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

National Employee Wellness Month: Why June Is the Right Time to Build a Wellness & Hurricane Preparedness Culture

June is National Employee Wellness Month, which makes it a natural time for organizations to focus on the habits, resources, and support systems that help employees stay healthy and resilient. It is also the beginning of Atlantic hurricane season, a reminder that wellness is not only about exercise challenges and healthy lunches, but also about reducing stress, planning ahead, and helping people feel prepared when disruptions happen. When employers connect wellness with emergency readiness, they support both personal well-being and business continuity.

Why Wellness and Hurricane Preparedness Go Together

Employee wellness includes physical safety, mental health, emotional resilience, and access to practical support. Preparing for hurricane season reinforces all of those priorities. Clear emergency plans can reduce uncertainty and anxiety. Access to supplies and communication channels can help employees protect themselves and their families. Flexible work arrangements and recovery planning can lessen the impact of severe weather on daily routines, finances, and overall well-being. Emergency preparedness can be a meaningful extension of your workplace wellness program.



How the Coalition Can Help

We have a variety of resources to help you and your employees prepare for the upcoming Hurricane Season, on the [Tropical Weather Page of our Website](#), including links to planning resources, forecast pages, and even County Hurricane Preparedness Guides. We are also excited to release a brand-new exercise resource—[Storm Warning: A Healthcare Hurricane & Tropical Weather Tablet Exercise Toolkit](#),

which you can use to conduct a structured, discussion-based exercise at your organization on a hurricane scenario! Download it today!



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Upcoming Coalition Meetings

Pinellas County
June 5th

Hardee County
June 10th

Hernando County
June 11th

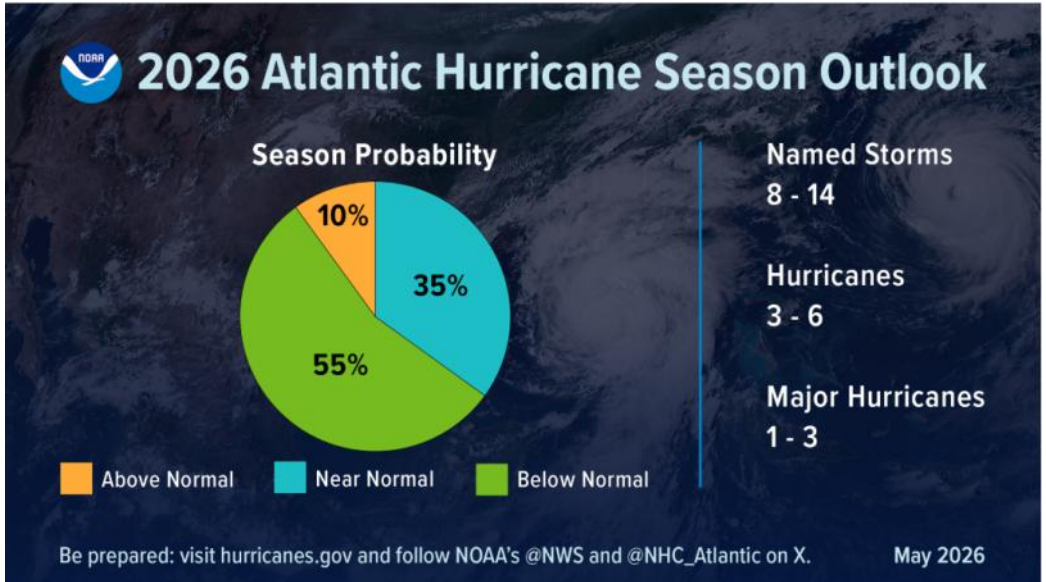
Sumter County
June 18th



Important Updates

NOAA 2026 Atlantic Hurricane Season

Forecasters with NOAA's National Weather Service are predicting a below-normal hurricane season for the Atlantic basin this year. NOAA's outlook for the 2026 Atlantic hurricane season, which runs June 1 to November 30, predicts a 35% chance of a near-normal season, a 10% chance of an above-normal season, and a 55% chance of a below-normal season. Read more [here](#).



TBHMPC Tropical Weather Page

Stay informed this hurricane season with the TBHMPC Tropical Weather Page, your go-to resource for county hurricane guides and preparedness information in one convenient place. From planning resources and evacuation guidance to trusted updates that help residents know their zone and prepare their homes and families, this page puts essential storm-readiness tools at your fingertips. Visit the Tropical Weather Page today to access the information you need to stay alert, make a plan, and be ready before severe weather strikes. [Tropical Weather – Tampa Bay HMPC](#)

Hurricane Preparedness: Understand Forecast Information



TBHMPC Tabletop Exercise Toolkits

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.

TBHMPC has also developed a **Measles Identification & Response Tabletop Exercise Toolkit** that healthcare organizations can use to evaluate their internal procedures and response processes. 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 [here on the TBHMPC website](#).

Training & Exercise Opportunities, cont.

FLHCC and BOLDplanning Monday Webinar Series, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. EST

All healthcare facilities and organizations in Florida can utilize this platform for your Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) or Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) at no cost to you, paid for by the Florida Health Care Coalitions! To request access to the platform complete the [access request form](#). **The platform is scheduled to cease operations in September 2026. Stakeholders are advised to make necessary preparations and download any required materials.** [Click here to join either webinar below](#). Registration is NOT required.

- June 8th -Departments, Positions, and Annexes
- June 22nd- General Information and Base Plan



Conflict Prevention Webinars

The “**Introduction to Conflict Prevention Techniques**” event on June 10th is a 30-min informational webinar that provides a brief overview of [CISA’s Conflict Prevention](#) resources that can be used to enhance the safety and security of people, facilities, and communities and potentially prevent incidents of violence. This webinar is intended for supervisors, security managers, and public safety officials. The “**Strategies to Deter Targeted Violence**” event on June 24th is a 60-min webinar that includes an introduction to the current threat landscape and provides a more-in-depth understanding of [de-escalation strategies](#) which can help prevent and protect against incidents of targeted violence. This webinar is intended for front-line staff, community members, and critical infrastructure operators. [June Registration](#)

Pulsara Boot Camps

Join us for in-depth instructions on MCI best practices. Please register for either session at [Pulsara | MCI Bootcamp RSVP](#)

- **Tuesday, June 16th, 9-12pm** at Lakeland Regional Mulaney Auditorium, 1324 Lakeland Hills Blvd, Lakeland, FL 33805
- **Wednesday, June 17th, 1:30-4:30pm** at HCA Florida Trinity - Classrooms A & B, 9330 State Rd 54, Trinity, FL 34655
- **Thursday, June 18th** at Manatee Memorial - Tower Auditorium, 206 2nd Street East, Bradenton, FL

The poster for the 2026 MCI Bootcamp Florida features a dark background with a smartphone displaying a mobile app interface. Text on the poster includes: 'pulsara', '2026 MCI BOOTCAMP', 'In-depth instruction on MCI best practices.', 'A fast-paced 3-hour workshop with hands-on training to test your incident and disaster response readiness.', 'Detailed instructions on integrating Pulsara functionality into your incident response.', 'Demonstration of how the collaboration across multiple organizations.', 'RSVP link, QR code, and event dates & locations for Polk County (Tue, June 16th, 09:00-12:00), Pasco County (Wed, June 17th, 13:00-16:30), and Manatee County (Thu, June 18th, 09:00-12:00).

Downtime Operations Webinar Series with TBHMPC & Jensen Hughes

The Fourth Session: The Human Element (Staffing, HR, & Payroll)- [Tuesday, June 23, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM](#) OR [Thursday, June 25, 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM](#)

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.

Practical Incident Command for Ambulatory Health Care Partners

The Tampa Bay Health and Medical Preparedness Coalition (TBHMPC) is pleased to offer an upcoming virtual training opportunity designed specifically for ambulatory and outpatient healthcare providers on **Wednesday, June 24, 2026 from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM**. This session will provide a practical, real-world approach to applying Incident Command System (ICS) principles in ambulatory care settings, with a focus on simplified implementation and operational decision-making. Participants will be introduced to an ambulatory-focused incident response framework and will explore how to apply these concepts during realistic operational disruptions. [REGISTER HERE](#)

The poster for the Practical Incident Command for Ambulatory Health Care Partners webinar features a blue and yellow color scheme. Text includes: 'Webinar', 'PRACTICAL INCIDENT COMMAND FOR AMBULATORY HEALTH CARE PARTNERS', 'Discussion Topics: Applying ICS principles in outpatient and non-hospital environments; Simplified incident response roles and responsibilities for ambulatory settings; Communication and coordination with local healthcare partners and ESE-B; Integrating incident command into existing emergency operations plans; Common challenges and practical solutions for ambulatory providers; Applying concepts through scenario-based discussion and real-world example.', 'Speaker: Franklin Riddle', 'Wednesday, June 24, 1:00-3:00pm', 'Ambulatory Tool Kit', 'Click to Register', and two QR codes.

Training & Exercise Opportunities, cont.

Pediatric Readiness Webinars from the Florida Emergency Nurses Association

The Florida Emergency Nurses Association is holding two webinars this summer on key pediatric preparedness issues.

- **Broselow Basics & Handling Handtevy: Do You REALLY Know How to Use Them?** – June 22nd from 5pm – 6pm EST. [Register here.](#)
- **Pediatric Sexual Assault Victims and the SANE Role in Florida** – July 27th from 5pm - 6pm EST. [Register here.](#)

Beat the Heat: Cooling & Recovery Strategies Webinar

As summer temperatures rise, heat stress is becoming an increasing challenge across public safety, military, industrial, sports, and event operations. Join First Line Technology on **Wednesday, June 3rd from 10am—11am EDT** for an informative webinar focused on real-world heat mitigation and rapid recovery strategies. This session will highlight the ICE System and explore portable cooling solutions and arm immersion technology designed to reduce heat burden, support recovery, and improve endurance without disrupting operations. Attendees will gain practical insight into:

- Forearm Immersion Cooling techniques
- Cold Water Immersion methods used in the treatment of heat stress emergencies
- Scalable cooling strategies for prolonged outdoor activity and sustained heat exposure
- Rapid setup and deployment capabilities

Designed for professionals working in demanding environments, this webinar offers practical solutions to support operational readiness during the hottest months of the year and ahead of major summer travel, tourism, and global sporting events. [Register here.](#)



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

- G-300 Advanced ICS Command & General Staff—[Monday, Jun 15, 2026 - Wednesday, Jun 17, 2026](#) at St Pete Fire Rescue Headquarters
- G-400 Advanced ICS Command & General Staff
 - [Monday, Jun 15, 2026 - Tuesday, Jun 16, 2026](#) at Polk County EOC
 - [Thursday, Jun 25, 2026—Friday, Jun 26, 2026](#) at Hillsborough County Public Safety Complex
- G-386 Mass Fatalities Incident Response—[Thursday, Jun 25, 2026—Friday, Jun 26, 2026](#) at St. Pete Police Headquarters

TEEX MGT-319 Medical Countermeasures Point of Dispensing, Planning & Response

TEEX is working with Pasco County Emergency Management to host the MGT319 Medical Countermeasures Point of Dispensing Planning and Response course on July 1-2, 2026. This class is part of the Community Disaster Preparedness for Healthcare Certificate Program through Texas A&M University. [Register here.](#) (Once you create a login, search for MGT319)

This class is recommended for local first response partners such as: law enforcement, fire service, Emergency Management, EMS, hospitals, Public Health workers, closed POD partners and schools are just a few. Multiple Continuing Ed Credits are offered (see flyer).

The class will be held from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm at Pasco County Emergency Operations Center, 8744 Government Drive, Bldg A, New Port Richey, FL 34654

Did you miss the Dry Decontamination Webinar on May 21st? No worries!
We recorded it for you to [watch at your convenience here.](#)

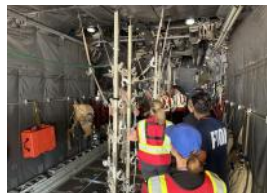
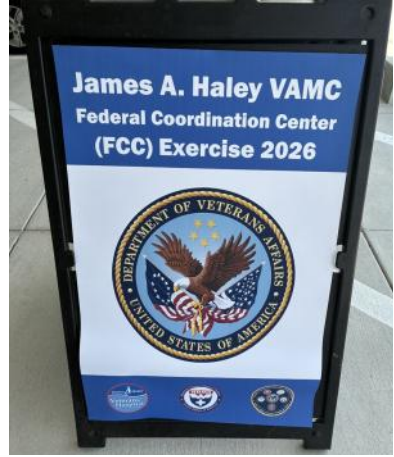
Coalition Highlights

The Tampa Bay Health and Medical Preparedness Coalition (TBHMPC) was proud to participate in the **James A. Haley VAMC 2026 Federal Coordinating Center (FCC) Exercise** alongside our federal, VA, ESF-8, hospital, EMS, emergency management, and healthcare partners.

Coalition representatives supported Unified Command operations while also assisting with coordination and mentorship activities within the Operations Section.

Exercises like these strengthen regional interoperability, enhance healthcare coordination capabilities, and help develop the next generation of incident management leaders.

Strong partnerships and coordinated planning remain essential to supporting healthcare preparedness, response, and recovery operations throughout our region.



Tampa Bay Health & Medical Preparedness Coalition

Citrus, Hardee, Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk & Sumter Counties

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.