



West Central MN Healthcare Coalition

January 23, 2025 meeting

Agenda



- Coalition Update
 - New funding opportunity – H5N1 Avian Flu
 - Communications exercise – 800 mHz
 - MRSE Exercise – recommendations
- Training Update
- Education Express – Severe Winter Weather Preparedness
- MNTrac diversion discussion/options
- Partner updates:
 - Local Public Health Shelley Svec
 - MDH Michelle Moritz
 - Local Emergency Management Dona Greiner/Lynn Seigel
 - Regional Emergency Management Lisa Dumont
 - EMS Mark McCabe/Scott Nelson/Lynn Seigel
 - Regional Epidemiologist Isaac Triebold
 - Clinical Advisor Melissa Barry

Coalition Update

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- In Kind Reporting



In Kind Reporting



DUE January 31, 2025

- **Who? Any members (Hospitals, EMS, Local public health, LTC)**

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



Trainings

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

- 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
- Where: Camp Ripley





EDUCATION EXPRESS



Emergency Preparedness for Winter Weather...

January 2025



Things to think about...just a few...



- Ice Storm
 - Can we get the staff and stuff into our location
 - Utilities
- Roof Collapse
 - What is above those ceiling tiles
 - Plumbing
 - Heating
 - Electrical
 - Natural gas or propane
 - Internet
 - Fire suppression

Things to think about...



People...

- Patients and/or Residents
- Staff
- Visitors
- Volunteers
- Vendors and/or Contractors
- Senior Leaders, Elected Officials, & Media

Stuff...

- HVAC
- Power
- Water
- Internet
- Food
- Laundry
- National Weather Service

People...



- Patients and/or Residents need to be our priority
 - Do we have policies, procedures, and MOUs to keep them safe
 - Do we have updated, tested, and exercised evacuation and shelter-in-place plans
 - Do we have updated, tested, and exercised fire plans
 - Do we keep accurate & updated emergency contact information on file
 - Do we have an automated notification system in place for emergency contact during an emergency
 - Text
 - Email

People...



- Staff and/or Volunteers need to be our second priority
 - Do we have plans in place to assure a safe work environment 24/7/365
 - Adequate tools to support evacuation, shelter-in-place, fire, etc.
 - PPE (personal protective equipment)
 - Do we have plans in place to assure staff can safely house overnight if needed
 - Lodging, cots, linens
 - Nutrition/food
 - Extra scrubs or laundry services

People...



- Visitors and Vendors are also our responsibility
 - Do we have plans in place to assure a safe environment 24/7/365
 - Do we have plans in place to house and feed those that are included in a shelter-in-place situation
 - Do we have plans that include others regarding evacuation
 - Do we have adequate signage related to emergencies so that non-staff can evacuate or seek shelter from harm

People...



- Senior Leaders, Elected Officials, & Media
 - Do we have plans in place for expected or un-expected visits from local, state, or federal government officials during or after an emergency
 - Do we invite our local elected officials and/or media to our site during “sunny” days to see our site and observe trainings and exercises
 - Allow media to get “canned” photos on “sunny” days to use on “stormy” days

Stuff...



- Do we have MOUs for the following vendors that are current, questioned, and approved
 - MOUs should be reviewed annually with vendors
 - MOUs should be approved by all parties involved annually
 - MOUs should be a 2-way discussion between both parties to be sure that there are no unknowns
 - Does a vendor have 2+ local businesses assigned to the same single piece of equipment
 - Does a vendor understand the ask, do we have the necessary “hook-ups” for vendor equipment
 - Exterior power connection for loss of grid power
 - Exterior oxygen connection for loss of internal oxygen capabilities

Stuff...



- Do we have 2-4 MOUs with local and regional vendors for similar equipment and supplies
 - Having multiple MOUs with a variety of vendors for the same equipment increases the likelihood of achieving success in getting what is needed in time of emergency
 - Having multiple MOUs creates a more robust plan, allowing sites to fully execute plans/procedures
- MOUs should include all activities and functions of daily operations

People...



- National Weather Service connections are important
 - Do we have a weather radio capable of alerting our site to an impending weather-related emergency
 - Are we signed up to receive National Weather Service emails and texts for our geographic location
 - Interactive National Weather Service
 - [InteractiveNWS](#)
 - Allows sites to sign-up for alerts to customized areas/locations relative to weather watches and warnings



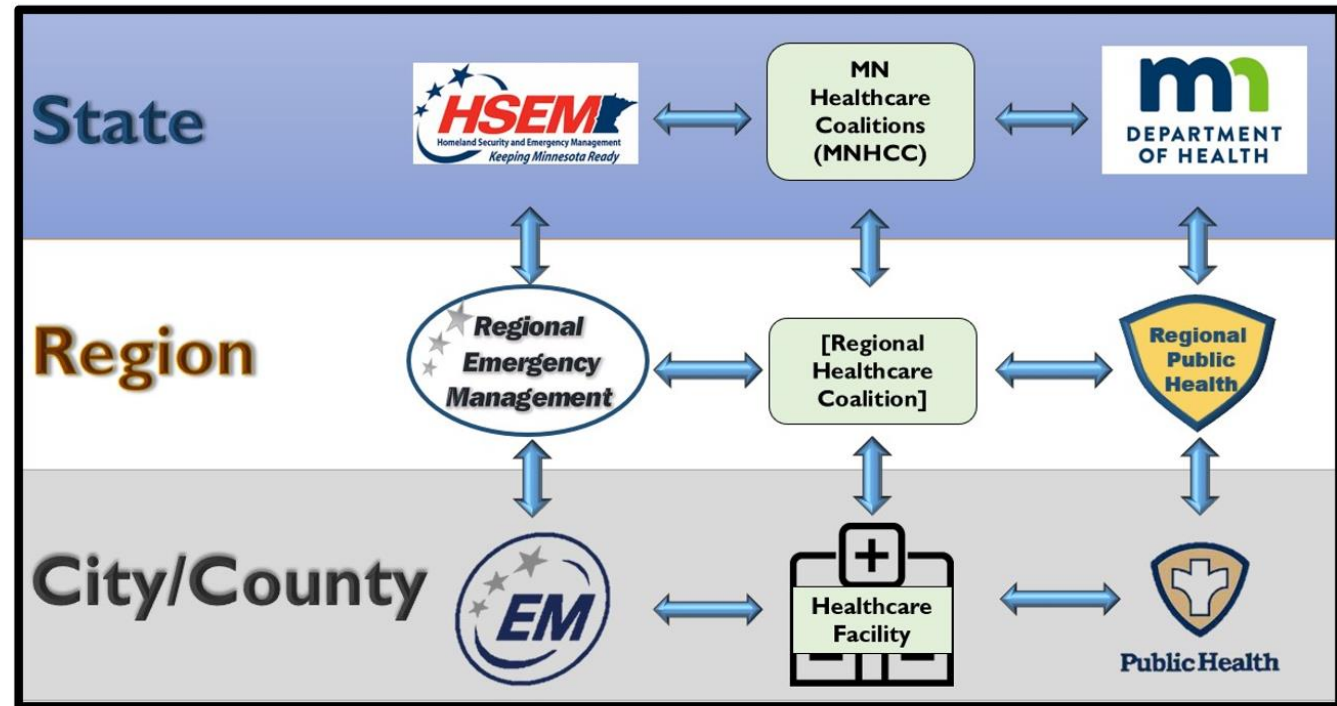
Local- Regional- State Progression



Facilities should seek out local assistance first

- City / County Emergency Management
- County / Tribal Public Health
- Neighboring healthcare facilities

Coalitions serve as a liaison to other regional and state partners



MN Emergency Contacts...



- Regional Healthcare Preparedness Coalition 24/7 access
 - [320-654-2720](tel:320-654-2720)
- MN Regional Emergency Managers
 - [HSEM Regional Program Coordinators | Minnesota Department of Public Safety](#)
- Local or Tribal Health Departments
 - [Find a local or tribal health department or community health board - MN Dept. of Health](#)



Questions or thoughts...

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MNTrac Diversions



Types:

- Making a Facility Based Announcement
- Diverting Stroke and Trauma
- Diverting Stroke only
- Closed to OB only
- Closed to Admissions
- Closed to Med/Surg
- Closed to ICU
- Full Closed

Partner Updates



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**Stay warm,
Stay safe,
Stay healthy**