



Health Care
Coalitions Weekly
Update:
September 5, 2024

This week's update includes:

- See how Sanford Health has expanded emergency services through telehealth
- Iran-based cyberattack information
- Last chance to register for the EP workshop in Fergus Falls
- Round 2 COOP Office Hours starting October 10th- Don't miss out on this great resource!
- And More!

Follow up needed.....

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

- **Nothing at this time**

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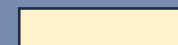
Hospital/Healthcare



All Membership



SNF/Assisted Living/Home Health Hospice



Coalitions Contact Information

Email us at cwhealthcarecoalitions@centracare.com

[Visit the Coalition Website](#)

Emergency 24/7 Phone: 320-654-2720

**After tomorrow, Shawn Stoen
will be out of the office,
returning September 27th**

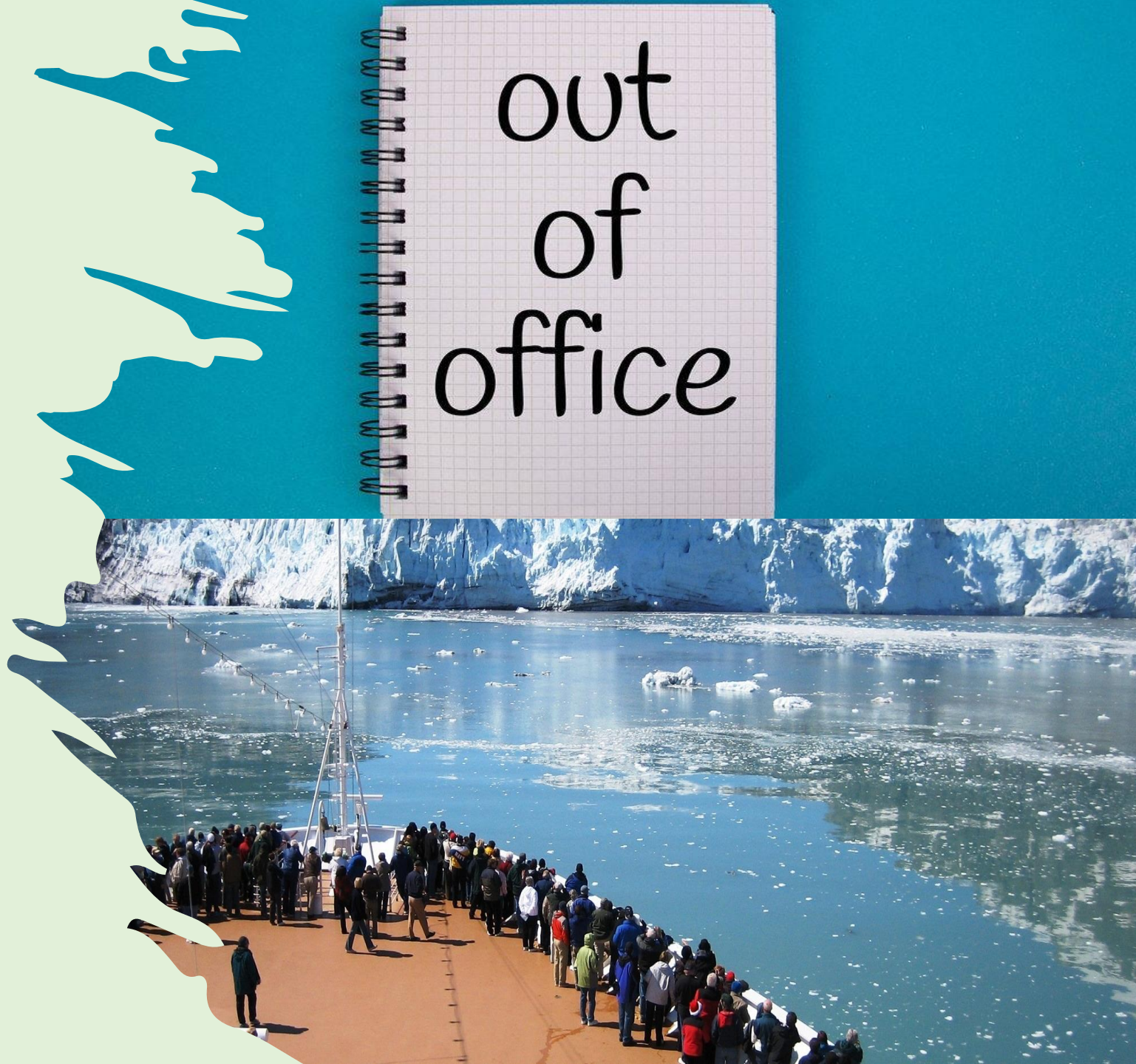
Reminders:

- For non-emergencies, Please email:
cwhealthcarecoalitions@centracare.com
- For emergencies call:
320-654-2720

Please note, if you email her directly
there will be a delay in the response.



out
of
office

A spiral-bound notebook with a white cover and a grid pattern is shown. The words "out of office" are written in a large, black, cursive font on the notebook's page. The notebook is set against a solid blue background.



EMERGENCY

Expanding Access to Emergency Care in Rural Hospitals

People from rural areas are more likely to die from an [accident](#) or having a [stroke](#). They also get [more injuries from fires](#) compared to those living in urban areas. Providers with special training can use telehealth to assist staff in rural hospitals. This helps treat injuries quickly. In a medical emergency, faster care is critical.

Sanford Health has expanded emergency services through telehealth over many years. Sanford Health works with 32 emergency service locations. These are in rural areas in South Dakota, North Dakota, and Minnesota. This partnership helps rural emergency staff quickly speak with specialists. The specialists provide guidance on treating strokes, burns, and other medical traumas.

When a patient arrives at a rural emergency room, staff promptly respond. They use a virtual care hub to start a live video connection. The virtual hub connects the rural emergency staff to a specialist. This helps increase access and works to prevent avoidable deaths.

Technology is key to the program's success. The tele-emergency team uses two large monitors. This allows specialists to view patient information from six different sources at the same time. These different pieces of information help the emergency physician identify the best treatment. Learn more on [hhs.gov](https://www.hhs.gov).

Iran-based Cyber Actors Enabling Ransomware Attacks on US Organizations

CISA, FBI, and the Department of Defense Cyber Crime Center (DC3) have published a joint Cybersecurity Advisory (CSA) highlighting ongoing ransomware attacks by Iran-based cyber actors targeting U.S. and international organizations, including those in education, finance, healthcare, defense, and local government. These actors, associated with the Iranian government, use their access to collaborate with ransomware affiliates to deploy ransomware and steal sensitive data. The advisory details their tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTPs) and provides updates from a previous advisory on the exploitation of virtual private network (VPN) vulnerabilities. Known under various names such as Pioneer Kitten and Br0k3r, this group also engages in computer network exploitation to support Iranian state interests, conducting operations like the 2020 Pay2Key hack-and-leak campaign aimed at undermining Israeli infrastructure. For more information, please visit [Iran-based Cyber Actors Enabling Ransomware Attacks on US Organizations](#).



HHS Secretary Becerra Hosts Roundtable with Health Care Leaders to Address the Shortage of Blood Culture Media Bottles

Secretary Xavier Becerra hosted a roundtable with government officials, hospital and clinical leaders, distributors, and representatives from Becton, Dickinson and Company to discuss mitigation strategies and solutions to alleviate the shortage of blood culture media bottles. Secretary Becerra began the call by highlighting the importance of acting now in order to avoid more acute shortages as we move into fall respiratory virus season.

Access the full [press release](#) from HHS to learn more.

Biden-Harris Administration Invests \$12 Million to Build U.S. Medical Product Sterilization Facility

“The award we are announcing today makes the U.S. public health supply chain more secure, reduces reliance on foreign sources, and brings long-term, high paying jobs to the region,” said Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response Dawn O’Connell. “We’re focusing on infrastructure that can be sustained through the commercial market for years to come.”

Access the full [press release](#) from ASPR to learn more.



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



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

Sept 24th in Fergus Falls

[REGISTER HERE](#)



**LAST CHANCE
TO REGISTER!!!**



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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.

Next Training!

Don't forget to add these to your calendar!

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



Minnesota Health Equity Networks: Statewide Gathering

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

- This gathering will feature a presentation on Disability Health Equity 101 from Kody Olson and Hannah Summers with the Minnesota Department of Health.
- This presentation provides an accessible and engaging overview of disability health equity concepts. Focus areas include inclusive language, definitions and models of disability, disability justice, public health history, and ongoing health disparities. Through candid, justice-driven conversation, participants will be equipped to identify gaps in their understanding of disability and better incorporate disability equity into their work.

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



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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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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

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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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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

July 2024						
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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		

THE COALITION TEAM.....



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