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New & Noteworthy

Surveys for Compliance with Omnibus COVID-19 Health Care Staff Vaccination Requirements

Updated requirements from CMS located [here](#).

Items of note:

- Survey Agency's will now only be expected to perform compliance reviews of the staff vaccination requirement **during initial and recertification surveys and in response to specific complaint allegations that allege non-compliance with the staff vaccination requirement**. SAs and AOs are no longer expected to perform these reviews on every survey. This reduction in survey frequency is in keeping with the normal process for oversight of any Medicare requirement, and is supported by the high rates of compliance in initial surveys. Accrediting Organizations retain the authority to exceed Medicare requirements, per their accreditation standards.
- CMS is also reviewing QSO-22-11 to update the interpretive guidance describing Immediate Jeopardy, Condition-level and actual harm determinations to ensure that deficiency citations recognize good faith efforts by providers/suppliers and to more fully evaluate harm or potential harm to patients/residents by considering trends in COVID-19 rates in the community. State Survey Agencies should reach out to their CMS Location if they are considering citing vaccine requirements at immediate jeopardy, Condition or actual harm levels.

Monkeypox Infection Control Guidance

There are still **0 cases** of monkeypox identified in Montana. However, we wanted to make you aware of the current infection control guidance. DPHHS has developed a [summary document](#) related to infection control practices.

This guidance includes an overview of what monkeypox is, transmission-based precautions, isolation procedures, lab specimen handling, linen handling, environmental cleaning, and waste removal.

REGISTER NOW:

Public Health Summer Institute



Hospitals and other healthcare entities are encouraged to register to attend the 2022 Public Health Summer Institute to be held at the Double Tree in Billings on July 18 – 22. Click [here](#) to view the schedule, course descriptions and to register. We look forward to seeing you there!!

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

Webinars

Personal and Organizational Wildfire Preparedness and Prevention

June 23, 11:30 - 13:00 MDT

Extreme heat events for many years and continued drought, have made devastating wildfire events a year-

round concern. With this increased threat, local leaders are eager to find ways to better protect and prepare their agencies and communities. Join the Institute for Local Government (ILG), our partners Connect Consulting Services, County of Sonoma, Southern California Edison, and your local government colleagues for a discussion of tools, strategies, and resources to help you, your team and your agency be better prepared for wildfire events.

[Register](#)

CISA Region 8 Securing Public Gatherings Webinar

June 23, 13:00 - 15:00 MDT

[View Flyer](#)

[Registration](#)

FEMA Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program Manager

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

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First Responder Resilience TeleECHO Program

Every other Monday, 14:00 - 15:00 MDT

[Register](#)

EOC Virtual Classes hosted by EMI

View the full Course Catalog [here](#)

[Montana Health Network Course Catalog](#)

In-Person Trainings

Bakken Human Trafficking Summit

June 23, 07:30 - 17:00 CDT

Watford City, ND, Rough Rider Center

Cost \$50.00

[Registration](#)

South Dakota Training Opportunities

Our counterparts in South Dakota have some open seats in upcoming training. These are all in-person courses and travel would be the responsibility of the individual. Pass along if you think any Eastern District folks would be interested. Priority may be given to in-state students, but if there are extra seats out-of-state students may attend.

ICS 400 June 14 - 15 in Sioux Falls

G235 Emergency Planning July 7 - 8 in Pierre

Find their full training calendar and details for registration at: <https://sdoem.eventsmart.com/>

Chemical Security Summit

August 23 - 25

National Capitol Region and Microsoft Teams

The Chemical Security Summit is the signature industry event for chemical representatives across the chemical and interconnected sectors—including energy, communications, transportation, and water—to learn, share perspectives, and engage in dialogue. Securing chemicals in an evolving threat environment requires cross collaboration between facility owners and operators, industry, law enforcement, community members, and all levels of government.

Chemical security experts will discuss a wide range of topics from the threat landscape to security measures and solutions to mitigate risks.

- Who should attend:
 - Chemical and related industry stakeholders
 - Corporate and facility security officers
 - Environment, health, and safety professionals

Note there is no fee to attend this event.

Please share the Save the Date [flyer](#) with stakeholders and safety professionals.

For more information, visit the [Chemical Security Summit webpage](#). For questions or comments, please email us at ChemicalSummitReg@hq.dhs.gov.

Save the Dates

Jeremy Bullock Safe Schools Summit

August 9 - 10, 2022

[Additional Information](#)

K0449 Virtual ICS Curricula Train the Trainer

August 8 - 12, 06:30 - 15:30 each day

September 19 - 23, 06:30 - 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, addition 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

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Group and Individual Crisis Intervention

December 2022

Kalispell, MT, additional information forthcoming

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Engagement & Other News

Flooding Resources from ASPR TRACIE

- [Flooding Resources](#)
- [Flooding Resources \(Compilation\)](#)
- [Flood Toolkit](#)
- [Floods: Health Information Guide](#)
- [Additional Documents and Resources](#)

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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