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## New & Noteworthy

### CDC Power Tools: Covid-19 Resources

CDC recently updated COVID-19 tools to help people understand which actions can protect themselves and others. Keep these online resources handy to find out what your real-time risks are and how to stay safe.

#### **COVID-19 Toolbox**

CDC's COVID-19 tools are regularly updated with the latest information, data, and guidance. Many of these tools connect to resources in several languages.

**Vaccine Finder**: Find COVID-19 vaccine or booster locations near you, then call or visit their website to make an appointment.

**Find Free Masks (N95 Respirators)**: Find a list of pharmacies that provide free masks (N95 respirators) by using this tool, then check with the location for availability.

**Interactive Ventilation Tool**: Decrease the level of COVID-19 virus particles during and after a guest visits your home. See how particle levels change as you adjust ventilation settings in your home.

**COVID-19 County Check**: Find COVID Community Levels in your county and find out which prevention steps to take based on the levels in your area and your own risk of [severe illness](#).

**COVID Data Tracker**: Get the most recent data on COVID-19 vaccinations, cases, and deaths. Explore COVID-19 data focused on health equity and specific populations. Maps, charts, data, and trends provided by CDC, updates daily by 8 pm ET.

**Get Free Self-Tests:** Self-tests for COVID-19 give fast results and can be taken anywhere, regardless of your vaccination status or whether or not you have symptoms. Every home in the U.S. is eligible to order two sets of four free at-home tests. If you already ordered your first set, order a [second today](#).

**Quarantine and Isolation Calculator:** Determine how long you need to isolate, quarantine, or take other steps to prevent spreading COVID-19 if you have been in close contact with someone with COVID-19 or have COVID-19. The calculator is intended for a general audience, and does not apply to healthcare or high-risk settings like prisons.

**Test to Treat Locator:** You must take COVID-19 medication within days of your first COVID-19 symptoms days. COVID-19 medications are now available through your doctor, local pharmacies, and health clinics. Use this tool to find where you can get tested and treated in the same location.

### **In Case You Missed It: Show Me the Data Webinar**

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, recommendations and guidance from CDC have changed based on updated data from a variety of data sources. Learn more by watching the latest CDC's [EPIC webinar: Show me the data! What numbers mean to COVID-19 communications](#).

During the webinar, CDC experts discussed how CDC evaluates data to give updated recommendations, the sources of the data, and how health equity fits into the framework of an emergency response. You'll also learn more about where we are in the COVID-19 pandemic, including COVID-19 Community Levels.

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## **Family Assistance Training Announcement**

Please find attached an [informational flyer](#) regarding the upcoming Family Assistance Training being hosted by the Western Regional Healthcare Coalition (WRHCC) and Missoula County Office of Emergency Management. The registration link is located below.

This training is open to all ESF-8 partners in the WRHCC, with lodging and mileage covered in accordance with the WRHCC Travel Policy. We are currently looking into the possibility of helping with travel costs for our ESF-8 Coalition partners from the other three regions in the state; information will be shared Thursday, May 12.

The training is open and available to non-ESF-8 partners as well, but due to grant constrictions we are unable to offer travel assistance to non-ESF-8 partners at this time.

Nick Holloway is the local POC for questions regarding the training, Kyrsten Brinkley will be your point of contact for WRHCC ESF-8 partners not located in Missoula County and for any questions related to travel reimbursement for the training. All contact information is located below.

Please sign up here: <http://missoula.co/fr-training>.

POC: Kyrsten Brinkley, 406-370-0875, [kyrsten.brinkley@mtha.org](mailto:kyrsten.brinkley@mtha.org) or Nick Holloway, 406-258-3631, [nholloway@missoulacounty.us](mailto:nholloway@missoulacounty.us)

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## New Pediatric Resource from ASPR TRACIE

The 2019-2023 HPP Funding Opportunity Announcement requires healthcare coalitions (HCCs) to develop specialty surge annexes complementary to their base medical surge/trauma mass casualty response plan. The new ASPR TRACIE recording [Healthcare Pediatric Surge Annex: Leveraging Templates for Operational Impact](#) features speakers sharing how their HCC adapted ASPR TRACIE's [Pediatric Surge Annex Template](#) to their needs and ideas for the future.

You may find these ASPR TRACIE pediatric resources helpful:

- [COVID-19 At-Risk Individuals Resource Collection](#)
- [Hidden Consequences: How the COVID Pandemic is Impacting Children](#) (Speaker Series)
- [Pediatric/Children](#) Topic Collection
- [Pediatric Issues in Disasters](#) (Webinar)
- [Pediatric Lessons Learned from COVID-19: Immediate and Future Implications](#) (Speaker Series)

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## ACS Committee on Trauma Releases Revised Field Trauma Triage Guideline

The American College of Surgeons (ACS) has released an update of the Field Trauma Triage Guidelines (FTTG) for use by clinicians nationwide. The guidelines, in use since the late 1980s, provide evidence-based criteria in making care and transport decisions for patients with traumatic injuries in the prehospital setting.

### [Download Updated Guidelines](#)

The FTTG update—developed with support from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMS-C) program—is based on feedback from EMS clinicians and is intended to enhance the utility and applicability of the guidelines with the ultimate goal of improving trauma patient outcomes.

“EMS clinicians play a vital role in our communities as they respond to difficult, life-threatening emergencies. For more than 50 years, the U.S. Department of Transportation and NHTSA have supported EMS systems and first responders in their important mission,” said Dr. Steven Cliff, NHTSA's Deputy Administrator. “The Field Trauma Triage Guidelines are an important resource for EMS clinicians, helping them save lives and provide critical care for traumatic injuries. We appreciate the American College of Surgeons' leadership on this essential publication.”

The ACS states that the FTTG will produce the most effective outcomes once it is fully adopted and implemented by EMS systems and trauma centers. Getting the right patient to the right place at the right time saves lives.

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## Final HCC Regional Meeting

May 18, 2022 - Western Coalition - Hilton Garden Inn, Kalispell

The meeting will take place from 8:30 am - 5:00 pm and will feature RENEW! Understand, Prevent, and Treat Compassion Fatigue and Burnout presented by Journeys Consulting. [View Flyer](#)

This course is being offered at no-cost to participants by the Regional Healthcare Coalitions. Mileage and one night lodging at the state rate will be reimbursed. Participants must make their own lodging reservations, booked directly with the hotel. NO third-party booking such as Priceline.

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[Register Now](#)

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## Not too late to register: Advanced Disaster Life Support Course

May 27 and 28, 2022

Fairmont Hot Springs

ADLS is an advanced practicum course for the trained BDLS provider. It is an intensive, 2-day course that allows students to demonstrate competencies in casualty decontamination, specified essential skills, and mass casualty incident information system/technology applications. Using simulated, all-hazards scenarios and mass casualty incidents, ADLS makes use of four interactive sessions in which participants treat simulated patients in various disaster drills and situations. Training is focused on the development of hands-on skills to allow participants to apply the knowledge learned in BDLS.

Participants MUST have completed the Basic Disaster Life Support (BDLS) course within the past three years. This course is open to Montana Residents only.

The Regional Healthcare Coalitions will be reimbursing mileage at the state rate and lodging for Friday and Saturday ONLY (additional night for travelers over 250 miles from Anaconda). Participants must make own reservation and pay then submit for reimbursement. Participants from the Western Regional Healthcare Coalition (WRHCC) must adhere to the [WRHCC Travel Policy](#) regarding reimbursement.

[View Flyer](#)

Contact Gerry Wheat, 406-444-6736, [gwheat@mt.gov](mailto:gwheat@mt.gov) to obtain the registration code prior to registering.

[Register Now](#)

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**Data & Situational Awareness**

## Updates on Daily Reporting

Please continue to update EMResource and/or HHS TeleTracking on a daily basis with all required data.

## Missed Data in TeleTracking

If a facility misses a day reporting into EMResource and TeleTracking, there is a process for doing a manual entry backdate. Users must log into the TeleTracking then click on Add New Entry. There is now a dropdown where you can choose the date to submit data for. This process is much simpler than uploading the template for missed data. **Ensure that ALL fields are entered or the data will not be counted for compliance.** We still encourage hospitals to enter data into EMResource *daily* by 1200.

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## Upcoming Events

### Meetings

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#### Coalition Executive Committee Meetings

Western Region - June 2, 9:00 - 1:00 - 3:00 via [Zoom](#)

Southern Region - June 13, 11:00 - 1:00 via [Zoom](#)

#### Healthcare Coalition Regional Membership Meetings

May 18, 2022 - Western Coalition - Hilton Garden Inn, Kalispell

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#### 2022 Wildfire Leadership Conference

Sponsored by the Montana County Fire Warden's Association

May 22 - 23, 2022

[Agenda, Registration & Hotel Details](#)

POC: Patrick Lonergran, 406-548-0116 or [patrick@readygallatin.com](mailto:patrick@readygallatin.com)

### Webinars

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#### Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA) Series

May 17 and May 25

All courses 09:00 - 11:00

[Learn More and Register](#)

### **CISA Protecting Houses of Worship Webinar**

May 18, 10:00 - 11:00 MDT

[View Flyer](#)

[Registration](#)

### **CISA Introduction to Security and Protection of Dams and Levees Webinar**

May 19, 13:00 - 15:00 MDT

[View Flyer](#)

[Registration](#)

### **CISA Region 8 Training and Exercise Resources Webinar**

May 26, 2022 10:00 - 11:00 MDT

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[Registration](#)

### **CISA Region 8 Dams Sector Security Forum**

June 9, 2022, 10:00 - 11:00

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[Register](#)

### **FEMA Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program Manager**

July 25 - 28, 12:00 - 16:00 MDT

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### **EOC Virtual Classes hosted by EMI**

View the full Course Catalog [here](#).

### **[Montana Health Network Course Catalog](#)**

### **[CISA Cyber Training Bulletin - March and April](#)**

### **[ICDP Training Calendar](#)**

## In-Person Trainings

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### **Choteau County Full Scale Exercise**

May 14, 2022 09:00

MT Hwy 223 MM1

[View Flyer](#)

POC - Debbie Gessaman 406-622-3024 [choteaucountydes@gmail.com](mailto:choteaucountydes@gmail.com)

### **SafetyFestMT - Missoula 2022**

In person: May 17 - 18, 2022 at Missoula College

Virtual: May 23 - 27, 2022

[Agenda](#)

[Registration](#)

### **ICS 300: Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents**

May 18 - 19, 2022, 0800 - 1700 each day

140 N Russell, Elections Building, Missoula

[Flyer](#)

[Registration](#)

POC: [kparks@missoulacounty.us](mailto:kparks@missoulacounty.us)

### **ICS 300 - Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents**

May 19, 20, 2022, 17:00 - 21:00 each evening

Joliet Fire Station - Sponsored by Carbon County

POC Cyrina Allen, 406-446-1038, [cyrinaa@co.carbon.mt.us](mailto:cyrinaa@co.carbon.mt.us)

### **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training**

May 23 - 25, 2022

RiverStone Health - Billings

Available positions very limited, email POC to be placed on wait list

POC: Morgan Miller, 406-247-3276, [morgan.mil@riverstonehealth.org](mailto:morgan.mil@riverstonehealth.org)

### **Assisting Individuals in Crisis and Group Crisis Intervention**

May 24 - 26, 2022, 08:00 - 17:00

Montana Highway Patrol Offices

304 Colorado Blvd, Glendive

[View Registration Brochure](#)

POC: Carol Burroughs, [carolatwork@montana.net](mailto:carolatwork@montana.net)

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## Save the Dates

### Advanced Burn Life Support

June 8, 2022 - Miles City **Tentative**

### Performance Improvement Virtual RHC Summer Summit

June 21 - 22, 10:00 - 12:00 Mountain

[Agenda and Registration](#)

## Engagement & Other News

### CISA Cyber Update

To view the items of note from DHS/CISA this week, please click [here](#).

## Questions?

We are committed to supporting you and answering questions as quickly as possible. Please send any questions or comments to [hppcoordinators@mtha.org](mailto:hppcoordinators@mtha.org).

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