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Updates from the Tampa Bay Health & Medical Preparedness Coalition—May 2024

National Hurricane Preparedness Week: May 5-11, 2024

As the start of the 2024 Atlantic hurricane season is quickly approaching, the National Weather Service has designated May 5-11 as [National Hurricane Preparedness Week](#). During this week, people and businesses are strongly encouraged to identify their hurricane-related risks, develop or update response plans, and gather any needed supplies.

Forecasters are expecting a significant amount of storm activity throughout the 2024 hurricane season. According to the Colorado State University (CSU) [Tropical Weather and Climate Research Center](#), 2024 is expected to have 170% of the average hurricane activity compared to the seasons between 1991 and 2020.

CSU's April outlook predicts the 2024 Atlantic hurricane season is most likely to be an active, above-average season with a total of 23 named storms, with 11 of these storms that could become hurricanes and five with a high probability of becoming major hurricanes (Category 3 or above).

For a complete breakdown of landfall probabilities broken out by county, state and country, [visit the report here](#) and find more information [here](#).



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HURRICANE PREP WEEK 2024



MAKE A PLAN



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STAY INFORMED

FloridaDisaster.org/PlanPrepare

This week is also Florida Hurricane Preparedness Week, highlighting the importance of making a plan ahead of hurricane season, which begins on June 1. It's the perfect time of year to review your emergency plans, disaster contracts/mutual aid agreements, and disaster supplies. Florida has tax-free weeks coming up from June 1st to June 14th, 2024 for disaster preparedness supplies.

HURRICANE PREP WEEK 2024 WEATHER ALERTS CAN SAVE LIVES

Wireless emergency alerts - WEA

Weather App Alerts

National Weather Service - @NWS

Text and email messaging service

Social Media

Family, Friends & Coworkers



Sign up for emergency alerts in your area at FloridaDisaster.org/AlertFlorida

NOAA has some great social media graphics (and a plan for each day) for this week with useful info to share with your staff, clients, patients and more. You can access them all on their website [here](#).

Upcoming Coalition Meetings

Manatee CHAMP:
May 8th

Pasco County HMPC:
May 13th

Hillsborough County Health Care Coalition:
May 16th

Polk County Health Care Coalition:
May 23rd

Citrus County ESF-8 WG :
May 29th

Mental Health Awareness Month

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. This year, NAMI is celebrating Mental Health Awareness Month with the Take the Moment campaign. We encourage you to join us in fostering open dialogues, cultivating empathy and understanding. We also urge you to share our resources to support individuals and families on their journey towards mental wellness. Through "Take the Moment," we shine a spotlight on NAMI's array of signature programs including: [NAMI Basics](#), [NAMI Family-to-Family](#), [NAMI Family & Friends](#), [NAMI Homefront](#), [NAMI In Our Own Voice](#), [NAMI Peer-to-Peer](#), [NAMI Support Groups](#) and our invaluable [NAMI HelpLine](#), which is a free, nationwide peer-support service providing information, resource referrals and support to people living with a mental health condition, their family members and caregivers, mental health providers and the public. This campaign also champions the importance of destigmatizing mental health by normalizing the practice of taking moments to prioritize mental health care without guilt or shame. Read more [here](#).



Biden-Harris Administration Releases National Strategy for Suicide Prevention and First-Ever Federal Action Plan

"Suicide is a complex public health problem, tragically impacting our friends, family members, neighbors and community members nationwide," said HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra. "The Biden-Harris Administration has consistently prioritized the health and well-being of Americans and this strategy—and the unprecedented interagency coordination demonstrated in the federal action plan—commits to the American people that we are here for you." Read the full [press release](#) from HHS.



CDC Releases Health Advisory on Counterfeit or Mishandled Botulinum Toxin Injections

CDC recently issued a health [advisory](#) to alert clinicians about risks of counterfeit or mishandled botulinum toxin injections. CDC, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and state and local partners are investigating clusters of 22 people in 11 U.S. states reporting adverse effects after receiving injections with counterfeit botulinum toxin or injections administered by unlicensed or untrained individuals or in non-health care settings, such as homes or spas. When botulinum toxin diffuses around the injection site, it can result in adverse effects.



Botulism is the disease caused by botulinum toxin circulating in the blood and producing effects remotely from the injection site. Clinicians and health departments should consider the possibility of adverse effects from botulinum toxin injections in patients presenting with localized paralysis. Clinicians should immediately contact their state, tribal, local, or territorial health department if they suspect botulism.

White House Releases New National Security Memorandum on Critical Infrastructure

The White House released the [National Security Memorandum \(NSM\)](#) on Critical Infrastructure and Resilience. This memo builds on the important work that the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) and agencies across the federal government have been undertaking in partnership with America's critical infrastructure communities for more than a decade. It also replaces Presidential Policy Directive 21 (PPD-21), which was issued more than a decade ago to establish national policy on critical infrastructure security and resilience.

The U.S. Health and Human Services (HHS) Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR) is committed to continued engagement, collaboration and partnership with the Healthcare and Public Health (HPH) Sector in implementing this new NSM.

Upcoming Trainings & Events

CEMP Plan Development Platform Launch—Wednesday, May 9th at 11am

Join us for the launch of FREE Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) and Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) Development Software from BOLDPlanning on Wednesday, May 9th at 11am. This planning tool is provided by our Coalition and the other Florida Health Care Coalitions! [Click here to join the launch.](#) (No preregistration is required!)

2024 Operation Power Play Exercise—June 4th!

Our next quarterly drill is our annual power loss drill—**Operation Power Play on Tuesday, June 4th at 10am.** This community-wide drill will focus on what your organization would do during a power loss event. This can include setting up your generator, walking through your health care facility power plans, and training staff in how to maintain operations without power. [Register here!](#)

2024 Hazards & Healthcare: "Healthcare Tomorrow: Prepare, Respond, Innovate"

This two-day conference, Tuesday and Wednesday, June 25th & 26th, 2024 at the St. Petersburg Marriott Clearwater, is the region's annual health care preparedness conference, attended by hundreds of healthcare professionals and first responders. The theme for this year's conference is **Healthcare Tomorrow: Prepare, Respond, and Innovate.** Our mission is to build collaboration, preparedness, and resilience in the health and medical communities, and we hope that you will be a part of it. You can also access all relevant Hazards & Healthcare info via our [Conference Website](#). CEUs will be offered. [Buy tickets here!](#)

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June | 25-26 | 2024
St. Petersburg Marriott Clearwater
12600 Roosevelt Blvd N, St. Petersburg, FL 33716

2024 Operation Power Play

Join us for this community-based exercise to test health care facility emergency power plans.

Tuesday, June 4th at 10am
[Register here.](#)

Hospital Emergency Response Team (HERT) Training - We have HERT classes being offered through Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital (JHACH) and Baycare. See below for registration info and/or who to contact.

- June 6th at Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital – [Register here.](#)
- June 11th at St. Joseph's Hospital – Contact Ryan.Becker-Sikes@baycare.org
- July 11th at Bartow Regional Medical Center - Contact Timothy.Allen@baycare.org



Florida Health Care Coalitions are happy to bring the following Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP) virtual classes to our state! Feel free to share these classes far and wide. They are free and open to anyone in Florida.

- [Active Shooter/Assailant: Behavioral Indicators and How to Respond](#) (OLS-V9) – May 16th from 2pm – 3pm [Target audience – Everyone]
- [Special Needs Population Considerations During Emergency Response](#) (HCV3) – June 18th from 10am – 11am [Target audience – Healthcare organizations, EM, EMS, Public Health & more]
- [Psychological Preparedness for Responders](#) (OLS-V7) – July 16th, 2024 from 2pm – 3pm [Target audience – Everyone]



Emergency Management Training – Registration on [SERT TRAC.](#)

- [Tuesday, May 14, 2024 - Wednesday, May 15, 2024](#) - Community Healthcare Planning and Response to Disasters at Pasco County Emergency Operations Center
- [Monday, May 20, 2024 - Friday, May 24, 2024](#) - Safety Officer (SOFR) on an All-Hazards Incident Management Team at Pasco County Emergency Operations Center
- [Tuesday, May 21, 2024 - Thursday, May 23, 2024](#) - G-300 post 5/10/2019 Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents at Pinellas County Public Safety Complex

Coalition Highlights

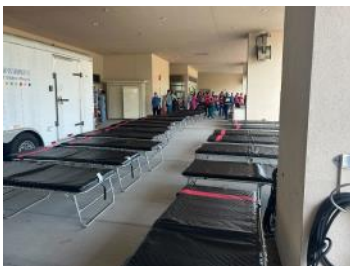
Florida Week at the Center for Domestic Preparedness in Anniston, AL

The Coalition was well-represented at the CDP during Florida Week 2024, with 20 individuals from public health and health care organizations participating in 4 different classes and the capstone exercise! It was a fun and educational week!



15 'til 50 Hospital Medical Surge Exercise

On April 23rd and 24th, Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital hosted our Coalition's first 15 'til 50 Mass Casualty Surge Training and Exercise, which helped prepare them to receive more than 50 surge patients within 15 minutes. This exercise involved the hospital, St. Pete Fire Rescue, Sunstar, the Coalition, and was sponsored by the Florida Department of Health. Other hospitals and EMS agencies got the opportunity to observe. Special thanks to our volunteer victims from Kaiser University, the Pinellas Park High EMT Program, and more!



We want to hear from you! If you would like to share a highlight or from your organization in a future Coalition newsletter or publication, please email it to Turea at TBHMPC2@gmail.com.