



Health Care  
Coalitions Weekly  
Update:  
February 8, 2024

### This Week's Review includes

- Monthly Communications Exercise Information
- COOP Survey
- Are You A Signed Member?
- HOSPITALS- SURGE EXERCISE  
REGISTRATION CLOSES 2/15!

### 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
- Registration Required:
  - LTC Workshop
  - Hospital Surge Exercise

#### Legend for update:

Blue background – hospital/healthcare interest

Green background – all membership

Yellow background – SNF/Assisted Living/Home Health

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[Visit the Coalition Website](#)

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# Monthly Communications Exercise

Unfortunately, we were not able to successfully fully complete yesterday's exercise. Shortly after the exercise began, we received notification of an unscheduled MNTrac update that would be occurring during our exercise. This update caused issues with our exercise and everyone's ability to complete the tasks. Our apologies! We know a lot of you tried to complete the exercise and we appreciate your participation!

Everyone will get credit for completing the exercise.

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 to you indicate your COOP planning needs to make sure they are addressed.**
  - ALL facilities are encouraged to complete a preliminary assessment survey as soon as possible. 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://www.jotform.com/survey/MDH-Rural-Continuity-of-Operations-COOP-Planning-Survey)



## West Central Coalition Only

- **Hospitals Only:** 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)
- **LTC/Assisted Living Only:** 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)





# 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)

**Note – MDH has asked the Coalition to share this information with our partners.**

## Paxlovid Patient Assistance Programs

### **No patient should be paying full price for Paxlovid.**

- Using the PAXCESS program, Paxlovid is \$0 for any patient with public insurance such as Medicare (regardless of Part D or other prescription plans) or Medicaid, or the uninsured.
- PAXCESS also provides a copay card of up to \$1500 for any patient with private insurance.
- The patient, caregiver, prescriber, or pharmacist can enroll a patient in the program and it only takes 5 minutes.

**MDH has created a poster/flyer for display in patient care areas with a link to enroll in PAXCESS. [Click here](#) to view the poster/flyer.**

- Suggested areas for display include (but are not limited to): outpatient clinics, urgent care clinics, emergency departments, pharmacies, and COVID-19 testing locations.

**Action item: MDH is asking facilities to print and distribute the poster and/or flyers in all relevant areas with high patient visibility.**

# HOSPITAL SURGE EXERCISE



- WHEN: March 28, 2024  
0900 - 1330
- **Registration Required – by February 15, 2024**
- 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
- **ONLY** Hospitals need to register (other participants will be recorded on the day of the exercise – at the hospital command center)
- ***Note: Each facility needs a controller/evaluator and a communications lead. These are 2 separate roles and will require 2 different individuals.***
- **[MORE INFO HERE](#)**
- **[REGISTER HERE](#)**



# HOSPITAL SURGE EXERCISE

List of hospitals registered to participate in the Surge Exercise as of 2/8/2024:



## CENTRAL Region:

Astera Health – Wadena  
CentraCare Long Prairie  
CentraCare Melrose  
CentraCare Monticello  
CentraCare Paynesville  
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  
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)

# TEEX Medical Preparedness & Response for Bombing Incidents (MGT 348- PER 233)

April 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 at Camp Ripley  
[Click here](#) for more information and  
registration

Who should attend? Healthcare, Emergency Management,  
Local Public Health, Public Safety, EMS

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# 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...](#)

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## 2023/24 Central and WC Meetings

### 2023/2023 Coalition Calendar

[Click here](#) to view the calendar in Excel format  
Note the color-coding key at the bottom.

July 2023						
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April 2024						
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\*\*\*\*NOTE - calendar invites trump this calendar\*\*\*\*

Central All Coalition - Regional Meeting - face to face 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Central Regional Meeting - virtual 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
Central Region Advisory Committee Meeting - 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
Regional Surge Exercise - 4th Thursday of March
Regional Full Scale Communications Exercise - 1:30 p.m.

West Central All Coalition - Regional Meeting - face to face 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
West Central Regional meeting - virtual 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
SAVE THE DATE - To Evacuate Or Not To Evacuate - LTC WORKSHOP
TEEX Medical Preparedness & Response for Bombing Incidents
Mini communications exercise



# THE COALITION TEAM.....

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