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Updates from the Tampa Bay Health & Medical Preparedness Coalition—April 2026

Workplace Violence Awareness Month

April is Workplace Violence Prevention Awareness Month. Healthcare workers are more likely to be affected by incidents of serious workplace violence than almost any other industry. During this month-long observance, the Coalition encourages its members and partners to take a deep dive in to their workplace violence prevention programs, train their employees on recognizing warning signs, and ensure everyone knows how to respond during violent incidents.

The American Hospital Association has consolidated a significant number of Workplace Violence Prevention resources [on this website](#). These state and federal resources in addition to member case studies and best practices from healthcare systems across the country.



TBHMPc has created a Healthcare Workplace Violence Tabletop Exercise Toolkit that can be found on our website in the Resource Library or by [clicking on this link](#).

This toolkit is designed to assist organizations in preparing for and managing situations involving unpredictable or disruptive visitors. It includes detailed guidance, practical checklists, and scenario-based exercises to help staff respond effectively and safely. By utilizing these resources, teams can increase their readiness, improve communication strategies, and ensure the well-being of everyone involved during such incidents.



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Pinellas County
April 3rd

Hardee County
April 8th

Hernando County
April 16th

Sumter County
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Citrus County
April 30th



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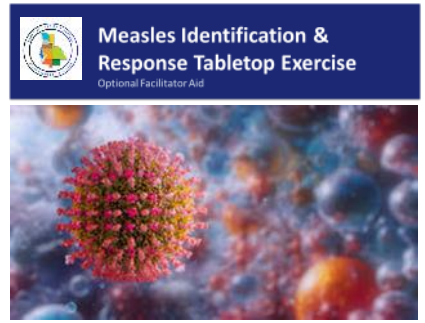


Important Updates

Measles Identification & Response Tabletop Exercise Toolkit

To strengthen regional preparedness efforts, TBHMPC has developed the Measles Identification & Response Tabletop Exercise Toolkit to assist healthcare organizations in evaluating their internal protocols and response strategies. The toolkit includes a publication titled “**OUTBREAK INTEL MEASLES**,” authored by Dr. Christine McGuire-Wolf and the team at [USF Infection Control for Emergency Responders \(ICER\)](#).

The exercise is designed to be easy to conduct within your facility and typically requires 60–90 minutes to complete. Facilities that complete the exercise and submit the associated documentation may count this activity toward one of their organization’s coalition participation requirements for annual grant funding eligibility. The full exercise toolkit is available for download on the our website [HERE](#).



We need the voice of EVERY Emergency Department to make a difference in outcomes for kids!

2026 National Pediatric Readiness Project Nationwide Assessment is Open

The 2026 National Pediatric Readiness Project (NPRP) Nationwide Assessment is now open! All 24/7 EDs should complete the assessment as soon as possible at [PedsReady.org](#).

[Take the NPRP Assessment Here](#)

Why Participate? Better outcomes for patients. High Pediatric Readiness is associated with reduced mortality risk in critically ill and injured children.

Who Should Complete the Assessment?

Participation is a collaboration. Invitations are typically sent to ED nurse managers, who should coordinate completion with the ED medical director, pediatric emergency care coordinators, and/or trauma coordinator. **Only one assessment can be submitted per ED**, and responses cannot be changed after submission.

National Public Health Week- April 6 - 12, 2026

Ready. Set. Action! is this year’s theme. As we celebrate, take a moment to recognize how public health has improved our daily lives, safeguarded our families, expanded our life spans, and strengthened our communities. This week is also a chance to honor the public health workers who show up for us every day — and to advocate for policies and practices that promote good health for all. Read more [here](#).



Training & Exercise Opportunities

Downtime Operations Webinar Series with TBHMPC & Jensen Hughes

The Second Session: The Engine Room- [Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 1pm](#) or [Thursday, April 23, 2026 at 10am](#)

The webinars are designed to provide valuable insights and practical strategies for managing downtime events effectively within various operational environments. Each session will focus on a different downtime topic, and will feature industry experts from Jensen Hughes, who will share their knowledge and answer participant questions. Attendees will have the opportunity to engage in interactive discussions, learn about best practices, and gain resources that can help minimize disruptions and improve overall operational resilience.

A promotional graphic for the 'Downtime Operations Webinar Series' by Jensen Hughes. It features a central text box with the title and registration information. To the right is a vertical list of 'Future Sessions' with dates and topics. At the bottom, there is a 'TOOLKIT' graphic and contact information.

Downtime Operations Webinar Series

Register Now for either offering:

- [Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 1pm](#)
- [Thursday, April 23, 2026 at 10am](#)

Questions? tauler.zeger@tcompubtechMPC.org

Future Sessions

- May 18th & 21st: The Digital Backbone (IT, Data, and Cyber)
- June 23rd & 25th: The Physical Backbone (Cooling, etc. & Power)
- July 21st & 23rd: The Physical Backbone (Backup, Cloud & Recovery)
- August 18th & 20th: The Strength in Numbers (Regional Coordination & ICCC)
- September 22nd & 24th: Risk Synthesis & The Resiliency Toolkit

Training & Exercise Opportunities, cont.

Fit Test Train the Trainer Session – April 17, 2026

Join us on Friday, April 17, 2026, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at the TBHMPC Office, 7300 Bryan Dairy Rd., Suite 450, Largo, FL 3377. There are 25 seats available, with priority given to Department of Health personnel. Interested participants are invited to [Register Here](#).

Responding to & Investigating Hoax Bomb Threats & Swatting (April 15th, 2026)

This 90-minute training provides attendees an overview of the realities of bomb threats and swatting hoaxes and includes a detailed review of statistics and current trends seen across the country. The training will also cover the characteristics of hoax calls, law enforcement best practices for assessment and response, and the decision-making process for evacuation or sheltering in place. [Register Here](#)

All-Hazards Dry Decon Webinar

TBHMPC is excited to bring this webinar on All-Hazards Dry Decontamination, presented by First Line Technology on Tuesday, May 5th at 1pm. This webinar provides an overview of hospital decontamination requirements and best practices, along with updates for all-hazards decontamination in a hospital setting. Ideal for healthcare professionals seeking to enhance their knowledge and skills in managing decontamination processes. [Register here!](#)



ALL-HAZARDS DRY DECONTAMINATION

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

- G-400 Advanced ICS Command & General Staff:- [Thursday, Apr 16, 2026 - Friday, Apr 17, 2026](#) at City of Tampa City Center.
- AWR-213 Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience Awareness – [Thursday, Apr 16, 2026 - Thursday, Apr 16, 2026](#) at USF Parking and Transportation (PTB)
- FL-681 Survivor Assistance -[Wednesday, Apr 22, 2026 - Wednesday, Apr 22, 2026](#) at Sumter County EOC.
- MGT-418 Readiness: Training Identification Preparedness Planning- [Tuesday, Apr 28, 2026 - Wednesday, Apr 29, 2026](#) at St. Petersburg Police Headquarters.



Florida's Training for Emergency Management (FTEM) Symposium 2026– June 1-5, 2026

This symposium is a critical platform for strengthening disaster preparedness, response, and recovery capabilities across the state. It will bring together emergency managers, first responders, and public safety leaders to share insights, explore best practices, and advance the future of emergency management. The event will feature 20+ curriculum tracks for emergency management professionals, elected officials, students, and partners, with 70% brand-new training content and interactive workshops. For more information, please visit:

[Welcome - 2026 Florida's Training for Emergency Management Symposium](#)

3RD ANNUAL FLORIDA'S TRAINING FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Excellence in Action



Coalition Highlights



Moulage Training at USF Health Center for Advanced Medical Learning and Simulation (CAMLs)

On March 30, 2026, TBHMPC partnered with the Center for Advanced Medical Learning and Simulation (CAMLs) to conduct a Moulage Training session for the upcoming MCI Exercise that will take place on April 9th.

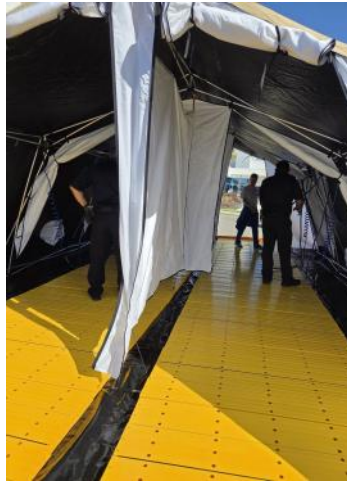
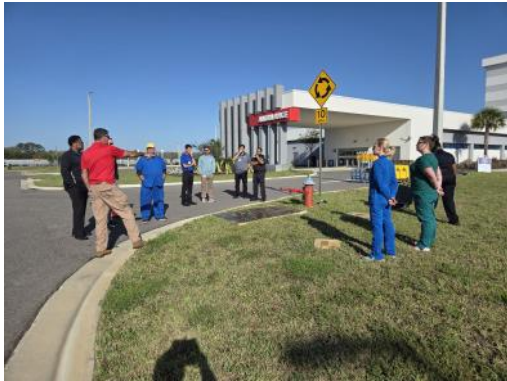
The training focused on preparing participants to effectively simulate realistic injuries and scenarios, ensuring that all involved will be ready for the mass casualty incident (MCI) exercise. During the session, representatives from hospitals around the region learned how to apply moulage techniques to create authentic-looking wounds out of a variety of simple ingredients! They learned out to create bruises with eyeshadow, burns with liquid latex, and lacerations with flour and vaseline. Feedback from the participants was incredibly positive, highlighting the value of hands-on experience and expert guidance provided. A huge thanks to Melissa Milner and the USF Health CAMLS Team for providing this training and helping up our hospitals' moulage game for the upcoming exercise! (Disclaimer: All injuries depicted below are fake and were created by the students!)



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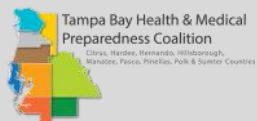
The BayCare Hospital Wesley Chapel team, including Hospital HERT members, Facilities, and Security, took part in an ASAP 18 decon tent setup drill. Special appreciation goes out to Bill and Mike, TBHMPC Coalition logisticians, for their practical support and expert guidance.



Save the Dates: Pulsara MCI Bootcamps are coming to the TBHMPC Region June 16th—18th!

- June 16th at Lakeland Regional Health
- June 17th at HCA Florida Trinity Hospital
- June 18th at Manatee Memorial Hospital

Registration will be available soon.



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.