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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

BUREAU OF EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EMS AND SYSTEMS OF CARE UPDATES

Updated Influenza Vaccine Recommendations for the 2022-2023 Flu Season

Michelle Doeblér, MPH, Influenza Coordinator, MDHHS Division of Immunization

In previous years, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommended annual influenza vaccination for everyone aged 6 months or older with any age-appropriate influenza vaccination available. However, on Thursday June 30, 2022 the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) Director Rochelle P. Walensky, M.D., M.P.H. adopted](#) the ACIP's updated recommendation to preferentially recommend the use of specific flu vaccines for adults aged 65 years and older.

During the June 2022 meeting, ACIP voted to preferentially recommend the use of one of the following, higher dose flu, recombinant, or adjuvanted flu vaccines over standard-dose unadjuvanted flu vaccines for people aged 65 years and older. These recommendations were published in an [August 2022 Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report](#) (MMWR). The preference applies to Fluzone High-Dose

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Quadrivalent, Flublok Quadrivalent, and Fluad Quadrivalent flu vaccines. The recommendation was based on a review of the available studies that suggest adjuvanted, recombinant, or high-dose flu vaccines in this age group are more effective than standard dose unadjuvanted flu vaccines.

Each influenza season varies in severity, however, [people aged 65 years and older typically are at higher risk of severe flu disease and account for most influenza-associated hospitalizations and deaths each year](#). It is estimated that between 70 percent and 85 percent of seasonal flu-related deaths have occurred in people aged 65 years and older. Additionally, changes in the immune system with increased age indicate that older adults do not have as strong an immune response to vaccination as younger people which can result in reduced protection against influenza. Adjuvanted, recombinant, and high-dose flu vaccines are important in this older population to reduce the likelihood of severe outcomes and can be more effective at reducing hospitalization and death compared to standard-dose unadjuvanted flu vaccines.

Recently [data has also shown that racial and ethnic health disparities exist in populations that receive a high-dose flu vaccine compared with standard-dose flu vaccines](#). Increasing access to higher dose flu vaccine resulting from wider distribution and availability of these vaccines could help reduce these health disparities.

In previous years, CDC has not recommended any one flu vaccine product over another for any age group and there is still no preferential recommendation for individuals younger than 65 years. Everyone aged 6 months through 64 years is still recommended to receive annual influenza vaccination with any age-appropriate flu vaccine available. Additionally, adults aged 65 years and older should try to get one of the three preferentially recommended vaccines, however, if one of these vaccines is not available at the time of administration, individuals in this age group should not miss their opportunity to get vaccinated and should receive a standard-dose flu vaccine instead.

CDC and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services offer a plethora of resources to educate patients on the importance of annual influenza vaccination.

[CDC.gov/flu](https://www.cdc.gov/flu)

[Michigan.gov/flu](https://www.michigan.gov/flu)



Health Literacy and Health Equity

The new organizational definition, as defined by the [Healthy People 2030](#) initiative, acknowledges that health literacy is connected to health equity. Health equity is the attainment of the highest level of health for all people and will only be achieved when everyone has the opportunity to be as healthy as possible. Putting health literacy principles into action helps make that possible.

To help the CDC's workforce and partners address all people inclusively, accurately, and with respect, the agency launched [Health Equity Guiding](#)

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[Principles for Inclusive Communication](#) in August 2021 on CDC's [Gateway to Health Communication](#). It outlines inclusive communication principles such as:

- Using a health equity lens.
- Using person-first language.
- Avoiding unintentional blaming.
- Using preferred terms for populations of focus while recognizing that preferred terms may differ.
- Looking for ways to be more inclusive in text and images.
- Exploring other resources related to health equity communications.

The CDC encourages all health professionals and partners at the federal, state, and local level to apply these [guiding principles](#) across their public communication work, including when they're creating information resources and presentations or developing and reviewing external or internal communication materials.

[Read more on using a health equity lens.](#)

[Is Your Organization Measuring up with Health Literacy?](#)

An informed and engaged public that values health protection and preparedness is increasingly vital. A responsive health system that eliminates barriers to clear communication and provides usable and actionable health information and services is equally important. What actions help focus on healthy literacy as an essential priority? View the Top 10 attributes of a health literate organization below.

The Top 10 attributes of a health literate organization:

1. They lead health literate missions and operations.

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2. They integrate health literacy into planning, evaluation measures, and quality improvement.
 3. They prepare their workforce to be health literate.
 4. They design, implement, and evaluate health information and services with a diverse population in mind.
 5. They acknowledge the range of different health literacy levels and needs and avoiding stigmatization.
 6. They use health literate strategies in communication.
 7. They provide easy access to health information.
 8. They design print, audiovisual, and social media content that is easy to understand.
 9. They focus on health literacy in high-risk situations such as during illness and transitions in care.
 10. They provide clear communication about health insurance coverage and charges for services.

[Read more on the top attributes of a health literate organization.](#)

[Health Literacy Resources](#)

- [Checklist for Plain Language](#)
- [Plain Language Materials & Resources](#)
- [Health Equity Guiding Principles for Inclusive Communication](#)
- [Gateway to Health Communication](#)

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- Share health literacy resources and use #HealthLiteracyMonth to follow the conversation on Twitter.
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FEMA UPDATES

FEMA Seeks Feedback on Cyber Incidents Planning Guidance

FEMA wants feedback on the draft “[Planning Considerations for Cyber Incidents: Guidance for Emergency Managers](#).” This document provides state, local, tribal and territorial emergency managers with foundational knowledge of cyber incidents to increase cyber preparedness efforts in their jurisdictions.

[NIMS Alert 23-22 FEMA Seeks Feedback on Cyber Incidents Planning Guidance.pdf](#)

CMS UPDATES

ASPR UPDATES

Resource Spotlight: ASPR TRACIE Hospital Decontamination Topic Collection (Updated)

The resources in this [updated Topic Collection](#) highlight lessons learned, guidelines, plans, tools, templates, and promising practices that can help emergency medical practitioners develop and maintain hospital patient decontamination plans.

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC) UPDATES

COVID-19 UPDATES

NHSN Hospital Transition Information

- On November 2, 2022, users were notified that the COVID module is now available for testing purposes only. During the testing phase – Wednesday, November 2, 2022 through Wednesday, December 14, 2022 – the team will prioritize identifying any issues for submission of COVID-19 hospital data in order to address these prior to the December transition. Please feel free to share feedback with NHSN.

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- The mid-December transition date has been finalized-- Thursday, December 15, 2022 will be the first day of COVID-19 hospital data reporting in NHSN.

Outside of the NHSN transition, we wanted to briefly update you on therapeutics-

- Today, the legacy therapeutics fields (fields 39a-40d) will be made inactive in the COVID hospital data collection and transition to HPOP
- The legacy therapeutics fields will be visible within HPOP for HPOP reporters to complete
 - Reporting of all USG supply remains mandatory until all doses delivered are accounted for as administered, wasted (unusable due to damage or expiration), or transferred to another facility.
- The therapeutics team is leading communications with HPOP reporters. TeleTracking will also be sending out a detailed email about the change to non-hospital therapeutics only reporters, and all TeleTracking users will see a popup about the legacy therapeutics change to aid communications.
- The CARS Helpdesk is the first stop for all issues related to HPOP Therapeutics: cars_helpdesk@cdc.gov

IMMUNIZATIONS

HOSPITAL

Request to Distribute the Hospital Incident Command System Survey - Deadline November 30, 2022

After the prolonged COVID and now MPX (Monkeypox) responses, the California Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) Hospital Incident Command System (HICS) National Advisory Committee (NAC) has decided to take advantage of the many opportunities that hospitals have had to use HICS.

This is an exciting chance for HCCs to share this HICS survey with Hospitals, Medical Centers, and Hospital Systems to request they provide their input and comments so the EMSA can compile some of the best practices, suggested changes, and improvements to be added to the HICS Program during the future revision.

Please share the attached flyer and/or the link below to the HICS Survey/Questionnaire which combines inquiries about the Pre-COVID and COVID/MPX emergency management performance of HICS during the past few years.

[HICS Survey](#)

[HICS Survey News Letter-Flyer .pdf](#)

The survey includes basic questions which we request everyone to complete to the best of their ability. The detailed demographics will assist in analysis of the responses with regard to the perspectives of the respondents. Using this data, EMSA hopes to gain added insight into the performance of HICS. Their ultimate goal is to improve the HICS Program by capitalizing on healthcare's collective experiences throughout the last several years.

EMS

EMS Pediatric Champions Update - JIT Pediatric Training - New resources - Please Read

Please check out the following upcoming pediatric education opportunities.

Please share with other providers, colleagues, and those whom the opportunities would benefit!

1. **Midwest EMSC Pediatric Champion (PECC) Symposium** – Nov 2 and 3, 3:00 p.m. start time

See the two flyers attached for topics, speaker line up, and registration information for each day.

1. Day 1 – EMS Provider Track – 4 EMSC CEUs
2. Day 2 – ED Provider Track – CEUs for nurses and physicians, through Children's of MN

2. **Biweekly JIT Pediatric Trainings for EMS Providers** – collaboration with St. Louis Children's Hospital and EMSC of Missouri

With the increase in pediatric ED visits for respiratory concerns, RSV soaring, and flu on its way, the children's hospitals in Michigan, across the region and nation are at capacity, and boarding more patients in EDs and alternative spaces in their facilities. The biweekly JIT pediatric trainings will be a great time to learn from Dr. Finney, of St. Louis Children's Hospital and several MO EMSC Instructors about a pediatric topic each week. They will present high-level "need to knows" about the pediatric topic – then move to open discussion. You will have the opportunity to ask pediatric experts for their guidance on topics that are of concern to you!

NO registration required – please save the series (attached as calendar invite in the email) or the Zoom connection information below. If you have any issues saving this, please let Dr. Mishra know – she will forward you the outlook event directly.

Starts 11/9/2022 Join Zoom Meeting –

<https://umsystemprotected.zoom.us/j/92422813596?pwd=djh3MFo3TTE2NnFnVGhndDdpdDZDdz09>

Meeting ID: 924 2281 3596

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Passcode: 378302

3. **Check out the [MI Flu Focus](#)** – to see a report on how influenza-like illness (including flu and RSV) are cropping up and distributed in Michigan.
 1. Scroll down to the 2022-2023 Influenza Season to see the weekly reports.
 2. Week Ending Oct 15, 2022 -
https://www.michigan.gov/flu/-/media/Project/Websites/flu/MIF_F_10-21-22.pdf?rev=f26ed978f5874787b2b2d7d1c91d9474&hash=595310D016C3A94E09BD2CCF13E8819C
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LONG TERM CARE

CANCELED: November SNF Office Hours

SNF Office Hours are canceled for Thursday, November 10, 2022 and Thursday, November 24, 2022. The next scheduled SNF Office Hours will be December 8, 2022.

Send questions to the EMResource Data Team and/or MSA at
MDHHS-CHECC-EMResource@michigan.gov and/or
MDHHS-MSA-COVID19@michigan.gov.

DIALYSIS

Dialysis Meeting Schedule 2022-2023

- ~~September 27, 2022~~ 10-11 am

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

ADULT FOSTER CARE & HOMES FOR THE AGED

PEDIATRIC CHAMPIONS- HOSPITAL & EMS

Midwest EMSC Pediatric Champion Symposium

Nov 3 is an EMS focused afternoon – There are EMS CEs for Nov 3

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- Direct registration link:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_kyRliSssR26V8mWwlzm_dNw

Nov 4 is an ED focused afternoon – There are CEs for nurses and physicians for Nov 4

- MUST first create Children’s Hospital of MN education account; then sign up for the symposium
- <https://cmn.education.childrensmn.org/clinician-education/login>
- The third PDF is instructions for physicians and nurses to create an account with Children’s of MN to receive the free CEs and locate the symposium within the system.

Ideally, both opportunities can be shared with our State leaders and PECCs (Pediatric Champions). This event went very well last year, and thus we expanded to include education and CE opportunities for ED providers this year based on that!

Very excited to be able to offer this to our providers and champions!

[Click here to download the Nov. 2 flyer](#)

[Click here to download the Nov. 3 Flyer](#)

[Click here to download the Account Instructions](#)

Hospital ED Pediatric Champion Office Hours Continue – November 29, 2022

Hospital ED Pediatric Champion Office Hours will resume with a presentation by Matt Naden, PharmD from Helen DeVos Children’s Hospital in Grand Rapids. The topic is: More Than Just Small Adults: Pediatric Pharmacy Pearls for the Emergency Department. Please join us for this great educational opportunity. For more information and the meeting link see the attached save-the-date. Share

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the save-the-date with members of your team and other hospital staff that infrequently care for sick or injured children.

[2022.11.29 Naden-Pharmacy.pdf](#)

Recruiting Call for Primary Care Providers in Rural Communities

Please share with Pediatric Champions and other pediatric primary care providers: The American Academy of Pediatrics National Rural Adolescent and Child Health (NRACH) ECHO Training Center is recruiting primary care providers who live in or serve rural communities to join an 8-month learning collaborative. The goal of this ECHO is to build the capacity of primary care providers who live in or serve rural and frontier communities to provide quality behavioral and mental health care with a focus on anxiety and depression. Pediatric providers will engage in the ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) model, a tele-mentoring platform that leverages video conference technology to connect experts with primary care teams in local communities, fostering an “all teach, all learn” approach. This program differs from a traditional webinar in that all attendees actively participate and learn from each other. Please see the attached for more information.

Apply online [here](#) by November 10, 2022

[RPAxietyDepressionECHOREcruitmentFlyerFinal.pdf](#)

SPECIAL PATHOGENS

SPRN Conference Call- November 8, 2022

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Due to a state holiday on November 8, (elections), this meeting is being moved to **November 15, 2022**.

Infection Prevention and Control: Incorporating Lessons Learned in Managing Special Pathogens -- November 7, 2022

After nearly three years responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, hospitals and other healthcare facilities have learned many lessons about the management of special pathogens and essential infection prevention and control practices. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response's Technical Resources, Assistance Center, and Information Exchange ([ASPR TRACIE](#)) and the National Emerging Special Pathogens Training and Education Center ([NETEC](#)) invite you to learn more about some of those lessons. Speakers will share their perspectives on how our approach to outbreaks has changed since the pandemic began. They will address issues such as infection prevention for healthcare workers and patients and mitigating disease spread. Speakers will also highlight newly developed tools and resources. This webinar will take place November 7 at 2:00 pm ET. [Register today!](#)

Spotlight: Uganda Ebola Outbreak

On September 20, 2022, an outbreak of Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) was declared by the health authorities in Uganda. The declaration came after a case of Sudan ebolavirus (SUDV) was diagnosed and then confirmed in a village in Mubende district, located in central Uganda. As of October 26, a total of 115 confirmed cases were reported, with 21 probable cases. A total of 32 confirmed deaths and 21 probable deaths were reported as well. At least 15 cases and 4 deaths have been in healthcare workers. Additionally, there are 1844 individuals currently under surveillance.

In the United States, there are no confirmed cases of EVD. Five airports including Chicago O'Hare, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta, John F. Kennedy (NY), Newark Liberty

and Washington Dulles are conducting entry screening for travelers coming into the U.S. from Uganda, roughly 140 individuals per day. Further, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has deployed 30 staff from its office in Uganda and headquarters to Uganda to assist with mitigation efforts.

From the [World Health Organization](#):

28 October 2022

Ebola disease outbreak in Uganda: key epidemiological indicators, as of 26 October 2022	
Number of confirmed cases	115
Number of probable cases	21
Number of confirmed deaths	32
Number of probable deaths*	21
Number of recoveries	34
Number of cases among healthcare workers	15
Number of affected districts	7 / 147
Number of contacts under active follow-up	1844
Number of days since the first case was confirmed	39

**All probable deaths reported as occurring before 20 September 2022*

[NEW Regional Emerging Special Pathogens Treatment Center \(RESPTC\) in Michigan](#)

By: Ken Shawl

Corewell Health West (formerly Spectrum Health Butterworth) has been awarded a competitive cooperative agreement from ASPR; the grant was awarded through the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR). The funds will be used to further the work of the Special Pathogens Treatment Center (SPTC, formerly known as the Serious Contagious Disease Unit, SCDU) at Corewell Health West. When activated, the SPTC flexes into the 9 Center space and is a closed unit that offers specialized care to patients that are suspected of having or have tested positive for a special pathogen. These pathogens may be highly contagious, a new or emerging pathogen that isn't well understood, or known to require specialized equipment and PPE.

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Along with funding, the grant elevates the designation of the SPTC to a national Regional Ebola and other Special Pathogen Treatment Center (RESPTC) and become part of the National Special Pathogens System of Care (NSPS). The goal of the RESPTC is to regionally support the NSPS by providing “a coordinated and standardized healthcare network of high-quality, patient- and community-centered care for patients suspected of or infected by a special pathogen in the U.S., while protecting the healthcare workforce” (NSPS, 2021).

RESPTC Work

There will be a lot of work over the next five years to enhance special pathogens care at Corewell Health West that will positively impact patient care throughout Michigan and the country. This work will be divided into groups, each focused on specific outcomes.

- Standards and Guidance
- Building Research Capability and Capacity
- Workforce and Training
- Support for Safe Patient Care Delivery
- Communication and Coordination
- Monitoring and Evaluation

More information will be shared with the Special Pathogen Network hospitals and EMS agencies across the state as outcomes are developed.

Ebola Resources Available at NETEC

NETEC has many resources available for hospitals and EMS agencies for the preparedness and treatment of Ebola and other special pathogens. With a focus on Ebola, please note the following resources.

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- Healthcare Facility Special Pathogens Checklist -- NETEC's [Health Care Facility Special Pathogen Checklist](#) is a planning tool that enables health care facilities to assess their readiness to identify, isolate, inform, and to provide initial treatment for patients suspected or confirmed to be infected with a viral hemorrhagic fever.
 - EMS Strategies for Ebola -- EMS professionals should follow an identify, isolate, and inform strategy, and implement a hierarchy of controls when responding to and transporting patients to prevent transmission of infectious diseases like Ebola. For information and resources go [here](#).
 - Education and Training Resources – Looking for continuing education? Resources for staff? Check out NETECs [Education and Training page](#).

Michigan Hospital Selected as RESPTC

Corewell Health Butterworth, formerly Spectrum Health, was one of 3 new hospitals to receive funding as a Regional Emerging Special Pathogens Treatment Center (RESPTC) from ASPR. This funding is an exciting step forward for Michigan's Special Pathogens Response Network (SPRN). As information is learned to fully understand the impact to the program information will be shared with the HCCs. For more information, please see the official press release from ASPR here:

<https://aspr.hhs.gov/newsroom/Pages/RESPTC-Prep-Award-24Oct2022.aspx>.

Monkeypox Specimen Collection and Infection Control Measures Can Reduce Exposure Risks

CDC continues to receive reports of unsafe monkeypox specimen collection practices involving sharps, such as needles and scalpels. In the United States, at least three health care personnel have acquired monkeypox infection from sampling lesions while using a sharp instrument. Injuries sustained from sharps used during specimen collection pose a high risk of exposure, given the large amounts of infectious virus the lesions from monkeypox disease contain.

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Postexposure prophylaxis (PEP) should be offered when a health care worker is injured by contaminated sharps during specimen collection or other clinical activities such as phlebotomy. CDC recommends that health care providers adhere to all [recommended infection prevention and control measures](#), including using proper personal protective equipment (PPE) to reduce the risk of monkeypox virus transmission in health care settings. This includes outpatient settings such as urgent care clinics, emergency departments, and clinics providing evaluation for sexually transmitted infections where monkeypox patients are frequently initially evaluated. For more information, see the recommendations at [Infection Control: Healthcare Settings | Monkeypox | Poxvirus](#). These recommendations are intended for healthcare settings. Personnel in other settings such as correctional facilities and homeless shelters should continue to follow CDC's [Preventing Monkeypox Spread in Congregate Settings](#).

BURN SURGE & MEDICAL SURGE UPDATES

VOLUNTEERS AND MICHIGAN VOLUNTEER REGISTRY UPDATES

CYBERSECURITY

SUPPLY CHAIN

RESOURCES / RESEARCH / OTHER

[2023 AmeriCorps Funding Opportunity Available - January 4, 2023](#)

[AmeriCorps](#), in partnership with CDC, launched the [2023 AmeriCorps State and National Grants](#), a \$400 million investment to engage new communities and individuals in public health, recruiting, and building a new workforce ready to respond to the nation's public health needs. Funding is open to nonprofit, faith-based, tribal, and community-based organizations; higher education institutions; and state, local, and territorial government entities, including local public health departments. Applications must be submitted by 5:00 PM ET on Wednesday, January 4, 2023. For additional guidance, contact AmeriCorpsGrants@cns.gov.

White House Unveils National Biodefense Strategy

On October 18, the White House unveiled the [National Biodefense Strategy and Implementation Plan for Countering Biological Threats, Enhancing Pandemic Preparedness, and Achieving Global Health Security](#). The strategy outlines a whole-of-government effort across 20 federal agencies to detect, prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from biological incidents, in partnership with international, state, local, tribal, territorial, and private sector partners. A fact sheet from the White House is available [here](#).

\$250,000 Funding Available to Michigan Small Businesses for Enhanced Worker Protections

Michigan small businesses with 250 employees or less can now apply for a Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA) matching grant up to \$5,000 to make improvements to their workplace health and safety. The grants are available through the Workplace Improvement to Safety and Health (MIWISH) grant program and enable employers to purchase safety- and health-related equipment and training that will support safer, healthier work environments and reduce the risk of injury and illness to workers in Michigan.

Preference will be given to employers in high hazard industries identified in MIOSHA's 2019-2023 strategic plan. All projects will be evaluated based on the specific hazards addressed. The grant period began Oct. 1, 2022 and will continue until grant funding is expended. MIOSHA encourages new grantees to take advantage of this program.

To qualify for the MIWISH grant program, eligible employers must have:

- A qualified safety professional or safety committee conduct a site-specific evaluation justifying the equipment purchase.
- Knowledge and experience to complete the project and commitment to implementation.

- Match dollars for the grant money awarded and cover of all estimated project costs.

Recommended actions must be in the form of equipment or work area modifications to be used to reduce workplace hazards. Only items referenced in the application can be considered eligible, within the proposed project. Some equipment examples include:

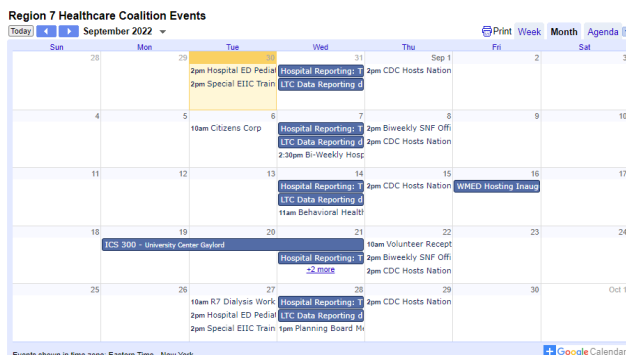
- Residential fall protection systems
- Lifting equipment or portable lifting equipment for in-home care or small nursing/residential care facilities
- Monitoring equipment for confined space entry
- Noise reduction engineering controls
- Lock out/tag out systems
- Cooling systems for agriculture-based worksites
- Eyewash stations

For more information about the MIWISH grant program and how to apply, visit michigan.gov/mioshagrants, or contact MIOSHA's Consultation Education and Training grant administrator at 269-275-7155.

IMPORTANT DATES

Calendar of Events and Deadlines

*Check back frequently for opportunities in and around Region 7.
For a more detailed list of events, deadlines, and regional information, please see our [Event Listings](#).*



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

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or check back on our website or email us for the current schedule.

UPCOMING EVENTS & TRAINING

Region 2 North Healthcare Coalition 2023 Regional Conference - February 15, 2023

Region 2 North will be hosting the 2023 Regional Conference on February 15, 2023. Please see attached flyer for more details on the conference.

[R2N Conference 2023 Save The Date Flyer.pdf](#)

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

BDLS Courses Starting and Date Correction -- November 4, 2022

A number of virtual Basic Disaster Life Support (BDLS) courses will be available during BP4 and BP5. These courses are open statewide. Please share with HCC partners. Information on the BDLS courses are in the PDF below, which includes how to register and who should attend.

[BDLS 2022-2023.pdf](#)

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2022	2023
November 4; 1-5 P.M.	March 16; 1-5 P.M.
	April 18; 8 A.M.-12 P.M.
	September 8; 8 A.M.-12 P.M.
	October 6; 1-5 P.M.

Anyone interested in attending, please email Judy Wheeler (judy.wheeler@med.wmich.edu) for the enrollment code. Enrollment does not open until 30 days prior to the course.

Preparedness Summit -- April 24 - 27, 2023



Click [here](#) for more information and to sign up for the Preparedness Summit.

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

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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](#)

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