



Health Care  
Coalitions Weekly  
Update:  
January 23, 2025

### This week's update includes:

- Submit In-Kind Reports by Jan 31st
- Medical Response & Surge Exercise Information
- Free At-Home COVID Tests Available
- Newly Added Training Opportunities
- And More!

**Follow up  
needed.....**

**In Kind Report Due January 31st**

### Legend for the backgrounds in the update:

Hospital/Healthcare



All Membership



SNF/Assisted Living/Home Health Hospice



### Coalitions Contact Information

Email us at [cwhealthcarecoalitions@centracare.com](mailto:cwhealthcarecoalitions@centracare.com)

[Visit the Coalition Website](#)

**! Emergency 24/7 Phone: 320-654-2720**

# ATTENTION: In Kind Report for Healthcare Coalitions



Please use the [in-kind report](#) to track your activities



Requesting all members including Hospitals, EMS, Local Public Health, LTC, etc. that participate in any exercises and trainings as well as meetings with the Coalition to complete a report of in-kind activities for the first half of the budget period (**July 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024**)

Trainings conducted in house  
Attendance at meetings (emergency preparedness focused)  
Equipment purchase (communications/med sleds/evacuation tools)



Please submit this report by **January 31, 2025**.

Submit to [cwhealthcarecoalitions@centracare.com](mailto:cwhealthcarecoalitions@centracare.com).

Keep it simple. It does not need to be everything ---- a snapshot is fine. We are required to report 10% of the grant.

# MEDICAL RESPONSE & SURGE EXERCISE



## EXERCISE INFORMATION



**Exercise Date**  
March 27th, 2025



**Exercise Time**  
9:00am - 12:00pm



**Exercise Location**  
Virtual (Zoom)

## WHO SHOULD REGISTER?



**Hospitals, EMS, Emergency Management, Public Health, Tribal Nations, Home Care, Long Term Care, Clinics, AFN advocacy groups, resource suppliers, and more!**

[Click here for more information](#)

# West Central Coalition Regional Meeting



Thank you for all that participated in our Regional meeting today!

[Click Here](#) for to review our slide show

We appreciate any feedback/input, Contact us at [cwhealthcarecoalition@centracare.com](mailto:cwhealthcarecoalition@centracare.com)

Remember we are here for you!

# Regional Huddle/Regional Collaboration.. A support for hospitals

Regional Huddles are scheduled Thursdays from 8:30-9:00am. Meeting cadence is variable based upon need. A great opportunity for healthcare facilities in our region to collaborate and discuss any current issues!

Please email [cwhealthcarecoalitions@centracare.com](mailto:cwhealthcarecoalitions@centracare.com) to request a calendar invite to this huddle.

Participation is not required, and attendance is not taken. This is a way for the healthcare facilities in our region to collaborate.





## Baxter IV Solution Shortage Information and Resources

The Metro Coalition is hosting a statewide call in response to the IV Shortage Situation. **Next meeting February 5<sup>th</sup> at 8am.** Please email Chris Chell with the Metro Coalition at [Christine.chell@hcmcd.org](mailto:Christine.chell@hcmcd.org) for a meeting invite to this call. [Click here](#) to view the notes from the 1/8 meeting.

**Most recent update from Baxter:** [Hurricane Helene Updates | Baxter](#)

**Reminder: If you have a supply need, please reach out to the coalition at [cwhealthcarecoalitions@centracare.com](mailto:cwhealthcarecoalitions@centracare.com)**



- [16 states report high respiratory virus activity: 5 notes](#)
- [CDC urges more bird flu testing in hospitals](#)
- [President Trump's 1st-day healthcare moves: 7 things to know](#)
- [Trump administration halts health agency communications: Report](#)



## Read about:

- ❖ [Scammers pose as hospital employees in 'spoofing' scheme](#)



# REPORTS-DATA-RESOURCES

- ❖ [Weekly Influenza and Respiratory Activity: Statistics - MN Dept. of Health](#)
- ❖ [Measles Cases and Outbreaks](#)
- ❖ [COVID Data Tracker](#)
- ❖ [Weekly U.S. Influenza Surveillance Report](#)
- ❖ [RSV VaxView](#)
- ❖ [ASPR TRACIE Avian Influenza Quick Facts](#)



We recommend encouraging your staff to order the kits!



## COVID-19 Testing

### Order Your 4 Free At-home COVID-19 Tests

Every U.S. household is eligible to order 4 free at-home tests.

## ASPR COVID-19 Testing

Every U.S. household is eligible to order **4 free at-home tests**. An order of COVID tests is completely free.

COVID-19 testing helps people know if they have COVID-19 so they can decide what to do next, like getting treatment to reduce their risk of severe illness and taking steps to lower their chances of spreading the virus to others.

The tests available for order:

- Are rapid antigen at-home tests, not PCR
- Can be taken at home or other locations. Give results within 30 minutes (no lab drop-off required)
- Can be used for testing even if the person does not have COVID-19 symptoms
- Can be used for testing whether the person is up to date on their COVID-19 vaccines or not
- Are also referred to as self-tests or over the counter (OTC) tests

Learn more on [covidtests.gov](https://www.covidtests.gov).



# Respiratory Protection Information

Free information is available on the OSHA website:

<https://www.osha.gov/respiratory-protection>

# MNTrac API Bed Availability Feature



Did you know MNTrac.org now offers a feature allowing bed availability to be shared automatically through an Application Programming Interface (API)? This enhancement will save healthcare staff valuable time, eliminating the need for manual logins and data entry.

[Click here](#) to view the technical setup guide for your administrators and IT team to help get you started.

Email [health.hpp@state.mn.us](mailto:health.hpp@state.mn.us) if you have any questions or concerns as you consider implementing this feature across your organizations.

# Preparedness in Rural Communities: National and State/Local Perspectives and Plans

## A Virtual Mini-Symposium - January 30 and 31, 2025

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
Eastern Time  
Each Day

Sponsored by Penn State

The COVID-19 pandemic and recent hurricanes have thrust the preparedness of rural communities into the national spotlight. At the federal level, the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have recently released national goals and plans for preparedness of rural communities. The overall objective of this virtual, 2-day mini-symposium is to identify opportunities in public health and agricultural preparedness and response in rural communities. The mini-symposium will focus upon national perspectives on Thursday, January 30 and the state/local perspectives on Friday, January 31. Speakers include representatives of the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response, the Department of Homeland Security, US Department of Agriculture, the USA Center for Rural Public Health Preparedness, and state/local leaders.

Click [here](#) for more information.



Non- Coalition  
Training  
Opportunities

# AWR-232: Mass Fatalities Planning & Response for Rural Communities

## When:

March 10<sup>th</sup> 8:00-5:00

## Where:

Aitkin County Government Center

## Cost:

Free- Lunch included

## Course Description

This 8-hour awareness-level, instructor-led course is designed to prepare rural first responders and officials with the basic knowledge, skills and abilities to manage a mass fatality incident impacting their jurisdiction. Target audience includes first responders, coroners/medical examiners, public health officials, and others with responsibilities during a mass fatality incident. Issues addressed include establishing roles and responsibilities, assets management, remains processing and identification, diversity issues and development of a mass fatality plan that affect the construct of a mass fatality response.

[Click here to register](#)

\*Register by 2/24/25\*



Public Health  
Prevent. Promote. Protect.  
Aitkin County



# FREE

4-hour In Person  
Individual COOP  
Technical  
Assistance  
Sessions  
Available for  
Hospitals **and**  
**LTC**



These personal sessions support COOP plan development and provide 1:1 planning guidance. Use these sessions however you'd like!

Develop a plan or work on a specific area of need with an experienced Subject Matter Expert! All facilities are able to schedule up to a 4-hour session. Take advantage of this incredible opportunity!

Contact Lauren Smith at [mnruralcoop@allclearmg.com](mailto:mnruralcoop@allclearmg.com) with any questions or to discuss your facilities needs.

[Click here](#) for more information

Please reach out to [cwhealthcarecoalitions@centracare.com](mailto:cwhealthcarecoalitions@centracare.com) if this would be of interest to you.

**NOW OPEN TO  
LTC  
Register ASAP!**

# MEDICAL MANAGEMENT OF CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL, RADIOLOGICAL, NUCLEAR AND EXPLOSIVE (CBRNE) EVENTS PER-211



National Emergency  
Response and Recovery  
Training Center



## When & Where...

- May 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025 -or- May 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025
  - Class starts May 6<sup>th</sup> or May 8<sup>th</sup> @ 0900
  - Class ends May 7<sup>th</sup> or May 9<sup>th</sup> @ 1630
    - 45 seats per session
- Camp Ripley, MN
  - Lodging provided May 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> or May 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>
  - Meals provided
    - May 6<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>
      - Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
    - May 7<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>
      - Breakfast & Lunch

## Registration...



Or [click here](#)  
to register

See Course Description – next slide

CEUs – 16 hours



# MEDICAL MANAGEMENT OF CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL, RADIOLOGICAL, NUCLEAR AND EXPLOSIVE (CBRNE) EVENTS PER-211



National Emergency  
Response and Recovery  
Training Center



## Description...

- What if a catastrophic event occurs?
- Will you be ready?
- Will you need a special level of protection?
- Is decontamination necessary?
- Do you have the right medications?
  - This course answers these questions and more as you learn how to distinguish between different agents of concern that could be used in an incident. A combination of facilitated discussions, small-group exercises, human patient simulator hands-on scenarios, and traditional classroom discussions are used to present the topics. The multi-discipline make-up of the participants helps to strengthen information sharing, communications, and medical surge capabilities.

## Topics...

- Planning and Preparing for the Hazardous/ Active Threat Environment
- Identifying and Responding to a Hazardous/ Active Threat Environment using the RAPIDCare algorithm
- Personal protective measures and equipment for the Hazardous/Active Threat Environment
- Identifying and caring for victims exposed to a Chemical, Biological, Radiological/Nuclear (CBRN) agent
- Decontamination of victims exposed to a Chemical, Biological, Radiological/Nuclear (CBRN) agent
- Triage and medical care of casualties during a CBRNE incident, Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attack or Active Shooter/Hostile Event

See Course Pre-Requisites and Registration Info – next slide

# MEDICAL MANAGEMENT OF CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL, RADIOLOGICAL, NUCLEAR AND EXPLOSIVE (CBRNE) EVENTS PER-211



## Pre-Requisites...

- FEMA CDP HERT Virtual Course
  - Topics
    - HICS & NIMS
    - PPE
    - Health Effects of CBRNE
    - Emergency Treatment Area
    - Hospital Decontamination
    - Staff Accountability
  - Class Dates
    - January 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025
    - March 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025
      - 0800-1000 or 2000-2200 daily
      - Must attend 1 session per day

## Registration...



Or [click here](#) to register

CEUs – 8 hours

# OSHA FIRST RECEIVER TRAINING

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

- On-line modular training offered by coalition in 2025:
  - March 24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, 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...](#)

Coalition  
Training  
Opportunities





# 2024/25 Central and WC Meeting Calendar

July 2024						
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August 2024						
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September 2024						
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October 2024						
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January 2025						
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February 2025						
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March 2025						
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May 2025						
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June 2025						
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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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