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New & Noteworthy

EMResource API Update

The EMResource API Specialist with the Healthcare Preparedness Program has been participating in bi-weekly calls with Juvare to track the implementation of the EMResource API. To date, less than 25% of all eligible facilities have completed the Interest Form and only 7 facilities have received testing information to begin this API build. We understand that this is a rather large undertaking, particularly for facilities with limited IT staff but we are requesting that facilities consider this option to ease the data reporting burden.

If your facility has not done so yet, you are encouraged to review the recording of the Juvare API Kick Off webinar held on October 3 here, the passcode is **9gb%m*hn**.   This API is intended to focus on the HHS required data elements and **ease some of the reporting burden for facilities**. By utilizing the API, facilities will be able to populate EMResource directly from their EHR. The amount of data that is able to be pulled will be dependent on the capabilities of the facility's EHR and the ability to map the fields from one platform to the other.

If you have questions or would like to schedule and one-on-one call to discuss this platform, please email casey.driscoll@mtha.org and we will connect with you as quickly as possible.

Upcoming Transition from TeleTracking to NHSN for HHS Data

In mid-December reporting of COVID-19 hospital data will transition from TeleTracking to the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN). Thursday, December 15, 2022 will be the first day of COVID-19 hospital data reporting in NHSN. This transition is **only** related to COVID-19 hospital data reporting, which is detailed

in the [COVID-19 hospital data reporting guidance](). More information on the transition is available on the [NHSN COVID-19 reporting transition website]().

As part of the transition, the COVID-19 hospital data reporting module is now available in NHSN for **testing purposes only**. This testing phase is intended to help users gain familiarity with the module, add users to NHSN as needed, and set-up and test reporting. As a reminder, someone in your facility (likely in the infection prevention and control department), likely has access to NHSN. **Reporting of COVID-19 hospital data will continue through current reporting mechanisms - current availability of the NHSN module is 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.

To access the COVID-19 module, log in to the **Patient Safety Component** of NHSN and select COVID-19 and Pathway Data Reporting in the left navigation bar.

Multiple trainings and demos are being scheduled for the coming weeks - please register on the [transition website](). *Note: Please check the transition website regularly for additional trainings.*

Important notes on the transition:

- There are **no significant changes** to the questions or to the reporting cadence. The only minor change is that the NHSN orgID now serves as the facility identifier
- Reporting processes will remain the same
    - Hospitals will still be able to report individually (*See the overview steps for [individual facility reporting]()*)
    - Hospital systems will still be able to report at an enterprise level (*See the overview steps in the [bulk upload guide](), and upcoming Nov. 2 training for bulk uploaders*)
    - Jurisdictions will still be able to report on behalf of their facilities (*See the overview steps in the [bulk upload guide]()*)
    - Third party vendors will still be able to report on behalf of facilities and/or jurisdictions (*See the overview steps in the [bulk upload guide]()*). This includes Juvare/EMResouce.
- Reporting capabilities for webform interface, CSV upload (for both individual facility and multiple facilities), and API will be available in NHSN
- Historical data submitted via TeleTracking will not be available in NHSN at this time, but may be available in the future
- Please follow guidance from your jurisdiction to ensure you are meeting any state, tribal, local, or territorial requirements

Please also view the [frequently asked questions on the transition](). Helpdesk support is also available through [nhsn@cdc.gov]().

DPHHS HAN: Update on Ebola Virus Disease (Sudan ebolavirus) Outbreak in Central Uganda

Clinicians in Montana with concerns about a patient with suspect Ebola virus disease (EVD) should immediately contact their local health department. If you are unable to reach your local health department, please call the DPHHS Communicable Disease Epidemiology section (CDEpi) 24/7 phone number at 406-444-0273. **All testing for suspect EVD cases must be coordinated through the local health department and DPHHS, who will coordinate testing protocols with CDC before samples can be collected.**

CDEpi and local public health departments continue to monitor travelers returning from Uganda for signs and symptoms of Ebola. To date, there have been 14 low/medium-risk returning travelers undergoing monitoring in Montana, and no high-risk returning travelers. None of the individuals undergoing monitoring are currently symptomatic, and two of the returning travelers have already completed their 21-day monitoring period.

View the full HAN message here.

DPHHS HAN: Increased Respiratory Virus Activity, Especially Among Children, Early in the 2022-2023 Fall and Winter

Montana DPHHS continues to monitor seasonal respiratory diseases including respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), influenza, and COVID. The 2022-2023 RSV season in Montana officially onset during MMWR week 41 (Oct 9th – 15th, 2022). Percent positivity, the proportion of positive RSV tests to the number of RSV tests performed, has been high early in the 2022-2023 season as compared to the pre-COVID timeframe, but Montana is not currently seeing a surge as strong as the 2021-2022 season. Individual cases of RSV are not reportable in Montana, so measures of season severity (e.g., the number of hospitalizations) are difficult to analyze. RSV activity is monitored as a "snapshot" through PCR data from molecular surveillance laboratory partners around the state. There is no approved RSV vaccine, however, pre-exposure prophylaxis is available for eligible, high-risk infants and young children.

Influenza also started to circulate early in Montana compared to prior seasons, but activity level indicators of reported cases and hospitalizations have not been higher than previous seasons, particularly influenza seasons preceding COVID-19 pandemic activity. As of MMWR week 43 (October 23rd – 29th, 2022), 67 influenza cases, including 4 hospitalizations, have been reported in Montana. No influenza-associated pediatric hospitalizations have been reported this season. Influenza A(H3N2) and A(H1N1) have both been detected in Montana during the 2022- 2023 season and are actively circulating with no clear dominant subtype. Influenza B has also been detected by PCR, but no specimens have been confirmed at the Montana Public Health Lab. Because influenza activity has been largely regional so far in Montana, only PCR positives are being used for epidemiologic surveillance. Rapid influenza diagnostic test (RIDT) sensitivity is heavily influenced by influenza prevalence and therefore these tests are not used for surveillance until state-wide circulation is confirmed. Influenza and RSV activity is reported weekly on the MT DPHHS website.

MT DPHHS also continues to actively monitor COVID-19 activity in Montana. A monthly report summarizing COVID-19 activity in Montana can be located here. Visit covid19.mt.gov to access data summarizing weekly

cases, hospitalizations, and vaccination uptake. Individual cases of COVID-19 remain reportable under ARM 37.114.203. For resources on testing and reporting cases of COVID-19, click here.

View the full HAN message here.

Pediatric Resources

As children's hospitals throughout the country begin to see increasing pediatric patient counts, the following resources may be of assistance for your planning.

- Our Deployment Readiness Guide may have some tips for missions that might support this. MRC Deployment Readiness Resources - NACCHO
- ASPR TRACIE Topic Collection - Pediatrics: Pediatric/Children | ASPR TRACIE (hhs.gov)
- National Child Traumatic Stress Network: The National Child Traumatic Stress Network | (nctsn.org)
- Pediatric Readiness for EMS: Pediatric Readiness Resources Available to EMS Agencies - JEMS: EMS, Emergency Medical Services - Training, Paramedic, EMT News
- Tips for parents when child in hospital: When Your Child's in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (for Parents) - Nemours KidsHealth
- Sesame Street Health Emergencies: Health Emergencies - Sesame Street in Communities - Sesame Street in Communities

FY23 Virtual Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Skillset Curriculum Courses and Schedule

The EOC Skillset courses assist individuals and jurisdictions who desire to develop or improve their Emergency Operation Centers (EOC). By the end of the course, students will be able to demonstrate, through activities and a Final Exam, the skillset roles of the modern-day EOC. Courses focus on actions and products produced in an EOC before, during, and after an event.

Prerequisites:
These courses are each stand alone. The single prerequisite for any of the courses is the IS-2200, Basic EOC Functions.

EMI Training Point of Contact:
Joe Goldsberry, Course Manager, (202) 702-2012, joseph.goldsberry@fema.dhs.gov
Once accepted into a course, if you need a reasonable accommodation, please make your request to Joe Goldsberry at least 3 weeks prior. Last-minute requests will be accepted but may not be possible to fulfill.

To Apply:
Fill out an online application at the EMI Admissions website

Dates:
All times are Eastern; all classes are 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

- • October 31–November 4, K2306 EOC Resource Support Skillset
- • November 14–18, K2300 Intermediate EOC Functions
- • November 28–December 2, K2308 EOC Ops and SA Support Skillset
- • December 12–16, K2300 Intermediate EOC Functions
- • January 9–13, K2304 EOC Planning Support Skillset
- • January 23–27, K2300 Intermediate EOC Functions
- • January 30–February 3, K2300 Intermediate EOC Functions
- • February 13–17, K2302 EOC Leaders Skillset
- • March 6–10 2 K2308 EOC Ops and SA Support Skillset
- • March 20–24, K2300 Intermediate EOC Functions
- • April 10–14, K2302 EOC Leaders Skillset
- • April 24–28, K2300 Intermediate EOC Functions
- • May 8–12, K2304 EOC Planning Support Skillset
- • May 22–26, K2300 Intermediate EOC Functions
- • June 12–16 K2306 EOC Resource Support Skillset
- • June 26–30, K2300 Intermediate EOC Functions
- • July 10–14, K2300 Intermediate EOC Functions
- • July 24–28, K2304 EOC Planning Support Skillset
- • August 7–11, K2306 EOC Resource Support Skillset
- • August 21–25, K2300 Intermediate EOC Functions
- • September 11–15 2 K2308 EOC Ops and SA Support Skillset
- • September 25–29, K2300 Intermediate EOC Functions

View the flyer for additional information.

Data & Situational Awareness

Update on Transition from TeleTracking to NHSN

Please see the update above. In mid-December reporting of COVID-19 hospital data will transition from TeleTracking to the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN). Facilities will be able to continue to utilize the exact same process for updating data in EMResource as HHS transitions from TeleTracking to NHSN. All of the required elements will be in place for the data to transfer from EMResource to NHSN just as it has been doing to TeleTracking. Facilities are encouraged to develop processes for entering the information in NHSN if a day is missed or if weekends are not reported into EMResource.

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Upcoming Events

Meetings

Health Care Coalition Executive Committee Meetings
Southern Region - November 11, 2022, 1000 - 1200 via Zoom
Central Region - November 17, 2022, 0930 - 1330 at Great Falls Clinic Hospital and via Zoom. Working lunch sponsored by the CRHCC and travel expenses will be reimbursed. Please RSVP by end of day November 7th if you plan to attend in person.

Webinars

Basic Disaster Life Support
Beginning November 11
More Information and Registration

Grand Rounds: Extremes of Age in Trauma
November 14, 1200 - 1300
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Access Event Via Teams

Implementation and Use of Enhanced Barrier Precautions in Nursing Homes
November 15, 1100 - 1200
Register

Access & Functional Needs Experiential Learning Event- Virtual
November 16, 1300 - 1630
Explore the technology available to assist people with a variety of access and functional needs.
Please contact Betsy for more info, betsy.ross@mt.gov

RHC Emergency Preparedness Series
November 16, 1100 - 1200 each day
View Flyer
Register

CISA Region 8 Securing Public Gatherings Webinar

November 17, 1000 - 1200

Register

CISA Tabletop Exercise Package Program

November 17, 1200 - 1300

No registration required, click here to join: **Click here to join the meeting**

CISA Region 8 Training & Exercise Resources Webinar

December 6, 1000 - 1100

Register

PER 404: Logistics and Supply Chain Resilience in Disasters

December 5 - 8, 1100 - 1500 Mountain Time

View Flyer

HHS IEA Weekly Monkeypox Briefing

Thursdays, 12:00 MT

Register

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

Assisting Individuals in Group and Individual Crisis Intervention

(CISM Basic Group and Individual Peer Support)

November 15 - 17, 2022, 08:00 - 17:00

Glacier Conference Center, 1375 US 93, Kalispell

View Flyer and Registration

CISA Region 8 Securing Public Gatherings Webinar

November 17, 1000 - 1200

Register

ICS 300

November 29 - December 1

ExpoPark, Great Falls

Register by calling or emailing Glenna Violette gviolette@cascadecountymt.gov or 406-454-6900

ICS 400

November 29 - 30 – only 7 seats left

Fort Harrison, MT

POC: Betsy Ross, betsy.ross@mt.gov

Save the Dates

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

Multiple dates beginning December 2022

[View Flyer](#)

Colorado Wildland Fire & Incident Management Academy

January 7 - 12

Colorado College, Colorado Springs

February 20 - 24

Marriott, Colorado Springs

[Register](#)

All Hazards Consortium – Virtual National Resilience Exchange Summit

January 24-26, 2023, 1030-1600 daily

No cost

[Register](#)

Tribal Nations Training Week

March 11 - 18, 2023

Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP) in Anniston, AL

CDP training is completely funded for state, local, and tribal emergency responders to include travel, meals, and lodging.

[Register](#) through CDP

ICS449 Train-the-Trainer for FEMA ICS Courses

March 27 - 31, 2023

Fort Harrison, instructed by TEEX

Registration coming soon, email [Betsy Ross](#) for more information.

L0212 Hazard Mitigation Assistance: Developing Quality Applications

May 1 - 5, 2023

Helena, MT
More Information Forthcoming

| Engagement & Other News

CISA Cyber Update

Click here to view the most recent CISA Cyber Update.

Cybersecurity Training Online Course Catalog

CISA released a Cybersecurity Training Online Course Catalog that includes no-cost cybersecurity online trainings. The catalog is organized into two sections highlighting introductory cybersecurity courses, and intermediate level courses compiled from the Federal Virtual Training Environment (FedVTE), DHS HQ Interim Training Site (HITS), CISA Virtual Learning Portal, and Microsoft.

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 Health Care Coalitions website for additional information and resources.

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