



Health Care
Coalitions Weekly
Update:
April 4, 2024

This Week's Review includes

- New West Central RHPC
- Registration closes next week for the upcoming in-person Coalition meeting
- Cyberthreats and assessing third-party risks

Follow up needed.....

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

- Central/West Central:
 - Register for your April meeting!!
 - In Kind Report Due July 12, 2024

Legend for update:

Blue background – hospital/healthcare interest

Green background – all membership

Yellow background – SNF/Assisted Living/Home Health

Coalitions Contact Information

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[Visit the Coalition Website](#)

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Michelle Reents

New West Central RHPC

Michelle started working with the Central and West Central Coalitions in the Fall of 2022 working as a respiratory protection program educator. She has been providing education at long term care facilities throughout both regions. Michelle has been a Licensed Practical Nurse since 1995 and continues to maintain her license. Michelle has experience working in skilled nursing facilities, pediatric homecare, and the clinical setting. While working in the clinical setting, she supported several specialty areas. She recently joined the Minnesota Mobile Medical Team in January 2024. Michelle has completed several courses at the CPD FEMA training facility in Anniston Alabama, including the Respiratory Program. Michelle is married and has a beautiful, blended family with four adult sons, one daughter in law, and four grandchildren. In her spare time, Michelle enjoys spending time with her family and friends, camping, and especially cheering on her son's racing at local dirt tracks in Minnesota.



Welcome Michelle!

**COOP is
Coming!!!
Registration
now open!!**

Our April in-person Coalition meetings will include a Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP) for Rural Healthcare Workshop.

- Minnesota Dept of Health Office of Emergency Preparedness & Response (MDH EPR) and the Healthcare Coalitions are partnering to assist rural healthcare facilities with COOP and recovery planning.
- A COOP Planning Toolkit has been developed based on needs that were brought forward by healthcare facilities throughout our state. The workshop will be an opportunity for our members to review the toolkit and be taught the tools, giving you the ability to work on your COOP.
- This will be beneficial for everyone to attend! Even if you are not required to have a COOP, you may play an important piece of development for those that are.
- **REGISTER FOR YOUR COALITION MEETING IN APRIL TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COOP TRAINING (See following two slides)**

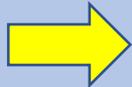
Central Coalition Meetings

In-Person Meeting

CentraCare Health Plaza- Windfeldt Room (Lower Level)

April 24 9:00-4:30

- [Agenda](#)
- [Registration Link](#)



Registration is required and will close April 10th

Agendas are subject to change



West Central Coalition Meeting



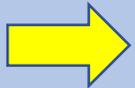
In-Person Meeting

Minnesota State Community and Technical College

Fergus Falls

April 25 9:00-5:00

- [Agenda](#)
- [Registration Link](#)



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In Kind Report for Healthcare Coalitions



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



Requesting all membership complete a report of in-kind activities for the second half of the budget period (January – June 2023)

Trainings conducted in house

Attendance at meetings (emergency preparedness focused)

Equipment purchase (communications/med sleds/evacuation tools)



We ask that you submit this report by **July 12, 2024** 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.

Planning for Natural Disasters: A Growing Priority in Supply Chain Risk Management

When it comes to assessing the many risks to supply chains, planners generally do not place natural disasters at the top of the list. But with the growing number of extreme weather events affecting the movement of goods worldwide, that could change in the coming years.

Foremost on the minds of supply chain risk managers are events such as factory fires, vendor bankruptcies, labor disruptions, cyberattacks and the impact of mergers and acquisitions on suppliers, says Jim Wetekamp, chief executive officer of [Riskonnect](#).

Yet companies can not afford to ignore the wave of weather events, many the result of climate change, that have occurred in recent years. According to the [National Centers for Environmental Information](#) (NCEI), part of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 2023 was [a historic year](#) in the number and severity of natural disasters to strike the U.S. NCEI counted 28 events costing a minimum of \$1 billion apiece, surpassing the previous record of 22 in 2020, and racking up a total price tag of at least \$92.9 billion. (The final number is likely to be even higher, once the cost of flooding along the East Coast in December is factored in.)

Total losses from natural disasters globally in 2023 reached \$250 billion, with less than half that amount insured. And the outlook for 2024 and beyond is even more dire, if recent patterns continue. Learn more on [supplybrainchain.com](#).

American Hospital Association (AHA) Podcast: Cyberthreats and Assessing Third-Party Risk

For cybercriminals, the backdoor into the protected systems of hospitals and health systems often comes via a third party. In the next episode of AHA's podcast, Providence's Adam Zoller, chief information security officer, and Katie Adams, cybersecurity director of clinical technology services, discuss the potential cyberthreats posed by third-party medical devices, and strategies to keep third-parties open and transparent with organizations.

Listen to the full [podcast episode](#) from AHA.



COVID-19 Hospital Data

- The CMS requirement for hospitals to submit COVID-19 data to CDC via Minnesota's MNTRAC system will be expiring on April 30, 2024.

[CDC COVID-19 Hospital Data Reporting](#)

[COVID-19 Hospital Data Reporting Guidance \(PDF\)](#)

- Therefore, starting **May 1, 2024**, you **no longer need to upload this daily COVID-19 Data to MNTRAC**. The MDH Hospital Data Team will no longer be processing and checking, nor will we be producing a daily internal report or weekly updates to the [MDH COVID-19 Hospitalizations & Capacity Data](#) web page.

Hospital Capacity/Bed Information

- As you may recall, the Bed Information widget dates from before COVID, and has no COVID-specific data elements. We would appreciate if your facility **continues to update bed availability in the Bed Information** widget in MNTrac.
 - **API for Bed Information – COMING SOON!** An application program interface (API) for the bed availability widget in MNTrac will be available later this spring/early summer. Around 80% of statewide hospitals are currently using the NHSN/TeleTracking API, which completely automated daily data submissions over the past few years. We will be in touch once we have the technical setup details for this new bed availability API.

A NOTE FROM SHAWN:

I would like to personally thank you all for your diligence and support of the Data reporting. As a member of the MDH Data team, I was very pleased with the responses from the West Central and Central regions!! I do strongly encourage you to consider planning for real time API updates....this will save you all a lot of work and truly improve response capabilities state-wide.

MNTrac Update





Free Fit Testing Medical Clearance Opportunity for Long Term Care

Minnesota Department of Health has temporary resources available for **FREE** medical clearance evaluations to long term care facility staff. Per OSHA, medical clearance evaluations are required prior to N95 fit-testing.

To participate, please fill out this survey:

<https://redcap.health.state.mn.us/redcap/surveys/?s=JYW4ALT3WWADYY3W>.

- MDH staff will reach out to you with instructions on how to set up your account and request evaluations for staff.
- Please allow 24-48 hours after you fill out the survey to be contacted.
- This is a limited resource- first come first serve.
- **The survey is being extended and will now close on May 10th**

If you have questions about free medical evaluations, please contact Marlee Etchison at

Marlee.Etchison@mn.state.us

OSHA FIRST RECEIVER TRAINING

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

- On-line modular training offered by coalition in 2024:
 - August 26th-29th,
 - October 28th-31st.
- 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



Note please – the Coalition has been asked to share this with you. We are not directly providing the training/exercise, nor are we involved in the design/content of the training/exercise.

Multidrug-Resistant Organism (MDRO) Training Session: *Klebsiella Pneumoniae* Carbapenemase (KPC)

40-minute training session followed by optional 10-minute Q&A designed to benefit those that interact with patients, residents, and clients and/or their environment.

Register for a WebEx meeting

Training content is the same both days. Please register for the day that best fits your schedule.

Tuesday, April 9, 2024 | 10 - 10:50 a.m. CDT

- [Register for 4/9 Project Firstline Table Talk](#)
- Join by phone: 1-855-282-6330 (Toll Free)
- Access code: 2487 301 2822

Wednesday, April 10, 2024 | 1 - 1:50 p.m. CDT

- [Register for 4/10 Project Firstline Table Talk](#)
- Join by phone: 1-855-282-6330 (Toll Free)
- Access code: 2480 681 8097

Learning objectives

- Understand what *Klebsiella pneumoniae* carbapenemase (KPC) is.
- Explain why KPC-producing (KPC+) bacteria are concerning in health care settings.
- Identify what health care workers can do to prevent the spread of KPC+ bacteria.





2023/24 Central and WC Meetings

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

Central All Coalition - Regional Meeting - face to face 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.	West Central All Coalition - Regional Meeting - face to face 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Central Regional Meeting - virtual 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.	West Central Regional meeting - virtual 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Central Region Advisory Committee Meeting - 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.	SAVE THE DATE - To Evacuate Or Not To Evacuate - LTC WORKSHOP
Regional Surge Exercise - 4th Thursday of March	TEEX Medical Preparedness & Response for Bombing Incidents
Regional Full Scale Communications Exercise 1:30 p.m.	Mini communications exercise

2023/2023 Coalition Calendar

Note the color-coding key at the bottom.

THE COALITION TEAM.....



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