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COALITION UPDATES

Communication Drills

UPDATED: Region 7 Healthcare Coalition Communication Drills are scheduled as follows:

| | Frequency | Dates & Time |
|--------------|-----------|---|
| All Partners | Biannual | 1st Wednesday of May 2023 and November 2023 |

R7 Newsletter Update

The Region 7 HCC Newsletter will officially be published on a once, monthly basis. All information that is time sensitive/has an approaching deadline will be sent to the appropriate partner group via direct email. The newsletter will contain information about upcoming training, exercises, and deadlines that are more than 30 days out. You will continue to find research, news, and updates from our local, state, and federal partners as well. As always, if you have anything you would like to share region-wide, please email it to arc@mir7hcc.com and it will go out in the upcoming newsletter.

BUREAU OF EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EMS AND SYSTEMS OF CARE UPDATES

CHECC Operations Deactivation

This week marks the deactivation of the Community Health Emergency Coordination Center (CHECC) is transitioning to normal operations. Since late January of 2020, the team has been supporting initiatives across the state with Local Health Departments, Long Term Care Facilities, EMS Agencies, Hospitals, and the list goes on. This doesn't mean that DEPR won't be working with COVID-19 or supporting stakeholders as needed, but it does mean that some of the administrative support that a fully functional CHECC needs will move into the background. While COVID-19 is likely a part of life forever, right now, it moves to a less central focus. We also want to thank all of you for your hard work on COVID-19 response activities over the last 3 years. Please continue to contact the duty officer for questions or resources requests related to COVID-19 or any other response activities.

<u>Great Lakes Homeland Security Conference – May 9-11, 2023</u>

The 2023 Great Lakes Homeland Security Conference and Expo will be held May 9 - 11 at the DeVos Place in Grand Rapids, Michigan. It is hosted in partnership by the Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. For more information, check out: Great Lakes Homeland Security Training Conference & Expo (michigan.gov).

GETs/WPS Information

Sudden communication disruption resulting in network congestion or degradation can be the result of common incidents, such as weather-related events, cyber-attacks, and human errors. These communication disruptions can restrict response times and critical information sharing among essential personnel and organizations. This one-pager is designed to share information about Government Emergency Telecommunications Service (GETS) and Wireless Priority Services (WPS). These federal programs enhance communication during disasters by allowing certain users to have prioritized communication access via wireline commercial networks and some priority of cellular networks and wireless. Please see the attached flyer and share with your partners.

GETS-WPS one-pager 12-20-22.pdf

Healthcare Emergency Manager Training Educational Opportunity

Through fires, floods, and even a pandemic, Healthcare Emergency Managers are consistently challenged to help their organizations plan, train and respond to incidents. In this series of virtual trainings, the main core subjects all healthcare Emergency Managers use such as Incident Command Structure, Hazard Vulnerability Assessments, Exercises, After Action Reports, Crisis Standards of Care and more will be covered.

Back to the Basics Flyer.pdf

<u>Updated Michigan's MEDDRUN, CHEMPACK & SNS Programs MI-TRAIN</u> <u>Training</u>

The Michigan's MEDDRUN, CHEMPACK & SNS Programs MI-TRAIN Training has been updated and is now available. Updates include language clarification, more recent images, and an overall cleaner look. Please share with your HCC partners. The link to the course is below.

Michigan's MEDDRUN, CHEMPACK & SNS Programs - 1031785

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ASPR UPDATES

HHS Program Empowers Patients Who Depend on Electrical Devices During, After Natural Disasters — Webcast

In this "Healthcast" emPOWER's Director Kristen Finne explains how this critical data-sharing effort delivers just-in-time information to help people respond to a disaster, as well as other tools to inform disaster preparedness. Check it out here.

ASPR Strategic Plan for 2022-2026

ASPR has published the new strategic plan for 2022 to 2026, laying out the latest strategic goals and objectives to prepare for, respond to, and recover from public health emergencies. Check it out <u>here.</u>

Federal Register Notice Announcing ASPR Reorganization Published

The ASPR reorganization was published in the Federal Register yesterday. HPP is now officially the Office of Health Care Readiness. More information to be forthcoming in the future.

Please see the ASPR's <u>blog</u> about the reorg, and more information regarding the updated structure is <u>available here</u>.

The Federal Register Notice (FRN) announcing the ASPR reorganization was published. The FRN may be accessed at

https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/02/16/2023-03277/statement -of-organization-functions-and-delegations-of-authority.

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC) UPDATES

CDC Announces New Office of Readiness and Response

CDC Director Rochelle P. Walensky announced January 24 that as part of the CDC Moving Forward initiative CDC's Center for Preparedness and Response (CPR) will be renamed the Office of Readiness and Response. This will create a centralized office to promote accountability and excellence for all of the agency's readiness and response efforts. The Center for Forecasting and Outbreak Analytics will report to the director of this new office.

COVID-19 UPDATES

COVID-19 Partner Alert -- PHE Fact Sheet

CDC has published the below information regarding the anticipated end of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) on May 11, 2023. Please find attached the just released HHS PHE Fact Sheet as well as a letter to all governors from Secretary Becerra.

HHS PHE FACT SHEET Final.pdf

Exec Sec - PHE Ending GOVS LTR 2.9.23 Formatted.doc Completed.pdf

Additionally, below are resources from other federal agencies:

CMS:

Unwinding and Returning to Regular Operations after COVID-19 | Medicaid

Coronavirus Waivers | CMS

FEMA:

Following Unprecedented Response to Pandemic, FEMA Announces the Agency
Will Close All COVID-19 Disaster Declaration Incident Periods on May 11

<u>Updated Infection Prevention Assessment and Resource Team (i-PRAT)</u> <u>Webpage</u>

i-PRAT has recently updated their webpage to include a tool that can filter to find the COVID Relief Facilities (both Tier 1 and 2) and the COVID Recovery Centers. This map can be found in the COVID-19 Resource section. <u>Infection Prevention</u>
Resource and Assessment Team (IPRAT) (michigan.gov)

HOSPITAL

COVID Data Reporting

Please remember to complete your reporting by 11 am, before the initial pull of data. Facilities that are late or do not submit their data are put on a non-compliance list until the data is submitted.

<u>Deadline Extended: Survey to Improve the Hospital Incident Command</u> <u>Systems (HICS) – Due February 28, 2023</u>

The American Hospital Association shared a short survey from the California Emergency Medical Services Authority National Advisory Committee for hospitals and systems to share best practices and suggestions regarding HICS. The deadline for hospitals and health systems to complete the <u>Hospital Incident Command</u> <u>Survey</u> has been extended to February 28, 2023.

Virtual BDLS course schedule -- First Course March 16, 2023

The Team based BDLS learning schedule for 2023 is:

- March 16, 2023 1-5 pm
- April 18, 2023 8 am-12 pm
- September 8, 2023 8 am-12pm
- October 6, 2023 1-5 pm

Target audience: physicians, nurses, PAs, EMTs, Paramedics, paramedics, Allied Health Professionals, medical students and disaster response professionals. Please see the attached document for details on the course requirements and registration. If you have any questions, please contact Judy Wheeler (judy.wheeler@med.wmich.edu).

BDLS 2022-2023 ver. 3.2.pdf

EMS

EMS Workforce Scholarship Opportunity



About the Grant: This scholarship fund will cover the cost of paramedic initial education for our rural Michigan EMS students, especially those encountering education barriers and/or challenges. This will address a shortage of paramedic providers and these grant funds will help alleviate the workforce shortage in our rural Michigan communities.

Scholarship Tracks:

Track 1: This scholarship track will provide up t \$20,000 in student tuition to awardees to attend the approved initial paramedic education program of choice. (EMS agencies and colleges

Track 2: This scholarship track offers reimbursement for the time spent in EMS training programs, at a rate of \$15/hour, to a maximum of \$16,000 per student. (EMS agencies qualify)

andrea.abbas@affiliate.msu.edu

All Aspiring Paramedics Are Encouraged to Apply

- EMS professionals serving rural Michigan census track communities
- Single parents with a desire to serve as a paramedic
- Women with a desire to serve as a paramedic

 Racial and ethnic minorities with a desire to serve as a paramedic

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Click Here to Apply! mcrh.msu.edu/programs/EMS



Michigan Center for Rural Health MCRH has been awarded \$350,000 in EMS workforce state grant funding and will be the acting fiduciary for distributing these funds to eligible rural EMS professionals who wish to pursue an initial paramedic education. Applications are now open and will close on March 1st.

The EMS workforce scholarship application will offer 2 tracks:

Track 1: This scholarship track will provide up to \$20,000 in student tuition and fees to attend the approved initial paramedic education program of choice (EMS agencies

and colleges).

Track 2: This scholarship track offers reimbursement for the time spent in EMS training programs, at a rate of \$15/hour, up to a maximum of \$16,000 per student (EMS agencies only).

All aspiring paramedics are encouraged to apply. For more details about the grant, eligibility, and application form, please click here: http://bit.ly/3HTZ7VK

To view a copy of the flyer pictured above, click here.

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LONG TERM CARE

Region 7 LTC Subcommittee Meetings

Every 3 months on the 2nd Wednesday at 10 am.

- November 9, 2022
- February 8, 2023
- May 10, 2023

Long-Term Care Introduction to the Incident Command System

This learning module will provide introductory level information about the Incident Command System (ICS), including basic Incident Command roles and structure, as well as the relevant functions of Long-Term Care (LTC) facilities in the ICS structure. Please share with LTC partners.

https://www.train.org/mi-train/course/1050947/

MDHHS Fit Testing Program Continues

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is continuing to provide free qualitative fit testing apparatus kits and Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA) training resources to ensure respiratory protection standards are met throughout the State. Qualifying facilities include skilled nursing facilities, adult foster care, homes for the aged, and assisted living.

To request these free respiratory fit testing kits for a facility, the facility's Infection Preventionist (or other designated facility employee) should complete the <u>linked order form</u>. The survey form can also be found at this web address: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MDHHS RespitoryFitKit OrderForm.

Respiratory fit testing kit orders will be placed at the end of each month. After it is completed and the order form is submitted, kits will be shipped using the information provided. Following the shipment of the respiratory fit testing kits, the facility will be contacted by MDHHS with training resources provided by MIOSHA that will assist in developing a respiratory protection program. Contact information for MIOSHA Consultative Assistance services will also be provided in the email, if further assistance is required in training staff on the use of the respiratory fit testing kits.

<u>Updated Minimum Level of Evacuation Equipment Document</u>

The Michigan Minimum Level of Evacuation Equipment document is completed and ready to be added to the BP5 Toolkit as well as being shared with partners as needed. Please let Katie Puskar or Jessica Gould know if you have any questions regarding this document.

FINAL -- Minimum Level of Evacuation Equipment rev2023.pdf

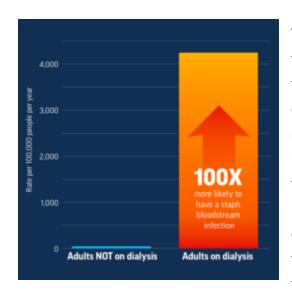
DIALYSIS

Dialysis Meeting Schedule 2022-2023

- September 27, 2022- 10-11 am
- December 27, 2022-10-11 am (will likely reschedule due to holiday)
- March 28, 2023- 10-11 am
- June 27, 2023- 10-11 am

Preventing Bloodstream Infections in People on Dialysis

CDC VITAL SIGNS REPORT



The latest CDC Vital Signs report focuses on people receiving dialysis treatment for end-stage kidney disease. Dialysis treatment puts patients at higher risk for serious infections because it requires frequent access to the bloodstream. In fact, according to the report, adults on dialysis were 100 times more likely to have a staph bloodstream infection than adults not on dialysis.

Additionally, more than half of people in the U.S. receiving dialysis belong to a racial or ethnic minority group, and CDC data found that patients in these groups have higher rates of staph bloodstream infections than White patients on dialysis.

The good news is that bloodstream infections in patients on dialysis have gone down since 2014 with the widespread use of proven practices to prevent and control infections. Preventing infections among patients receiving dialysis

requires a broad and equitable approach to prevention and care of kidney disease for people from all racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic groups.

American Medical Association & American Society of Nephrology Launch New Modules

The interactive video modules outline four key infection control measures needed in dialysis settings:

- proper hand hygiene,
- <u>injection safety</u>,
- personal protective equipment,
- and environmental cleaning and disinfection.

The modules aim to help healthcare professionals understand the importance of each infection control measure, recognize common mistakes to avoid, and identify the actions they should take to practice effective infection control.

BEHAVIORAL & MENTAL HEALTH

Behavioral Health Meeting Schedule 2023

- March 8, 2023- 11-12 pm
- June 14, 2023- 11-12 pm

Stay Well 2023

Please find attached below information about Stay Well programming that will launch in January of 2023. Of note there will new groups for teens and young adults, as well as the standard programming. Additional options to connect through social media platforms will be ready by 1/1/23. Registration is now open for all of the workshops that are offered. Also, check our <u>interactive calendar</u> on the <u>website</u>, to see at a quick glance all that Stay Well is offering.

STAY WELL PROGRAMMING FOR JANUARY 2023.pdf

ADULT FOSTER CARE & HOMES FOR THE AGED

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the email, if further assistance is required in training staff on the use of the respiratory fit testing kits.

Adult Foster Care and Homes for the Aged Emergency Toolkit

Attached is the Adult Foster Care and Homes for the Aged Emergency Toolkit. It has been translated into Spanish and Arabic. This toolkit can be used to help a facility write or update their Emergency Preparedness Plan. They can also be found on the <u>Adult Foster Care & Homes for the Aged Emergency Planning (michigan.gov)</u> webpage under the Preparedness and Response Plan Templates dropdown. Feel free share these documents or link to the webpage.

AFC HFA Emergency Toolkit February 2022 Accessible.pdf

AFC HFA Emergency Toolkit February 2022 Accessible Arabic.pdf

AFC HFA Emergency Toolkit February 2022 Accessible Spanish Form.pdf

PEDIATRICS

Annual EMS for Children Survey – Launches January, 2023

This is a brief, annual, survey of all EMS agencies in the U.S. Each agency in Michigan will receive an invitation to complete this survey from the EMSC Data Center which has an @utah.edu email address (can be easy to miss, but it is real!). This data will help direct EMS for Children funds, programs, initiatives and support both at the State and National level. EMS agencies can access the survey

any time after it opens: www.emscsurveys.org. The survey is open through March 2023.

Hospital ED Pediatric Champion Office Hours are Cancelled for February.

They will resume on March 28th from 2-3 pm. We are in the process of lining up new speakers and will have a list of speakers and topics to share with you soon. Stand-by for some great presentations. See you all in March!

From the EMS for Children Innovation and Improvement Center a Checklist for Pediatric Preparedness

Make sure your community hospitals have this pediatric disaster checklist to position them for success! This checklist is an update to the original 2014 checklist. It is intended as a tool to help hospital administrators and emergency management leadership incorporate essential pediatric considerations into existing hospital disaster policies.

<u>Checklist of Essential Pediatric Domains and Considerations for Every Hospital's Disaster Preparedness Policies</u>

<u>Information on the Pediatric Disaster Centers of Excellence (COE) and</u> Pediatric Pandemic Network (PPN) Grants

Please see the attached documents for an overview of the two grants, what the goals of each are and how they work together. If you have any questions, please contact Lauren (kortel@michigan.gov).

2023.01.31 COE PPN Notes.pdf

<u>Evaluating and Supporting Children and Adolescents Presenting with Post-COVID Conditions — February 23, 2023</u>

Post-COVID conditions, also referred to as Long COVID or post-acute sequelae of SARS-CoV-2 infection (PASC), is an umbrella term for the wide range of health consequences that are present 4 or more weeks after SARS-CoV-2 infection. Most children infected with SARS-CoV-2 have asymptomatic infection or mild acute symptoms with low rates of hospitalization and death. However, some children and adolescents, including those with mild or asymptomatic infection, develop post-acute manifestations of SARS-CoV-2 infection. During this COCA Call, presenters will discuss evaluating and supporting post-COVID conditions in children and adolescents and the recommended clinical approach to identifying and managing PCC in children and adolescents based on the "Multi-Disciplinary Collaborative Consensus Guidance Statement on the Assessment and Treatment of PASC in Children and Adolescents" published by the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. (AAPM&R).

Date: Thursday, February 23, 2023

Time: 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET

Webinar Link:

https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1617153478?pwd=ME5FZ2VPRXBGUGc4UVlqcE1zdFNTZz09

Passcode: 617516

Pediatric Readiness Conference Update

All the sessions will be posted to MI-TRAIN soon. The recordings are in the process of being edited to individual speaker. Dr Charney, who didn't attend, is going to record her presentation and it will be posted as well. Please complete the survey on MI-TRAIN, it helps determine the value of the Conference and if there are any topics you would like to see addressed in the future. Information on when the recordings are ready will be in the HPP, PHEP and EMS Updates. If

you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Lauren Korte (KorteL@michigan.gov).

From the National Pediatric Readiness Project

There has been a 25% increase in the use of kilograms for patient weight from 2013 to 2021. Please see the attached fact sheet for information on the importance of weighing pediatric patients in kilograms. Please share with HCC members.

NPRP WeighAndRecord inKG FINAL.pdf

Region V for Kids Supply Chain Information

Healthcare Ready released a <u>supply chain assessment</u> (see pdf attached) in partnership with <u>Region V for Kids</u> Pediatric Disaster Center of Excellence. The study sought to identify changes made to supply chain resiliency plans during the COVID-19 pandemic and provide recommendations to strengthen supply chain practices. For more on the importance of the supply chain, visit the Healthcare Ready <u>supply chain page</u> to view factsheets, whitepapers, assessments, and more.

SPECIAL PATHOGENS

Save the Date

SPRN Conference coming on April 11, 2023. Please mark the date on your calendar. More information coming soon!

EMS Biosafety Transport: Viral Hemorrhagic Fevers: Ebola Virus Disease

Dr. Alex Isakov discusses EMS Biosafety Transport considerations for viral hemorrhagic fevers, including Ebola Virus Disease, in this video presentation. Watch the video here.

Ebola Checklist for Health Care Facilities

From the emergency room to the clinic, frontline health care facilities are the first line of defense against the spread of disease. All health care facilities need to be prepared to care for patients with Ebola, or another viral hemorrhagic fever (VHF), and to prevent transmission to staff, other patients, and within our communities. The Health Care Facility Special Pathogens Checklist is a planning tool for health care facilities to assess their readiness to identify, isolate, inform, and provide initial treatment for patients suspected or confirmed to be infected with a viral hemorrhagic fever. It guides facilities through a review of their immediate care capabilities and links to resources that will help improve or fill gaps in preparedness.

Spotlight: Lassa Fever

Lassa fever is an acute viral hemorrhagic disease caused by the Lassa virus. Although Lassa fever is primarily transmitted to humans through direct contact with rodents or their droppings, Lassa fever may be transmitted after exposure to the virus in the blood, tissue, secretion or excretions of a Lassa virus-infected individual. Person-to-person transmission is common in the health care settings where the virus is endemic, and personal protective equipment (PPE) is not available or not used. May occasionally be transmitted from person to person through direct contact with infected blood or bodily fluids. It is endemic to parts of West Africa.

Approximately 80% of those who become infected with Lassa fever experience either no symptoms or mild symptoms. For the remaining 20% of Lassa fever

patients who experience severe symptoms, including hemorrhaging (in gums, eyes, or nose, as examples), respiratory distress, vomiting, facial swelling, and others. Approximately 15-20% of patients hospitalized with Lassa fever die from the illness. As such, supportive care including the use of Ribavirin, initiated as soon as possible is necessary to reduce morbidity and mortality. There is no vaccine available to guard against Lassa fever.

While the virus is endemic to West Africa, spread of the virus outside that area is possible. In 2022 an outbreak of Lassa fever was reported in the United Kingdom. The first case travelled to West Africa in 2021, and after returning to the United Kingdom developed symptoms and was hospitalized. The next two cases were family members who did not travel to West Africa. There was one fatality.

For more information, visit:

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention <u>Lassa fever</u>
- World Health Organization <u>United Kingdom Lassa Fever Outbreak</u>

News from NETEC:

- Outbreak Preparedness & Response -- The end of the Ebola outbreak in
 Uganda offers an opportunity to acknowledge what worked well, underscoring
 the importance of preparedness in the U.S. Check out the blog article here.
- Lab Safety: <u>Handling High-Consequence Pathogens</u> -- Are you prepared to encounter a high-consequence pathogen in your facility? Read the NETEC blog for 16 takeaways from the webinar "Lab Samples and Suspect Cases from High-Risk Patients." Read the blog article <u>here</u>.
- Continuing Education: <u>Webinar-Based Course on Polio Resurgence</u> -- The
 webinar "Polio Resurgence: Guidance for Health Care Workers" is now
 available as a course for continuing education credit. The course is found <u>here</u>.

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BURN SURGE & MEDICAL SURGE UPDATES

Virtual BSF Training 2023 Training May 9, 2023

Online BSF Training 2023

Training will be offered on the following dates and will run from 8:00 am to 2:30 pm.

- 2023 Training Dates:
 - **■** Feb 14, 2023
 - May 9, 2023
 - August 8, 2023
 - November 14, 2023

Participants will also need complete ABLS Online before the Burn Surge Facility Training online course and send your completion certificate to Sarah Parviz (separviz@med.umich.edu).

After returning the attached registration form, you will receive the following:

- 1. A ZOOM link for training day presentations
- 2. Instructions to access for ABLS Online.

Thank you for your continuing dedication to mass casualty burn care. Please feel free to contact Sarah Parviz (separviz@med.umich.edu) with any questions or concerns.

2023 Burn Surge Training Course Registration Form v.2.pdf

ALBS On-line Training

Please make sure the message is passed on to hospital partners that individuals should NOT keep registering if they have problems with the process. We are losing licenses/slots as a result of this. It is very clear in the instructions to contact Lauren Korte (kortel@michigan.gov) if they have problems. Thank you for your assistance.

7.1.2022 ABLS NOW Registration Instructions - revised 7.15.22.pdf

ABLS On-line Now Physician Seats Still Available

Please remind your BSFs and other community hospital partners that there are 8 seats still open for the Physician ABLS On-line course. There are 5 free CMEs available for completion of the course. If interested, please contact Lauren Korte at (KorteL@michigan.gov) and she will send them the necessary instructions.

ABLS On-line Now Change

There is now a 4th step in the ABLS process, this comes when the individual obtains their certificate. It requires a Group Code for their course to be identified with the Michigan licenses. Attached are the instructions again, please share them with your partners. The instructions are all attached in order. Please contact Lauren if you have any questions.

- 1 ABLS NOW Registration Instructions revised 2.8.2023.pdf
- 2 IMPX Create New User Account free.pdf
- 3 Using a Discount Code to Enroll in the ABLS NOW Course .pdf
- 4 Group Code Instructions.pdf

VOLUNTEERS AND MICHIGAN VOLUNTEER REGISTRY UPDATES

Global Volunteer Month

April is Global Volunteer Month, and we have a special opportunity to celebrate with the Michigan Volunteer Registry volunteers. Would you like to join in some baseball fun? Please complete this short survey to express your interest: https://forms.office.com/g/WBU16hf6nU. Thank you in advance for your participation!

CYBERSECURITY

<u>Subscribe to the Division of Critical Infrastructure Protection's</u> Bulletins

ASPR's <u>Division of Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP)</u> offers a variety of newsletters to keep stakeholders informed during emergency response and steady state. The newsletters inform stakeholders of the most significant issues facing the Healthcare and Public Health Sector including cybersecurity, healthcare supply chains, COVID-19, and more. If you are interested in receiving CIP newsletters, visit the <u>CIP newsletter subscription webpage</u>.

The Mounting Death Toll of Hospital Cyberattacks

As the Covid-19 pandemic swept the world over the past three years, cybercriminals took advantage of the chaotic situation and repeatedly shut down hospitals' networks at a time when they were least able to respond. That has meant curtailed emergency services, canceled operations and more deaths. As

cyberstrikes take lives, it's changing the calculation for how to respond to devastating hacks both at facilities inside the U.S. and in international conflicts like Ukraine. In 2020, a ransomware attack forced a hospital in Düsseldorf, Germany, to close its emergency department, and a patient died in an ambulance while being rerouted to another hospital. In 2020, a woman sued an Alabama hospital _after the death of her newborn baby, alleging that doctors failed to carry out critical pre-birth testing due to a cyberattack on the hospital, which meant the baby was born with the cord around its neck. This led to brain damage and — a few months later — the baby's death. 2022 appears to be another record year in terms of the volume of attacks against U.S. health care and the volume of sensitive patient information. In 2022, an attack on CommonSpirit Health, the nation's second largest non-profit health system, compromised the personal data of over 600,000 patients, including electronic medical records, which allegedly caused one child to be accidentally given five times the amount of medication needed. The average cyberattack on a health care system leads to 19 days of patients unable to receive some form of care. The problem is global and it's a dynamic that could come into play as the U.S. and its allies try to figure out how to weigh cyberattacks in war. Much still needs to be done and so far, most attacks against hospitals have been linked to cybercriminal groups, often based in Russia, but not directly to government hackers. Learn more on politico.com.

Microsoft Releases February 2023 Security Updates

Microsoft has released updates to address multiple vulnerabilities in Microsoft software. An attacker can exploit some of these vulnerabilities to take control of an affected system.

CISA encourages users and administrators to review Microsoft's <u>February 2023</u> <u>Security Update Guide</u> and <u>Deployment Information</u> and apply the necessary updates.

Healthcare Giant CHS Reports First Data Breach in GoAnywhere Hacks

Community Health Systems (CHS) was impacted by a recent wave of attacks targeting a zero-day vulnerability in Fortra's GoAnywhere MFT secure file transfer platform. The healthcare provider giant announced on Monday that Fortra issued an alert saying that it had "experienced a security incident" leading to some CHS data being compromised. A subsequent investigation revealed that the resulting data breach affected the personal and health information of up to 1 million patients. "While that investigation is still ongoing, the Company believes that the Fortra breach has not had any impact on any of the Company's information systems and that there has not been any material interruption of the Company's business operations, including the delivery of patient care.

The Clop ransomware gang claims to be behind these attacks and told BleepingComputer that they have breached and stolen data from over 130 organizations. Clop is known for using a similar tactic in December 2020, when they discovered and exploited a zero-day bug in Accellion's legacy File Transfer Appliance (FTA) to steal large amounts of data from roughly 100 companies worldwide. If Clop follows a similar extortion strategy, there will likely be a rapid release of data for non-paying victims on the threat actor's data leak site in the near future. GoAnywhere MFT's developer Fortra (formerly known as HelpSystems) disclosed to its customers last week that a new vulnerability (CVE-2023-0669) was being exploited as a zero-day in the wild. The company issued emergency security updates after a proof-of-concept exploit was released online, allowing unauthenticated attackers to gain remote code execution on vulnerable servers. Learn more on bleepingcomputer.com.

CISA Adds One Known Exploited Vulnerability to Catalog

Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security
Agency (CISA) has added one new vulnerability to its Known Exploited

<u>Vulnerabilities Catalog</u>, based on evidence of active exploitation. This type of
vulnerability is a frequent attack vector for malicious cyber actors and poses a
significant risk to the federal enterprise. (To view the newly added vulnerabilities

in the catalog, click on the arrow in the "Date Added to Catalog" column, which will sort by descending dates.)

<u>Known Exploited Vulnerabilities</u> established the Known Exploited Vulnerabilities Catalog as a living list of known CVEs that carry significant risk to the federal enterprise. BOD 22-01 requires Federal Civilian Executive Branch Agencies (FCEB) agencies to remediate identified vulnerabilities by the due date to protect FCEB networks against active threats. See the <u>BOD 22-01 Fact Sheet</u> for more information.

Although BOD 22-01 only applies to FCEB agencies, CISA strongly urges all organizations to reduce their exposure to cyberattacks by prioritizing timely remediation of <u>Catalog vulnerabilities</u> as part of their vulnerability management practice. CISA will continue to add vulnerabilities to the Catalog that meet the <u>specified criteria</u>.

HC3 Sector Alert: Healthcare Sector DDoS Guide

Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) attacks have the potential to deny healthcare organizations and providers access to vital resources that can have detrimental impact on the ability to provide care. In healthcare, disruptions due to a cyber-attack may interrupt business continuity by keeping patients or healthcare personnel from accessing critical healthcare assets such as electronic health records, software based medical equipment, and websites to coordinate critical tasks. (See HC3 Analyst Note titled: Pro Russian Hacktivist Group 'Killnet' Threat to HPH Sector). Link can be found here. Review the Health Sector Cybersecurity Coordination Center (HC3) Sector Alert for more details.

<u>Citrix Releases Security Updates for Workspace Apps, Virtual Apps and Desktops</u>

Citrix has released security updates to address high-severity vulnerabilities (CVE-2023-24486, CVE-2023-24484, CVE-2023-24485, and CVE-2023-24483) in Citrix Workspace Apps, Virtual Apps and Desktops. A local user could exploit these vulnerabilities to take control of an affected system.

CISA encourages users and administrators to review Citrix security bulletins CTX477618, CTX477616 for more information and to apply the necessary updates.

Mozilla Releases Security Updates for Firefox 110 and FireFox ESR

Mozilla has released security updates to address vulnerabilities in Firefox 110 and Firefox ESR. An attacker could exploit these vulnerabilities to take control of an affected system.

CISA encourages users and administrators to review Mozilla's security advisories for <u>Firefox 110</u> and <u>Firefox ESR 102.8</u> for more information and apply the necessary updates.

Adobe Releases Security Updates for Multiple Products

Adobe has released security updates to address multiple vulnerabilities in Adobe software. An attacker can exploit these vulnerabilities to take control of an affected system.

CISA encourages users and administrators to review the following Adobe Security Bulletins and apply the necessary updates.

- After Effects <u>APSB23-02</u>
- Connect <u>APSB23-05</u>
- FrameMaker<u>APSB23-06</u>

- Bridge <u>APSB23-09</u>
- Photoshop <u>APSB23-11</u>
- InDesign APSB23-12
- Premiere Rush <u>APSB23-14</u>
- Animate APSB23-15
 - Substance 3D Stager <u>APSB23-16</u>

<u>Cisco Releases Security Advisories for Multiple Products</u>

Cisco has released security advisories for vulnerabilities affecting multiple Cisco products. A remote attacker could exploit some of these vulnerabilities to take control of an affected system. For updates addressing lower severity vulnerabilities, see the <u>Cisco Security Advisories</u> page.

CISA encourages users and administrators to review the following advisories and apply the necessary updates.

- ClamAV HFS+ Partition Scanning Buffer Overflow Vulnerability Affecting
 Cisco Products: February 2023 <u>cisco-sa-clamav-q8DThCy</u>
- Cisco Nexus Dashboard Denial of Service Vulnerability cisco-sa-ndb-dnsdos-bYscZOsu

Cisco Email Security Appliance and Cisco Secure Email and Web Manager Vulnerabilities cisco-sa-esa-sma-privesc-9DVkFpJ8

Announcement of Proposal to Update NIST SP 800-38E, Using the XTS-AES Mode for Confidentiality on Storage Devices

In August 2021, the Department of Commerce's National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST's) Crypto Publication Review Board <u>announced</u> the review of NIST Special Publication (SP) 800-38E, <u>Recommendation for Block Cipher</u> <u>Modes of Operation: the XTS-AES Mode for Confidentiality on Storage Devices</u>. In response, NIST received <u>public comments</u>.

NIST proposes to update SP 800-38E to address the editorial suggestions in the public comments. In particular, the updated publication will mention the security vulnerability that results when the two AES (sub) keys are improperly generated to be identical, as discussed in Annex C.I of Implementation Guidance for FIPS 140-3 and the Cryptographic Module Validation Program.

The updated SP 800-38E would be published without a period of public comment.

Submit comments on this decision proposal by March 10, 2023. See the <u>full</u> <u>announcement</u>, which includes NIST's rationale for this proposal and instructions for submitting comments. Learn more on <u>NIST.gov</u>

HPH Sector Ransomware Resource Library

The HPH Sector Highlights- Cybersecurity Edition features this continually growing HPH Ransomware Resource Library in every weekly bulletin. The library has a variety of resources that you can use to keep your healthcare facility protected from ransomware attacks.

- StopRansomware.gov
- CISA's Stop Ransomware Resource
- CISA Cyber Security Evaluation Tool (CSET): the Ransomware Readiness
 Assessment (RRA)
- CISA Fact Sheet: Protecting Sensitive and Personal Information from Ransomware-Caused Data Breaches
- FBI IC3 Webpage for Ransomware
- CISA, FBI, and NSA joint Cybersecurity Advisory (CSA) on BlackMatter Ransomware
- Alert AA21-131A: DarkSide Ransomware: Best Practices for Preventing
 Business Disruption from Ransomware Attacks
- Ransomware Risk Management: A Cybersecurity Framework Profile (NISTIR 8374)
 - Getting Started with Cybersecurity Risk Management:
 Ransomware (companion quick start guide to NISTIR 8374)

- HC3 and 405(d)'s Prepare, React, and Recover from Ransomware guide
- New Zealand Computer Emergency Response Team guide on ransomware protection for businesses
- Ransomware Task Force: Combating Ransomware Report
 - Joint CSA: 2021 Trends Show Increased Globalized Threat of Ransomware

Latest CISA Vulnerability Summary

The latest <u>CISA Vulnerability Bulletin</u> provides a summary of new vulnerabilities that have been recorded by the NIST National Vulnerability Database (NVD) in the past week. In some cases, the vulnerabilities in the bulletin may not yet have assigned Common Vulnerability Scoring System (CVSS) scores. Please visit NVD for updated vulnerability entries, which include CVSS scores once they are available.

SUPPLY CHAIN

Medical Supply Chain Virtual Series - Starts March 21, 2023

In 2019-2020 the DEPR hosted a speaker series on Supply Chain Management. The idea of these meetings was to provide a baseline knowledge of the supply chain for healthcare entities across the spectrum of care. Since that time a lot of things have changed, with COVID-19, supply chain storages and staffing challenges just to name a few. DEPR would like to revisit the topics discussed back in 2019-2020 and provide a recap, first discussing briefly what was discussed in the original presentation but then moving into lesson learned and where we go from here. The series starts March 21, 2023, and continues the 3rd Tuesday of every month through August. The first two virtual webinars covering

general topics for supply chain and then in the series would focus in on particular topics specific to hospitals, long term care and EMS agencies. These would be virtual presentations for healthcare providers throughout Michigan. Please share the below Save the Date with your members and make sure to sign up!

Medical Supply Chain Virtual Series (Gould) 011022 (1).pdf

Region V for Kids Supply Chain Information

Healthcare Ready released a <u>supply chain assessment</u> (see pdf attached) in partnership with <u>Region V for Kids</u> Pediatric Disaster Center of Excellence. The study sought to identify changes made to supply chain resiliency plans during the COVID-19 pandemic and provide recommendations to strengthen supply chain practices. For more on the importance of the supply chain, visit the Healthcare Ready <u>supply chain page</u> to view factsheets, whitepapers, assessments, and more.

IMPORTANT DATES

All important dates can be found on the calendar on the Region 7 website. You can add or print these items directly from our calendar. www.miregion7.com/events



The Region 7 HCC Events Calendar is subject to change. Please keep an eye open for any updates to calendar invites or check back on our website or email us for the current schedule.

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UPCOMING EVENTS & TRAINING

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Radiation/Nuclear Webinar - March 30, 2023

DEPR is hosting a webinar on the Radiation Injury Treatment Network and their efforts to maximize health-related outcomes among casualties with ARS following a mass casualty disaster involving radiological, nuclear, or chemical agents with marrow toxicity. Flier is below. Our presenter will be:

Cullen Case Jr., MPA, CEM, CBCP, C) DRE, CHEP

Senior Manager, Business Continuity - National Marrow Donor Program/Be the Match

Program Director - Radiation Injury Treatment Network (RITN)

The Radiation Injury Treatment Network® (RITN) is a national network of medical centers with expertise in the management of bone marrow failure and works with partners from other medical specialties to assist with managing acute radiation syndrome (ARS) and its health-related consequences.

Registration is on MI-TRAIN

If you do not have a MI-TRAIN account, it is easy to create one at https://mi.train.org/mi-train/user/register.

RadNuc Webinar 3.0.pdf

ICS 300 and 400 Courses Available in the Upper Peninsula – February 24-26, 2023 and March 17-18, 2023

These ICS courses are available in Baraga and are sponsored by the Michigan Agency- Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. Registration information can be found below.

BARAGA 2023 FLYER ICS-300.pdf

BARAGA 2023 FLYER ICS 400.pdf

Back to the Basics Series: Introduction to the Incident Command System for Healthcare Recording Now Available on MI-TRAIN

The January 2023 presentation to kick off the Back to the Basics: Training for Healthcare Emergency Managers, Introduction to the Incident Command System for Healthcare is now available on MI-TRAIN, course ID #1108455 https://www.train.org/main/course/1108455/compilation. Once the video is completed a certificate may be printed for proof of attendance. Currently no credits are available for this course. As new presentations are completed, they will be posted to this series.

CDP Training Opportunities

The Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP) has released its resident training calendar for the month of June.

Hazardous materials offerings include the center's Hazardous Materials Awareness, Hazardous Materials Technician, and Hazardous Materials Technologies: Sampling, Monitoring, and Detection courses.

The CDP is also hosting radiological detection training during the month, including the center's Advanced Radiological Incident Operations and Radiological Emergency Response Operations offerings.

Additionally, the CDP is offering its Incident Command: Capabilities, Planning and Response Actions for All Hazards; and Respiratory Protection: Program Development and Administration courses.

Registration for these opportunities is currently open. To apply, visit https://lnkd.in/eBuwt8t5.

CDP training is fully funded for state, local, tribal, and territorial emergency responders, to include roundtrip airfare, meals and lodging.

Michigan State Police Conducting Federal Training Courses in 2023

The Michigan State Police – Emergency Management Homeland Security Division (MSP-EMHSD) is bringing two federal courses to Michigan in 2023.

Registration is required for both trainings - see flyer for registration details.

 MGT 403: Access and Functional Needs Preparedness Planning for Rural Communities

February 15, 2023

AWR 232: Mass Fatalities Planning and Response for Rural Communities
 April 12, 2023

Preparedness Summitt -- April 24 - 27, 2023



Click <u>here</u> for more information and to sign up for the Preparedness Summitt.

As we recover from the prolonged pandemic response and begin to define the endemic phase of COVID-19, natural disasters, emerging infectious diseases, terrorist threats, climate issues, and maintenance of all-hazards plans can now be reexamined. The theme for the 2023 Preparedness Summit, Recover. Renew: Reprioritizing All-Hazards Preparedness, will provide an opportunity to revisit these pressing issues and share resources, shape policies, and build skills to mitigate a variety of threats.

By renewing our commitment to all-hazards preparedness, we can equip our communities to meet current and future threats, while building response plans and frameworks that are inclusive, responsive, flexible, and adaptable.

We Want YOU Share Your Expertise at the 2023 Preparedness Summit.pdf

Explore the 2023 Preparedness Summit Schedule

The in-person schedule for the 2023 Preparedness Summit, taking place April 24-27 in Atlanta, includes over 150 learning sessions, quick hits, demonstrations, and workshops on a diversity of topics that address reprioritizing all-hazards preparedness. Included are over 20 sessions presented by and/or pertaining to MRC unit leaders. Explore the <u>full schedule here</u> and <u>click here</u> to explore sessions in the MRC category.

MGT 403: Access and Functional Needs Preparedness Planning for Rural Communities (Course ID in MI-TRAIN: 1106341) -- April 12, 2023

Michigan State Police is sponsoring an 8-hour, DHS/DEMA certified, tuition-free, awareness-level course. The goal of this course is to teach participants the basics of mass fatality response while providing opportunities to exchange rural perceptions and brainstorm solutions to simulated emergencies. Please see the PDF below for more information. Registration must be completed by March 29, 2023. Coalitions are highly encouraged to attend this course.

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NEW 2023 NACCH0360 Call for Abstracts

The abstract submission period for the 2<u>023 NACCHO360 Conference</u> is now open. NACCHO 360 will take place both virtually and in-person, July 10–13, 2023 in Denver at the Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel. This year's theme, Elevating Public Health Practice for Today and Tomorrow will explore how the local public health workforce and its stakeholders can move forward in the midst of an ongoing crisis while implementing traditional and innovative approaches to restructure a system built to protect the health of communities nationwide. For more information on the conference and the abstracts visit their website here.

Healthcare Emergency Manager Training Educational Opportunity

Through fires, floods, and even a pandemic, Healthcare Emergency Managers are consistently challenged to help their organizations plan, train and respond to incidents. In this series of virtual trainings, the main core subjects all healthcare Emergency Managers use such as Incident Command Structure, Hazard Vulnerability Assessments, Exercises, After Action Reports, Crisis Standards of Care and more will be covered.

Back to the Basics Flyer.pdf

<u>Great Lakes Homeland Security Conference – May 9-11, 2023</u>

The 2023 Great Lakes Homeland Security Conference and Expo will be held May 9 - 11 at the DeVos Place in Grand Rapids, Michigan. It is hosted in partnership by the Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. For more information, check out: Great Lakes Homeland Security Training Conference & Expo (michigan.gov).

<u>Updated Michigan's MEDDRUN, CHEMPACK & SNS Programs MI-TRAIN</u> <u>Training</u>

The Michigan's MEDDRUN, CHEMPACK & SNS Programs MI-TRAIN Training has been updated and is now available. Updates include language clarification, more recent images, and an overall cleaner look. Please share with your HCC partners. The link to the course is below.

Michigan's MEDDRUN, CHEMPACK & SNS Programs - 1031785

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