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New & Noteworthy

Thank you

Thank you to those who attended the Advanced Disaster Life Support Course at Fairmont this past week. We hope you found the course informational and beneficial.



Family Assistance Training Announcement

The Western Region Healthcare Coalition (WRHCC) and Missoula County Office of Emergency Management are pleased to announce the upcoming Family Assistance Training on June 14 and 15 in Missoula. View the [informational flyer](#) for additional information.

This training is open to all ESF-8 partners in all four Regional Healthcare Coalitions, with lodging and mileage covered in accordance with each region's Executive Committee decision and travel policy. Please reach out to your Coalition Coordinator for further direction; if you are unfamiliar with which region you

belong, or if you do not know who your Coordinator is, please email hppcoordinators@mtha.org and your Coordinator will respond as soon as they are able.

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 WRHCC travel reimbursement for the training. Our contact information is located below.

Register here: <http://missoula.co/fr-training>.

The room block information is as follows:

At this time, the room block rates have expired and participants will need to make their own reservations. Lodging and mileage reimbursement is available to all eligible ESF-8 partners. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have questions regarding reimbursement. In addition to meeting the partnership and travel policy guidelines, bringing a paper copy of your hotel receipt to the second day of class will expedite the reimbursement process greatly. The training is scheduled from 0800-1630 on both days, with lunch and snacks provided. If attendees from the WRHCC wish to attend, please review and adhere to the WRHCC [Travel Policy](#).

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

The Implications of Long COVID for Rural Communities

This [article](#) discusses the differences in COVID-19 outcomes for rural and urban areas and assesses their relative risk for, and capacity to treat, long COVID. It also explores how the usual barriers to health and wellness in rural areas could affect the diagnosis and treatment of long COVID.

Severe Weather and COVID-19

- ASPR's Technical Resources, Assistance Center, and Information Exchange (TRACIE) developed a technical assistance response highlighting [considerations](#) for healthcare and emergency management professionals when planning for all-hazard secondary disasters.
- In May 2021, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) released the [COVID-19 Pandemic Operational Guidance: All-Hazards Incident Response and Recovery](#). This document is aimed at helping emergency managers plan for disaster response and recovery, while adhering to public health guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Throughout the pandemic, FEMA has released additional guides:
 - [Healthcare Facility Expansion Assistance Playbook](#)
 - [Mass Care/Emergency Assistance Pandemic Planning](#)

- [Preparedness in a Pandemic Exercise Starter Kit](#)
- The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)'s [Natural Disasters, Severe Weather and COVID-19](#) webpage contains a number of resources to help public health and emergency response professionals prepare, evacuate, and shelter for severe storms during a COVID-19 environment. Additional resources include:
 - [Going to a Public Disaster Shelter During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
 - [Natural Disasters and COVID-19: Resources for Professionals and Emergency Workers](#)

Additional Virtual Resources

- The [HHS emPOWER Map](#) displays the total number of at-risk electricity-dependent Medicare beneficiaries in a geographic area, down to the ZIP Code.
- [Rx Open](#) provides information on the operating status of pharmacies and additional participating healthcare facilities in areas impacted by a disaster.
- The [National Weather Service](#) and the [National Hurricane Center](#) provide updated forecasts and warnings on social media.
- [NOAA](#) provides forecasts, warnings, and maps of flooding.
- The National Business Emergency Operations Center [dashboard](#) includes additional resources.

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.

Upcoming Events

Meetings

Coalition Executive Committee Meetings

Western Region - June 9, 9:00 - 13:00 - 15:00 via [Zoom](#)

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

Webinars

CISA Region 8 Dams Sector Security Forum

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

[View Flyer](#)

[Register](#)

Wildfire Preparedness for Health Centers

June 16, 2022, 11:00 MT

[Registration](#)

Performance Improvement Virtual RHC Summer Summit

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

[Agenda and Registration](#)

CISA Region 8 Securing Public Gatherings Webinar

June 23, 2022 13:00 - 15:00

[View Flyer](#)

[Registration](#)

FEMA Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program Manager

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

[View Flyer](#)

First Responder Resilience TeleECHO Program

Every other Monday from 14:00 - 15:00

[Register](#)

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

Family Assistance Training

June 14 and 15, 2022

Missoula County Fairgrounds, Home Arts Building, 1101 South Ave W, Missoula

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Bakken Human Trafficking Summit

June 23, 2022, 7:30 am - 5:00 pm CDT

Watford City, ND, Rough Rider Center

Cost \$50.00

[Registration](#)

Save the Dates

Jeremy Bullock Safe Schools Summit

August 9 and 10, 2022

[Additional Information](#)

K0449 Virtual ICS Curricula Train the Trainer

August 8 - 12, 6:30 - 15:30 each day

September 19 - 23, 6:30 - 15:30 each day

[Registration](#)

POC: Rick Flick, 301-447-1633, russell.flick@fema.dhs.gov

Group and Individual Crisis Intervention

September 13 - 15, 2022

Havre, MT, additional information forthcoming

POC: Carol Burroughs, 406-580-4443, carolatwork@montana.net

K0427 Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program Manager (Virtual)

Multiple Dates beginning October 2022

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K0428 Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Train-the-Trainer (Virtual)

Multiple Dates beginning December 2022

[View Flyer](#)

Group and Individual Crisis Intervention

December 2022

Kalispell, MT, additional information forthcoming

POC: Carol Burroughs, 406-580-4443, carolatwork@montana.net

Engagement & Other News

School Safety Information Package

The Department of Homeland Security, Cybersecurity Infrastructure Security Agency, School Safety team has received a several requests for applicable school safety resources for schools in the wake of Tuesday's tragedy in Uvalde, Texas.

CISA's School Safety Task Force built out the attached package this week.

Please review the following resources:

1. School Safety Task Force Overview - [one-pager/overview](#)
2. [SchoolSafety.gov/Clearinghouse one-pager](#)
3. Full [SchoolSafety.gov Topical Resource packet](#)
4. CISA Region 8 – June 16th [Active Shooter Preparedness Webinar](#)

School Safety Task Force

- In 2019, CISA established the School Safety Task Force (SSTF) to support the federal government's efforts in strengthening the safety and security of K-12 schools across the country. CISA SSTF's mission is rooted in building the capacity of K-12 schools and districts to protect against and mitigate security threats and risks.
- The SSTF develops and deploys products, resources, and tools to help build the capacity of K-12 schools and districts and conducts outreach to the academic community to build awareness of threats and share resources to help combat them.
- In addition, the SSTF administers and manages the Federal School Safety Clearinghouse and its website [SchoolSafety.gov](#) on behalf of the Department of Homeland Security and its federal agency partners at the U.S. Departments of Education, Justice, and Health and Human Services.
- [SchoolSafety.gov](#) is a collaborative, interagency website that serves as a one-stop access point for the American public and school communities to find information, resources, guidance, and best practices on a range of school safety topics and threats. Through the site, members of the K-12 academic community can also utilize specific tools to prioritize school safety actions, find applicable resources, connect with state-specific and local school safety officials, and develop school safety plans.

CISA Resources

- Our **Active Shooter Preparedness Program** provides information on behavioral indicators, potential attack methods, emergency action plan creation, actions that may be taken during an

incident to reduce consequences, and how to quickly recover from an incident. Our capabilities include instructor-led webinars / workshops as well as online ([cisa.gov/active-shooter-preparedness](https://www.cisa.gov/active-shooter-preparedness)) resources to inform enhancements in security practices and preparedness posture.

- *Emergency Action Plan* resources assist organizations in developing and implementing an effective plan utilizing a guide, video, and easy to use template.
- Our **Tabletop Exercise Packages** provide access to comprehensive resources designed to assist our partners in conducting independent exercises through a variety of scenarios. We also have the capability to support facilitated exercises where we are more hands-on throughout the development and execution of exercises.
- CISA also offers **Protective Security Advisors** (PSAs), resiliency subject matter experts who engage with Federal, State, Local, Tribal, and territorial government partners, and members of the private sector stakeholder community to protect the nation's critical infrastructure. CISA has more than 120 PSAs throughout the country. PSAs provide several services to schools, including assisting with security vulnerability assessments and cybersecurity assessments; facilitating Active Shooter, Improvised Explosive Device, and other security training; and coordinating tabletop exercises and practical exercises.
- Our **CISA K-12 School Security Guide Suite** provides schools with a comprehensive doctrine and systems-based methodology to support schools in conducting vulnerability assessments and planning to implement layered physical security elements. The suite also includes the K-12 School Security Assessment Tool, a web-based program that offers stakeholders a vulnerability analysis and provides recommendations for improving physical security based on provided specifications: <https://www.cisa.gov/k-12-school-security-guide>
- CISA leads DHS's effort to counter improvised explosive devices (C-IED) and related incidents, including hoaxes and bombing threats, that are frequently used by terrorists and violent extremists.
 - Our Office for Bombing Prevention provides a wealth of C-IED threat information, security capability analysis, training, and technical assistance, such as bombing specific security planning.

Additional Information

- These are just a few of the many resources that CISA and [SchoolSafety.gov](https://www.schoolsafety.gov) make available; CISA encourages the school community to engage with their local protective security advisor to build a relationship so that they may guide the usability of our many capabilities.
- Stakeholders can visit [CISA.gov](https://www.cisa.gov) and [SchoolSafety.gov](https://www.schoolsafety.gov) for additional information.

Questions?

We are committed to supporting you and answering questions as quickly as possible. Please send any questions or comments to hppcoordinators@mtha.org.

Visit the [Montana Regional Healthcare Coalitions](#) website for additional information and resources.



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