



Health Care
Coalitions Weekly
Update:
January 30, 2025

This week's update includes:

- Submit In-Kind Reports by tomorrow
- Information for Next Week's Communications Exercise
- Infectious Disease Resources/Info for LTC
- COOP Workshops for LTC
- Training Opportunities
- And More!

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

In Kind Report Due January 31st

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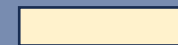
Hospital/Healthcare



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

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.

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



Monthly Communications Exercise

Our exercise on February 5th will test our website's member chat AND 800MHz radios (for those that have radios). For the radio check in, we will do a call down by county utilizing STAC 12.

We will update the calendar invite next week with details.

Reminder: A goal with these exercises are to get additional people trained- for example, if you typically do the radio check in, use this opportunity to invite another staff member to participate/train with you.

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!

Only 1 registration needed per participating facility

[Click here for more information](#)

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 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 5th at 8am.** Please email Chris Chell with the Metro Coalition at 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](#)

NEW: [Baxter boosts allocations to 100% for 2 IV solutions: 3 notes](#)

Reminder: If you have a supply need, please reach out to the coalition at cwhealthcarecoalitions@centracare.com



- [16 states where virus activity remains high: 5 updates](#)
- [Healthcare supply chain costs expected to rise 2.3%: Report](#)
- [Wildfires, winter storms strain US blood supply](#)
- [The new normal for hospital capacity](#)





Infectious Disease Information/Resources for LTC

Lots of great information/resources for Influenza and COVID-19 was shared on the 1/8/25 MDH Infectious Disease LTC Call!

Sharing the slideshow again as we continue to experience outbreaks in facilities throughout our region/state and the information may be helpful.

[View the slideshow here](#)

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).

FREE Rural Continuity Of Operations Plan (COOP) Workshops for LTC

Continuity Of Operations Planning is used for mitigation and planning strategies that create resilience and allow services to continue to be provided in the face of a range of challenges.

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) contracted with All Clear Emergency Management Group to conduct two in-person workshops to help long-term care facilities, skilled nursing facilities, and assisted living facilities develop their COOP.

Workshop 1



February 18, 2025



10:00-2:00



CentraCare Monticello

Workshop 2



February 20, 2025



10:00-2:00



Steele County Administration
Bldg. - Owatonna

Click here to register
for a workshop



Rural COOP Technical Assistance for LTC Facilities:

An additional opportunity for 1:1 customized COOP guidance, provided by COOP experts who will work directly with LTC facility staff to fill out a COOP that works for your facility. All Clear consultants will travel to your facility for an in person technical assistance session of up to 4 hours. Available for all LTC facilities, including SNFs, LTC and ALFs. **Strongly recommended** that facilities attend one of the workshops first. Limited spots available through June 2025. [Click here](#) for more information and to register



Minnesota Health Equity Networks: Training Session and Statewide Gathering

Non- Coalition
Training
Opportunities

Networks Mini Gathering: Well Water, Feb. 11 from 10 to 11 a.m.

Register to receive the meeting link: [RSVP | Well Water Mini Gathering Feb. 11](#)

- Meet Dan Wilson and the networks to learn about health equity and well water. Dan is a farmer who lives in rural Winona County. He is a member of the 2024/2025 Project REACH Cohort, a University of Minnesota project to train rural advocates for public health. He is focusing on nitrate contamination of private wells.

Statewide Gathering: Feb. 19, 2025, 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Register to receive the meeting link: [RSVP | Statewide Gathering Feb. 19](#)

- Inclusive Leadership: This interactive training by Engage Winona offers tips and tools for meaningful community engagement in leadership and advisory roles, with a special emphasis on involving people with lived experience of multiple complex needs. The training applies trauma-informed and healing-centered principles to leadership and engagement practices. Engage Winona is a nonprofit organization that promotes community and civic involvement in the greater Winona, MN area.

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

When:

March 10th 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



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



When & Where...

- May 5th – 7th, 2025 -or- May 7th – 9th, 2025
 - Class starts May 6th or May 8th @ 0900
 - Class ends May 7th or May 9th @ 1630
 - 45 seats per session
- Camp Ripley, MN
 - Lodging provided May 5th & 6th or May 7th & 8th
 - Meals provided
 - May 6th & 8th
 - Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
 - May 7th & 9th
 - 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 20th – 23rd, 2025
 - March 24th – 27th, 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 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...](#)

Coalition
Training
Opportunities





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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