



Health Care  
Coalitions Weekly  
Update:  
February 15, 2024

### This Week's Review includes

- CMS Updates Hospital Guidance On Texting Patient Info
- Free Medical Clearance Evaluations For LTC Facility Staff Through MDH
- Hospital Surge Exercise Final List Of Participants

### Follow up needed.....

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

- West Central Review/Update:
  - Hospitals- Annex 1 Assets and Essential Services
  - LTC- Transportation Assets

#### 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](#)

**Emergency 24/7 Phone: 320-654-2720**

COOP is  
coming!  
Next Steps...

# We need your help!

- 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.
  - Includes:
    - Toolkit
    - Training
    - Technical Assistance
- **Next steps: we need for you indicate your COOP planning needs to make sure they are addressed.**
  - ALL facilities are encouraged to complete a preliminary assessment survey by **February 23rd**. Please click the link below or scan the QR code to complete the COOP planning survey:

[MDH Rural: Continuity of Operations \(COOP\) Planning Survey \(jotform.com\)](https://jotform.com/MDH-Rural-Continuity-of-Operations-COOP-Planning-Survey)





## Tools/Resources

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

[Hospital Mass Casualty Response Plan Considerations](#)

[Disaster Behavioral Health: Resources at Your Fingertips](#)

[The Evolution of Patient Load Balancing](#)



## **Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Updates Hospital Guidance on Texting Patient Information**

CMS has updated its guidance for hospitals and critical access hospitals to permit health care team members to share patient information and orders with each other through a Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)-compliant secure texting platform that complies with Medicare and Medicaid conditions of participation. CMS acknowledged that improvements in technology and encryption now allow secure texting that will transfer data into electronic health records.

Read the full [guidance](#) from CMS.

# Joint Commission Standards for High Consequence Infectious Disease Preparedness

A recent presentation from the University of Nebraska Medical Center Global Center for Health Security discussed new Joint Commission standards that will go into effect July 1, 2024. The new standards will affect hospital processes to support preparedness for high consequence infectious diseases.

Watch the full [overview video](#).

# West Central Long-Term Care Only

**We have had very poor response to this ask so far...**

This tool is used by the Healthcare Coalition to aid in the response such as an evacuation. By having this tool up to date, we are better able to serve our Long-Term Care partners in times of need. Please take a few minutes to review this document to make sure the information we have for your facility is accurate. Please email Shawn with any changes including point of contact changes, resource list changes or to add your facility on the list. We would rather do it now than in an emergency.

Review and update [LTC Transportation Assets](#) by February 15<sup>th</sup> and send to Shawn @ [shawn.stoen@centracare.com](mailto:shawn.stoen@centracare.com)




# West Central Hospitals Only

- Still waiting on updates from:
  - **Perham Health**
  - **Prairie Ridge Health**
  - **CHI St. Francis**

Please review [Annex 1 WC healthcare assets and essential services](#). Review and update by February 15<sup>th</sup> and send to Shawn @ [shawn.stoen@centracare.com](mailto:shawn.stoen@centracare.com)







# ARE YOU A SIGNED COALITION MEMBER?

Take a quick look at our members in good standing list on our website to see if your organization is listed as a signed member:

- [Central Coalition Membership List](#)
- [West Central Coalition Membership List](#)

If your organization is not listed, please fill out [this form](#) and submit it to [cwhealthcarecoalitions@centracare.com](mailto:cwhealthcarecoalitions@centracare.com)



# HOSPITAL SURGE EXERCISE



- WHEN: March 28, 2024  
0900 - 1330
- **Registration Required – Registration is now closed**
- Hospitals are asked to invite their partners to participate in their facility command center – partners may include:
  - Local/County Emergency Manager
  - Local public health
  - EMS
  - Fire
- **All hospitals should have received a calendar invite to the March 7<sup>th</sup> at 9am controller/evaluator trainings. If you are one of these individuals and do not have an invitation, please reach out to us ASAP. This includes communications leads.**
- **[MORE INFO HERE](#)**

# HOSPITAL SURGE EXERCISE

REGISTRATION HAS CLOSED. HERE IS THE FINAL LIST OF  
HOSPITALS PARTICIPATING IN THE MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup> EXERCISE:



## CENTRAL Region:

Astera Health – Wadena  
CentraCare Long Prairie  
CentraCare Melrose  
CentraCare Monticello  
CentraCare Paynesville  
CentraCare Sauk Centre  
CentraCare St Cloud Hospital  
Cuyuna Regional Medical Center – Crosby  
Essentia Health - Sandstone  
Essentia Health St Joseph's – Brainerd  
Lakewood Health System – Staples  
M Health Fairview Northland Medical Center - Princeton  
M Health Fairview Lakes Medical Center - Wyoming  
Mille Lacs Health System- Onamia  
St. Gabriel's – Little Falls  
Welia Health - Mora

## WEST CENTRAL Region:

Alomere- Alexandria  
CHI St Francis- Breckenridge  
Glacial Ridge Health – Glenwood  
Lake Region Healthcare – Fergus Falls  
Perham Health- Perham  
Prairie Ridge Healthcare- Elbow Lake  
Sanford Medical Center – Wheaton  
Stevens Community Medical Center – Morris

# FREE for Skilled Nursing, Assisted Living, & Home health....

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## What does a PAPR do?

- PAPR – Powered Air Purifying Respirator
  - Battery powered blower supplies a headcover or hood with filtered air
- Direct replacement for an N-95 respirator
- Used to filter biological particles such as bacteria and viruses

## Why does my site need a PAPR?

- Used for those that are not fit testable
  - Those that have failed a multitude of fit test attempts
  - Those that have religious reasons for facial hair
  - Those that are not fit-tested, this would be great for just-in-time protection needs, weekends, holidays, evenings, etc.

This is a time limited offer – PAPR's and Fit testing kits are available free however you need to reach out to us to get them. Offer expires February 29, 2024

For more information, please reach out to the coalition @ [cwhealthcarecoalitions@centracare.com](mailto:cwhealthcarecoalitions@centracare.com)



## Free Fit Testing Medical Clearance Opportunity for Long Term Care

As part of a CDC grant, Minnesota's eight healthcare coalitions have been offering free fit-testing training or free fit-testing train-the-trainer sessions to the long term care facilities in their regions. To support this effort, the Minnesota Department of Health is now offering **free** medical clearance evaluations to long term care facility staff. Per OSHA, medical clearance evaluations are required prior to N95 fit-testing. If you are interested in free medical clearance evaluations for your staff, please fill out this survey:

<https://redcap.health.state.mn.us/redcap/surveys/?s=JYW4ALT3WWADYY3W>. Once completed, a representative from the Minnesota Department of Health (Marlee [\[Marlee.Etchison@mn.state.us\]](mailto:Marlee.Etchison@mn.state.us)) 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. **The survey will open on 2/14/2024 and 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](mailto: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:
  - January 29<sup>th</sup>-February 1<sup>st</sup>
  - March 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>,
  - August 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>,
  - October 28<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>.
- 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





## 2023/2023 Coalition Calendar

Note the color-coding key at the bottom.

# 2023/24 Central and WC Meetings

July 2023							August 2023							September 2023							October 2023						
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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





# THE COALITION TEAM.....

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