



Health Care
Coalitions Weekly
Update:
March 28, 2024

This Week's Review includes

- Great job in today's Surge Exercise!
- Communications Test next week
- MNDOSA needs hospitals to sign up!!
- Don't forget to register for the upcoming in-person Coalition meeting

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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HOSPITAL SURGE EXERCISE

Thank you to everyone that participated in today's surge exercise! Sounds like we all had some good takeaways! Great work! Here are some of the picture's hospitals submitted from the exercise.

CentraCare Sauk Centre



Welia Health



Perham Health



M Health Fairview
Northland Medical Center



Stevens Community Medical Center



Mille Lacs Health System



Sanford Wheaton



CHI St Francis



Cuyuna Regional Medical Center



Essentia Health-Sandstone

St. Cloud Hospital



Lakewood Health System



Glacial Ridge Health



Astera Health



CentraCare Paynesville



CMS Exercise Compliance Review

for inpatient providers (hospitals, LTC)



Testing Exercise Definitions:

Required exercises: full-scale, functional, and individual-facility-based exercises

Exercises of Choice: mock disaster drills, table-top exercises, or workshops

Exercise types as defined by CMS:

Full-Scale Exercise (FSE): A full scale exercise is an operations-based exercise that typically involves multiple agencies, jurisdictions, and disciplines performing functional (for example, joint field office, emergency operation centers, etc.) and integration of operational elements involved in the response to a disaster event, i.e. "boots on the ground" response activities (for example, hospital staff treating mock patients).

Functional Exercise (FE): "FEs are designed to validate and evaluate capabilities, multiple functions and/or sub-functions, or interdependent groups of functions. FEs are typically focused on exercising plans, policies, procedures, and staff members involved in management, direction, command, and control functions" as defined by DHS's Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP).

Mock Disaster Drill (Exercise of Choice Only): A drill is a coordinated, supervised activity usually employed to validate a specific function or capability in a single agency or organization. Drills are commonly used to provide training on new equipment, validate procedures, or practice and maintain current skills. For example, drills may be appropriate for establishing a community-designated disaster-receiving center or shelter. Drills can also be used to determine if plans can be executed as designed, to assess whether more training is required, or to reinforce best practices

Coalition Communications Test –Save the Date

- This is a reminder of the Coalitions full scale Communications Test, testing all components of the coalitions communications outlets that is scheduled for **Thursday, April 4th – between 12:30 – 1:00**
- NOTE PLEASE – this test has moved from Wednesday to Thursday due to a training event planned at Camp Ripley on Wednesday



**The Coalition Communications test qualifies as
a community-based functional exercise**

MN Drug Overdose and Substance Use Surveillance Activity (MNDOSA)



MNDOSA is looking for hospitals in West Central and Central region to join their program.

- The program helps to:
 - Measure the impact of overdoses and visits to emergency departments or hospitals related to substance misuse treated in Minnesota.
 - Identify clusters of drug overdoses and what substances they involve.
 - Identify substances causing severe or unusual illness through comprehensive testing at the [MDH Public Health Laboratory](#). This includes new substances, those that do not cause typical signs and symptoms of the drug reported or suspected to be used, and those causing death.
 - Identify who is most at-risk for overdose and substance use to focus and guide prevention efforts.
- [MNDOSA Fact Sheet](#)
- [MNDOSA You Tube Video](#)
- Please contact:
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 - Research Scientist/Chemical Threats and Biomonitoring Unit
 - Breahna.giles@state.mn.us
 - (651) 201-4064

Please forward this request to the appropriate individuals in your hospital.

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



Regional gatherings: (all gatherings are virtual)

Southwest

April 11, 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Register: [MN Health Equity Networks - Southwest Regional Gathering](#)

Agenda: [Southwest Regional Network | Minnesota Health Equity Networks Connections](#)

Northwest

April 16, 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Register: [MN Health Equity Networks - Northwest Regional Gathering](#)

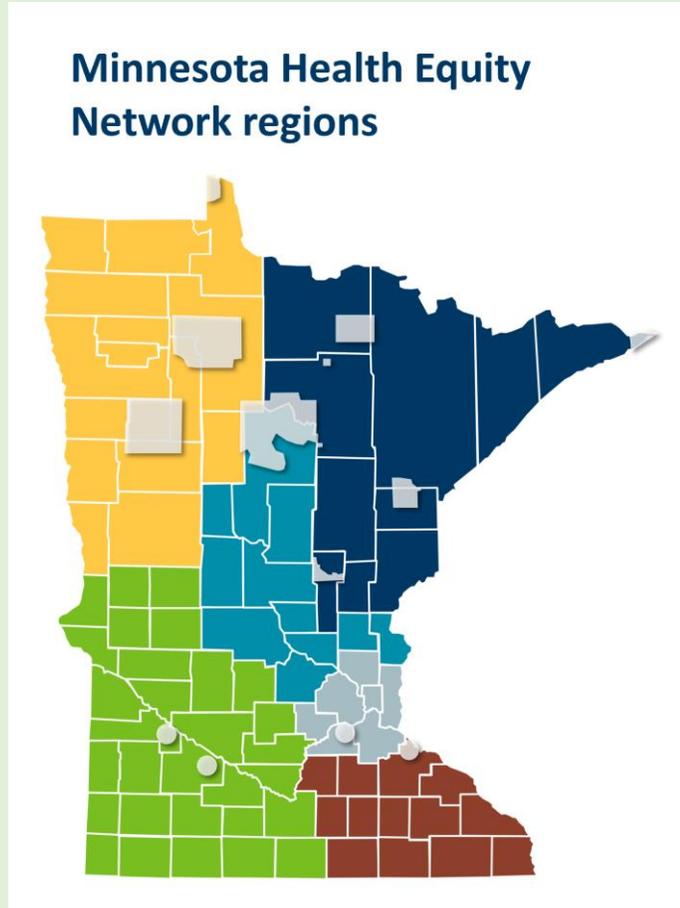
Agenda: [Northwest Regional Network | Minnesota Health Equity Networks Connections](#)

Central

April 24, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Register: [MN Health Equity Networks - Central Regional Gathering](#)

Agenda: [Central Regional Network | Minnesota Health Equity Networks Connections](#)



HEALTH EQUITY UPDATE

**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)**

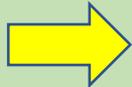
Central Coalition Meetings

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



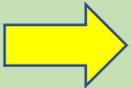
In-Person Meeting

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.



HealthCare Preparedness in the News

AHEPP featured the following stories and resources in their recent update:

[New Study Shows Nurses Experiencing Increased Rates of Workplace Violence](#)

[CDC issues alert over rising measles cases in the U.S.](#)

[About 300 people at California hospital possibly exposed to measles after child goes for treatment](#)

HHS Letter to Healthcare Providers in Response to the Change Healthcare Cyberattack and Resources for Providers

HHS Deputy Secretary Palm, ASPR Administrator and Assistant Secretary O'Connell, and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Administrator Brooks-LaSure [published a letter](#) addressing the continued impact of the Change Healthcare cyberattack, which also includes an appendix of resources from payers to share with health care providers.





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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