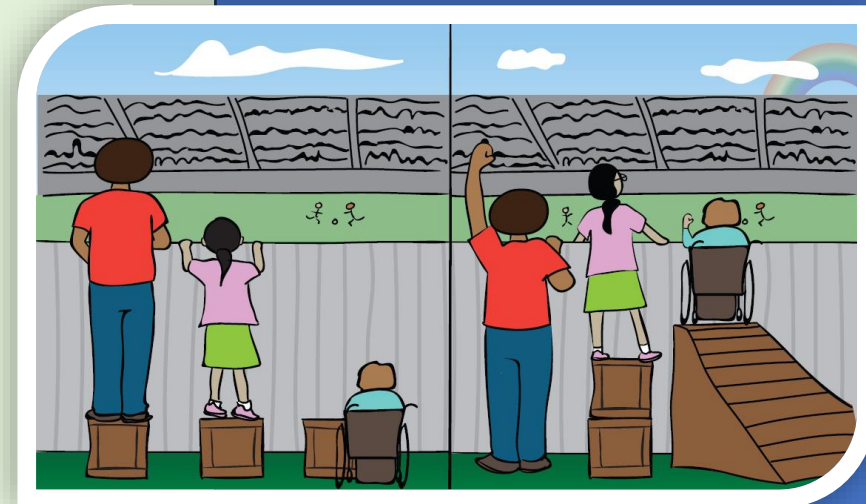
- Health Equity: 1:00 – 2:00 pm
- Community Engagement: 2:10 – 3:10 pm
- Successful Networks: 3:20 – 4:30 pm

Registration link for one or all sessions: [Core Training Series | Sept. 4](#)

This Core Series Training has been offered previously and is being repeated due to popular demand. All interested individuals are encouraged to participate!



Non-Coalition Training Opportunities





Minnesota Health Equity Networks: Statewide Gathering

Tuesday, September 24, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

This gathering will have a focus on Disability & Justice Equity

Registration link: [Statewide Gathering | September 24](#)

Non-
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Opportunities

Metro Coalition Community-Based Exercise for LTC



The Metro Coalition is hosting its annual community-based exercise for long term care, home care, and hospice on **September 17, 2024, from 1:00-4:00pm**. This will be a virtual exercise, and participants will be practicing standing up a command center and activating response teams in response to a slow-moving winter weather event. Two opportunities for pre-exercise trainings will be offered on September 9 and September 11. Registration is open to the entire state.

[Click here for more information](#)
(Click on the underlined dates for registrations)

Non-Central
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Opportunities

SAVE THE DATE

HERT Decontamination Hands-On Workshop

Come for an hour, or stay for the day...This is a **FREE** opportunity for HERT team members or potential HERT team members to explore the following:

- PPE
 - Donning
 - Doffing
- Emergency Treatment Area Set-up & Operations
- Triage Practice
- Decontamination Set-up
 - 3-line tent
 - Single station
 - Non-ambulatory
- Communications
- Other topics as brought-up by participants....

Dates:

Monday September 23rd, 2024 1300-1700

▪ OR

Tuesday September 24th, 2024 0900-1500

Location: (hyperlink to map)

- [602 3rd Street South, Waite Park, MN 56387](#)

- Open to all coalition partners who have completed the FEMA CDP HERT Virtual training or are planning to in the next 12 months
 - **No timeline commitment or registration is necessary!**



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Opportunities

OSHA FIRST RECEIVER TRAINING

...the standard & a requirement
...this is for your HERT team members!!!

- On-line modular training offered by coalition in 2024:
 - October 28th-31st, 2024
 - January 20-23rd, 2025
 - March 24th-27th, 2025
- Sessions will be offered 0800-1000 or 2000-2200 each day, attendees must attend 1 session per day for the entire 4-day period (8-hours total).
- This training will get the attendee a FEMA certificate of completion
- 3-hour Fee for service hands on sessions can be scheduled after if desired by your agency/facility (not required)



[Click here to register...](#)

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2024/25 Central and WC Meeting Calendar

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2024/2025 Coalition Calendar

Note the color-coding key at the bottom.

****NOTE - calendar invites trump this calendar****

Central All Coalition - Regional Meeting - face to face 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Central Regional Meeting - virtual 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
Central Region Advisory Committee Meeting - 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
Regional Surge Exercise - 4th Thursday of March

West Central All Coalition - Regional Meeting - face to face 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
West Central Regional meeting - virtual 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Regional Full Scale Communications Exercise 1:30 p.m.
Mini communications exercise
West Central Advisory Committee Meeting 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Federal holidays 2024/25

Jul 4, 2024	Independence Day	Nov 11, 2024	Veterans Day	Jan 1, 2025	New Year's Day	May 26, 2025	Memorial Day
Sep 2, 2024	Labor Day	Nov 28, 2024	Thanksgiving Day	Jan 20, 2025	Martin L. King Day	Jun 19, 2025	Juneteenth
Oct 14, 2024	Columbus Day	Dec 25, 2024	Christmas Day	Feb 17, 2025	Presidents' Day		

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