

The Montana Health Care Coalitions Newsletter is a publication of the Montana Hospital Association published monthly.



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## New & Noteworthy

### Montana EMSC Newsletter

Click [here](#) to view the October 2023 EMSC newsletter.

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### Rural EMS Education Series

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) professionals in the rural setting face unique and challenging situations every day! MPRDHRS has partnered with the University of Colorado EMS and Prehospital Care Program to present a recurring, monthly Rural EMS Education Series. The next session, Rural Obstetric Emergencies, will be held on October 25 from 6-8pm MST.

More information and registration [here](#).

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### EMT Courses Starting in January

This course highlights the basic knowledge and skills necessary for individuals who wish to obtain state or national certification as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). This course adheres to the National EMS Education Standards, which are based on the National EMS Core Content and the National EMS Scope of Practice that define the minimal entry-level educational competencies for each level of EMS training. We teach to NREMT standards and have both in person and online courses available. We are currently enrolling for our January courses, register today!

[View flyer](#)

[Register](#)

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## EMT Refresher Course Starts October 13

The 30-hour EMT Refresher Training Program is designed to assist the EMT in maintaining up-to-date proficiency in critical knowledge and skills pertinent to providing emergency care in the field. The program adheres to the refresher program standards set forth by the National Registry of EMTs NCCP model. **Participants will complete 14 hours of online self-paced pre-work prior to the 16 hours in class skills.** The in-person skills session are October 13th and 14th, so register today to give yourself time to complete the online content! Course costs \$425.

[Register](#)

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## CISA Montana Healthcare Cyber Tabletop Exercise

Montana's healthcare organizations, in coordination with the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), are hosting the Montana Healthcare Cyber Tabletop Exercise (TTX) in person at the University of Montana in Missoula, MT. This TTX will examine cyber incident planning, preparedness, identification, and response among Montana healthcare organizations. Participants for this exercise will include healthcare organizations from across Montana, their information technology (IT) staff and leadership teams, as well as other state and federal partners that would support cyber incident response.

Please share with IT, IS and cybersecurity teams within your organization, as this will be a great opportunity to review and assess integration of these departments in your Emergency Operations Plans (EOP's)

### Event Details:

**DATE:** October 25, 2023

**TIME:** 1000 – 1400 MT

**LOCATION:** University Center Ballroom, University of Montana, Missoula, MT

**Or there is a virtual option**

More details and a link to register are included in the [flyer](#).

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## Outbreak Considerations for Long-Term Care Communities

ASPR TRACIE created [Outbreak Considerations for Long-Term Care Communities](#) in 2020 and revised it in 2023 to help long-term care communities plan for other infectious disease outbreaks in addition to COVID-19. The updated version includes a new section with links to resources on lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic.

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## QSO Updates: Nursing Home Care Compare Staffing and Quality Measures

## Memorandum Summary

- Adjustment to Staffing and Quality Measures: CMS will update the staffing level case-mix adjustment methodology and replace some of the Quality Measures (QMs) used on Nursing Home Care Compare, in order to accommodate changes to the Minimum Data Set (MDS). Additionally, CMS will discontinue the CMS-672 form since the section G MDS data, used to populate this form, is being eliminated.
- Penalty for Providers that Fail to Submit Staffing Data: To incentivize providers to submit accurate staffing data, CMS will revise the staffing rating methodology so providers that fail to submit staffing data or submit erroneous data receive the lowest score possible for corresponding staffing turnover measures.

View the full September 20, 2023 memo [here](#).

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## Data & Situational Awareness

### Reporting During Federal Government Shutdown

Please be aware that during any Federal Government shutdown, reporting continues as usual so please continue to report using Juvare/EMResource or NHSN.

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### Hospital COVID-19 Reporting Requirements

The COVID-19-related data reporting is important in supporting surveillance of, and response to, COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses. The Federal Partners appreciate the continued efforts for completing this important reporting.

In its FY 2023 Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) and Long-Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System (LTCH PPS) Final Rule (CMS-1771-F), the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) finalized a revision to the hospital and CAH infection prevention and control conditions of participation (CoP) requirements that requires hospitals and CAHs, after the conclusion of the COVID-19 PHE, to continue reporting on a reduced number of COVID-19 data elements until April 30, 2024, unless the Secretary establishes an earlier ending date.

At this time there is no extension of the requirement planned beyond April 30, 2024. NHSN's capability to receive COVID-19 data from hospitals will continue after April 30, 2024 and reporting into this system will be optional after this time.

CDC will share any guidance around reporting requirement changes when they are issued by CMS.

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## Upcoming Events

### Meetings

#### Health Care Coalition Executive Committee Meetings

Western- October 16, 0930 - 1130 via [Zoom](#)

Eastern - October 18, 1000 - 1200 via [Zoom](#)

Southern - October 25, 1000 - 1200 via [Teams](#)

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### Webinars

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#### CISA Cybersecurity Awareness Month Webinars

- October 4, 1000 - [Introduction to CAM23 Campaign](#)
- October 11, 1000 - [Focus on Emergency Services Sector](#)
- October 18, 1000 - [Focus on Elections Cybersecurity](#)
- October 25, 1000 - [Focus on Food & Agricultural Cybersecurity](#)

#### CISA Active Shooter Preparedness Webinar

October 17, 1000 - 1200

[Register](#)

#### SafetyFestMT – Virtual

October 16-20

[Register](#)

#### Great Montana Shakeout Earthquake Drill/Exercise

October 19, 10:19 am

[Register and Learn More](#)

#### LSU NCBRT/ACE's Course

LSU NCBRT/ACE's upcoming open national courses schedule can be found below. These courses are available to your agency or organization at **no cost**.

- [MGT-324-C: Campus Emergencies Prevention, Response, and Recovery](#) - Customized (0.8 CEUs)
- [AWR-122-C: Law Enforcement Prevention and Deterrence of Terrorist Acts](#) - Customized (0.4 CEUs)
- [AWR-219-C: Site Protection Through Observational Techniques](#) - Customized (0.4 CEUs)
- [AWR-315: Fundamentals of Criminal Intelligence](#) (2.0 CEUs)
- [MGT-323: Instructor Development Workshop](#) (2.4 CEUs)

## **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](#)

## **FEMA EMI Courses**

View online course catalog [here](#)

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

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### In-Person Trainings

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#### **TEEX ICS 300 Intermediate Incident Command System**

October 3 – 5

Bozeman Public Safety Center, Bozeman

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[Register](#)

#### **Montana Emergency Management Association Conference**

October 10 - 12

Red Lodge, MT

Registration will be \$100 for MEMA members and \$125 for non-members

#### **Preparedness 2023: In this Together, hosted by Yellowstone County LEPC**

October 19, 0930 - 1530

\$10 per attendee

[Agenda and Registration](#)

#### **Upcoming CISM Classes**

October 23 - 25, Group and Individual Crisis Intervention - Registration ends October 10

Sidney, MT

[Flyer](#)

December 15 - 16, Group Crisis Intervention - Registration Ends December 1

Choteau, MT

[Flyer](#)

#### **Community Preparedness: Integrating the Needs of Children in Partnership with FEMA**

October 24, 1000 - 1500 - Register by October 13

Eagle Mount, Bozeman

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## Save the Date

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### **FEMA L-1301 Continuity Planning Course**

November 8-9, 0800 - 1700

Miles City

[Registration](#)

POC: [Ryan Lee](#) or [Charlie Gorman](#)

### **Advanced Group Crisis Intervention**

January 29 - February 1, 2024

Bozeman

[Register](#)

### **Advanced Disaster Life Support**

April 26 - 27, 2024

Big Horn Resort, Billings

POC: [Casey Driscoll](#) or [Cindee McKee](#)

## **| Engagement & Other News**

### Cybersecurity Awareness Month

October is the 20th annual *Cybersecurity Awareness Month* and CISA provides many tools and resources to support efforts to protect against and mitigate cyber threats. Each week in October, CISA will spotlight one of the four key behaviors we encourage all to take now to protect ourselves online:

- Turn on Multifactor Authentication
- Update Your Software
- Think Before You Click
- Use Strong Passwords

Engage with cybersecurity experts to learn more about these actions through CISA's webinar series, as we take a deeper dive into why we need to take these actions now.

Please join the conversation and collaborate with us to improve digital safety habits and bolster cybersecurity. [Register for the webinars now!](#)

**[How to Create Stronger Passwords and Debunking Myths About Password Managers](#)**

**October 3, 2023 | 1200 - 1230 MT**

Use passwords that are long, unique, and randomly generated. Use password managers to generate and remember different, complex passwords for each of our accounts, encrypt your passwords, and secure our passwords.

### ***The Importance of Multifactor Authentication***

**October 10, 2023 | 1200 - 1230 MT**

We need more than just a password to protect our online accounts; enabling MFA makes us significantly less likely to get hacked.

### ***How to Recognize and Report Phishing***

**October 17, 2023 | 1200 - 1230 MT**

If a link looks a little off, think before you click. It could be an attempt to get sensitive information or install malware.

### ***Keeping Software Up to Date***

**October 24, 2023 | 1200 - 1230 MT**

Don't delay – when we see a software update notification, act promptly. Better yet, turn on automatic updates.

To connect with the Cybersecurity Awareness Month Team and explore and share CISA's resources, including tipsheets, toolkits, presentations, webinars, checklists, and other tools, visit [CISA.gov/cybersecurity-awareness-month](https://CISA.gov/cybersecurity-awareness-month). CISA has a comprehensive suite of [Cybersecurity Training & Exercise products](#) available for stakeholders and the [CISA Tabletop Exercise Packages](#) include numerous Cybersecurity and Cyber-Physical Convergence scenarios.

## **SECURE OUR WORLD**

[CISA](#) announced the launch of "[Secure Our World](#)," a nationwide cybersecurity public awareness campaign to educate all Americans on how to stay safe online. The campaign includes a public service announcement (PSA) that will air on stations around the country, as well as digital content, a toolkit, and other resources. Recognizing that technology is an integral part of our modern lives, Congress tasked CISA with creating this program to provide small businesses, communities, and individuals with the guidance and tools they need to protect themselves online.

By equipping individuals, families and businesses with the knowledge and resources needed to protect ourselves and our digital assets, the Secure Our World program promotes safe online practices as an everyday activity we should all adopt, especially when connected, and helps empower all of us to make informed decisions about our cyber habits.

The Secure Our World program is a year-round, enduring effort to educate individuals and small to medium-sized businesses about how to stay secure online, and it provides resources to improve cybersecurity habits to increase resilience against cyber threats.

- **For individuals and families**, the Secure Our World program emphasizes the importance of securing personal accounts, offering guidance on personal device safety, safe internet browsing practices, social media usage, and protecting personal information online.
- **Small and medium-sized businesses (SMBs)** face unique challenges, so we are working to help them Secure Our World by offering tools and resources that can help boost SMB's cybersecurity defenses and minimizes the risk of data breaches or cyber-attacks, making not only our businesses, but our communities safer.
- **Tech** manufacturers can Secure Our World by implementing security features built-in by design. Default settings should have the highest security measures implemented, and individuals can manually bypass security features if they don't want them. Users should not have to opt-in to necessary security measures.

The Secure Our World program leverages partnerships and collaborations with government, tribes, industry partners, and cybersecurity experts to ensure access to up-to-date resources such as guidance on personal device safety, safe internet browsing practices, social media usage, and protecting personal information online. We encourage everyone to explore resources to keep you and your family safe by visiting [Secure Our World | CISA](#), following us on [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#), and using the hashtag #SecureOurWorld.

## **Security Planning Products**

### Security Planning Workbook

CISA is pleased to announce the release of a new resource titled, [Security Planning Workbook](#), which can assist critical infrastructure owners and operators with developing a foundational security plan. This workbook is designed to be flexible and scalable to suit the needs of most facilities. It is intended for any individual who is involved with an organization's security planning efforts, including those with varying degrees of security expertise, who are charged with the safety and security of facilities and people. This product also provides descriptions of critical elements of security planning information, offers a multitude of resources, and includes fillable fields to guide stakeholder efforts.

For more information and to access this workbook, visit: <https://www.cisa.gov/resources-tools/resources/security-planning-workbook>

### Protecting Houses of Worship Infographic

CISA released a new resource titled, [Protecting Houses of Worship: Perimeter Security Considerations Infographic](#) that is a companion piece to CISA's and the FBI's co-branded [Protecting Places of Worship: Six Steps to Enhance Security Fact Sheet](#). The infographic provides Houses of Worship stakeholders with low- to no-cost protective measures to enhance physical security. It also highlights grants and resources available to assist houses of worship in conducting vulnerability assessments, developing and updating security strategies and plans, bolstering physical security, and minimizing the impact of a potential attack.

For more information and to access this product, visit: <https://www.cisa.gov/resources-tools/resources/protecting-houses-worship-perimeter-security-considerations-infographic>



## 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).

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



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