



Health Care
Coalitions Weekly
Update:
March 21, 2024

This Week's Review includes

- National Weather Service Update
- Register for the upcoming in-person Coalition meeting
- Surge exercise information
- Resources available on our Coalition website

Follow up needed.....

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

- Central/West Central:
 - 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

Email us at cwhealthcarecoalitions@centracare.com

[Visit the Coalition Website](#)

Emergency 24/7 Phone: 320-654-2720

Snow Tonight & This Weekend



Click here to view this morning's update from the National Weather Service



Key Messages:

- Storm #1 - There will be a few snow showers today, but the heavier snow remains on track for later this evening and overnight. The Winter Weather Advisory was expanded a bit to include more counties. As of 5AM, the chance for getting Warning Snow (6" or more) has decreased slightly but is still non-zero.
- Storm #2 - A prolonged and stronger winter storm remains likely for us beginning Sunday and lingering through Monday night or Tuesday morning. Confidence is still low in terms of exact snow amounts as we have potential for multiple precipitation types depending on where the system tracks.

Please see the attached Decision Support Packet for more details, or online at [MPX DSS Packet](#). If you have any questions or would like to speak to a forecaster, we are always available at 952-361-6671.

[72hr Snow and Ice Accumulation](#) (Storm #1, Tonight's snow)
[Extended Winter Weather Outlook](#) (Storm #2, use Day 4,5,6)
[Point Specific Forecasts](#) (Enter your city name/zip code)



COOP is Coming!!! Registration now open!!

(see following slides for
region specific
registration)

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.

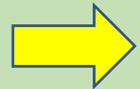
Central Coalition Meetings

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

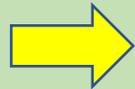


In-Person Meeting

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.

HOSPITAL SURGE EXERCISE

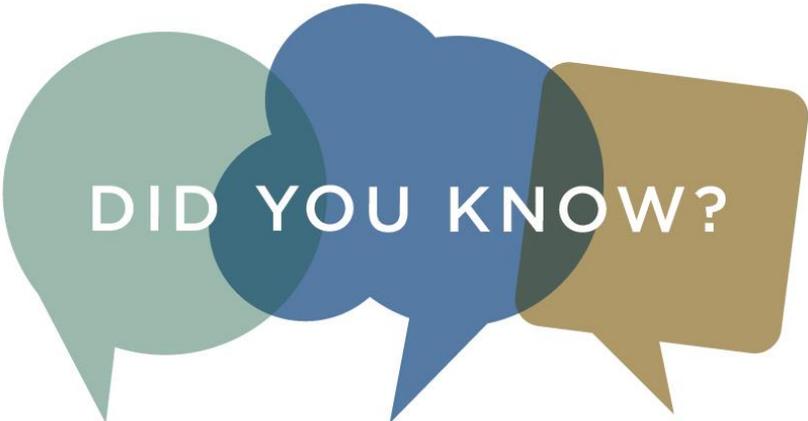


Coalition Chemical Surge Plans for Review:

[Central Coalition](#)

[West Central Coalition](#)

- **WHEN: March 28, 2024**
0900 - 1330
- Reminder, registered Hospitals are asked to invite their partners to participate in their facility command center.
- All hospitals should have either participated in the March 7th controller/evaluator training or received an email with the video recording from that training to watch. This includes communications leads. If you did not participate in the training or receive the video recording, please reach out to your RHPC ASAP.
- **All Clear will be sending a meeting invite** for the day of the exercise that we will be using for the entire duration of the exercise. Please reach out if you do not receive the invite! The calendar invite from your RHPC is only a calendar hold/save the date and will not be used for the exercise.
- **Patient lists have been sent to all controller/evaluators.** If you have not received your patient list, please reach out to your RHPC ASAP!!
- Reach out with any questions.



DID YOU KNOW?

Our Coalition website offers a variety of resources for you

Once logged into the website, click on “resources” at the top of the screen...



Search a variety of tools and template that make emergency preparedness planning easier. Please click on the topic listed for more indepth information. If you are looking for any resources that are not listed please feel free to utilize the contact us link and we will attempt to assist you.

- + ARMER RADIO TRAINING**
- + DECON RESOURCES**
- + HAZARD VULNERABILITY ANALYSIS TOOLS**
- + INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM TOOLS**
- + HOME HEALTHCARE RESOURCES**
- + LTC EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLANNING**
- + MNTRAC – TOOLS**
- + CHECK OUT THESE ADDITIONAL SITES!!!**

Is MNTrac a part of your Emergency Planning?

Consider adding a statement such as the following to your communications plan:

“MNTrac is a State of MN program utilized to identify bed availability in both hospitals and long-term care. If there is a need for our facility to request assistance with resident placement/movement, we would reach out to the [West Central or Central] Healthcare Preparedness Coalition to request such assistance. That assistance will include sending out a bed alert to all appropriate facilities to identify availability.”





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 will close on 4/1/2024 at COB.**

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





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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