

Region 6 Healthcare Coalition

Weekly Update

Region 6 News:

This week there are some important updates to bring you.

- Your last chance to sign up for the Region 6 In-Person BDLS on November 4th is approaching. If you are interested in joining us, please sign up for this opportunity before Monday, October 10, 2022.
- If you are interested in attending the Peds Disaster Response and Emergency Preparedness class in Region 3, please secure your spot soon. Registration information is below. Registration can be found on MiTrain.
- Below, you will find information on the new NEDOCS section on EMResource.
- NACCHO has sent out a call for abstracts for their 2023 preparedness summit on April 24-27, 2023. See the information below *(At this time the region does not have sufficient funding to assist with travel to this conference.)*

Recently, many of you have received emails from our office requesting information on your agency, specifically contact information. This request is in line with our requirement to keep updated contact information. We are attempting to do it this way so as to not inconvenience you and only ask for information from organizations we know are out of date. Thank you for your patience as we work through this.

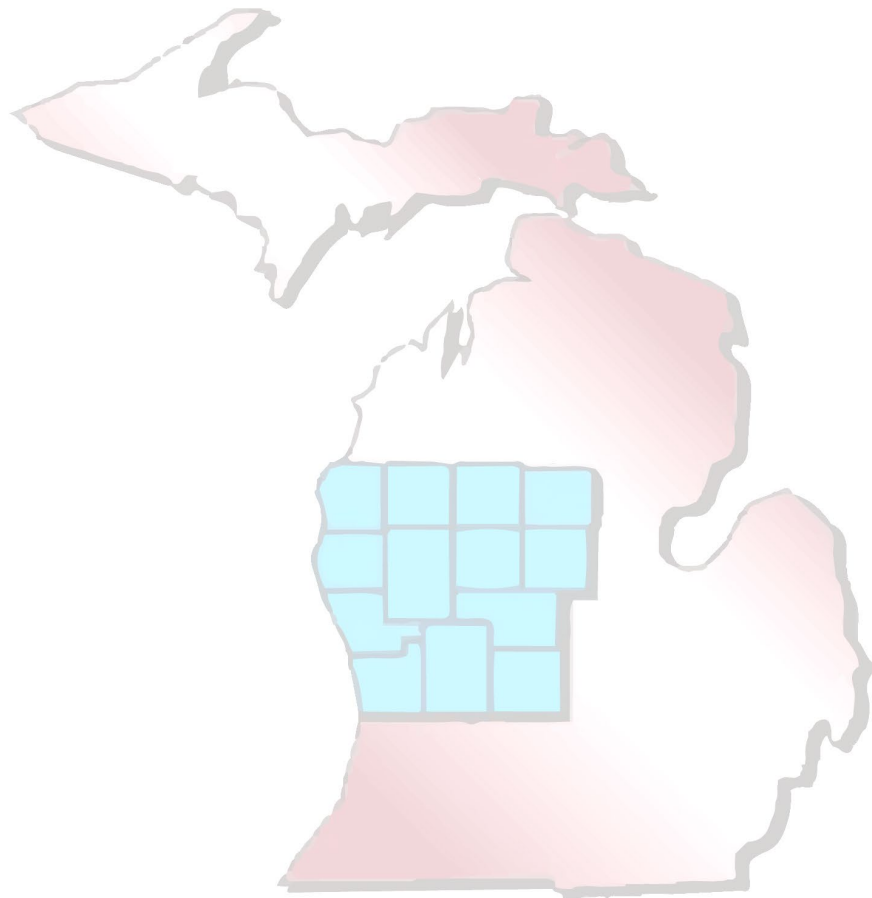
As we are sure you are aware, COVID is still around. Many of you have contacted the region for staffing assistance and supplies. As a reminder, if you need assistance after hours or have not received a call or email back in an appropriate amount of time, please use the 855-734-6622 number to

contact us. We are available to you 24/7 to help with your urgent matters.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, feel free to email or call us.

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What: *Region 6 HCC Basic Disaster Life Support*

Who: *All Region 6 Partners*

When: *January 6th, 2023*

12:00—4:00 PM

Where: *Montcalm Twp ISD*

621 New St, Stanton Mi 48888

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What: *Region 6 HCC Basic Disaster Life Support*

Who: *All Region 6 Partners*

When: *November 4, 2022*

4:00 pm—8:00 pm

Where: *Alpine Township Fire Department*

1100 Henze St NW

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Basic Disaster Life Support™ version 3.2 (BDLS®)

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The BDLS course is designed to engage participants through interactive scenarios and group discussion. The goal is to teach a common lexicon, vocabulary, and knowledge base. Knowledge gained in the course can then be reinforced and expanded through application in the Advanced Disaster Life Support™ (ADLS®) course.

The BDLS course is aimed at a broad range of audiences that share a likelihood of providing clinical care and assistance to casualties during a disaster or public health emergency.

Courses: **11-04-2022 1300-1700 EST**
03-16-2023 1300-1700 EST
04-08-2023 0800-1200 EST
09-08-2023 0800-1200 EST
10-06-2023 1300-1700 EST

Target Audience: Physicians, Nurses, PAs, EMTs, Paramedics, Pharmacists, Allied Health Professionals, Medical students and Disaster Response Professionals

Contact
judy.wheeler@med.wmich.edu if
Interested in attending.

Pre-requisites: None

Place: Virtual (MS TEAMS)

Course Credits: 8 MDHHS EMS CEUs
7.5 AMA Category 1 Physician CME

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

- Register for the course
- Complete the pre-course and 8 quizzes prior
- "Attend" the virtual course and participate
- Complete the post-course assessment

Cost: Book and course fees are covered by the Healthcare Preparedness Grant

Register: Go to register.ndlsf.org and search by date.

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In support of improving patient care, Western Michigan University Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), to provide continuing education for the healthcare team. Western Michigan University Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine adheres to the ACCME's Standards for Integrity and



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Save the Date

Preparing for the Needs of Children in Disasters: The Pediatric Disaster Preparedness Checklist

- Disasters of all types often involve children
- Children are not little adults – they have unique physical and psychosocial needs
- Most emergency departments do not have disaster plans that address the specific needs of children'

Are you ready to meet the needs of children during and after a disaster?

The Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Innovation and Improvement Center (EIIC) and the ASPR Center of Excellence Region V for Kids is collaborating with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Bureau of EMS, Trauma and Preparedness and 8 Michigan Healthcare Coalitions to host this 3-part education series. Participants will learn from EIIC subject matter experts how to use the new [Pediatric Disaster Preparedness Checklist](#) to better prepare their institutions to meet the needs of children during disasters.

- **August 30, 2022: Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs**
- **September 27, 2022: Pediatric Patient Tracking & Family Reunification**
- **October 25, 2022: Pediatric Surge Capacity**

All sessions will run from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm Eastern Time

THERE IS NO COST TO REGISTER! Register Today!

To register, complete this survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MIpedchecklist>

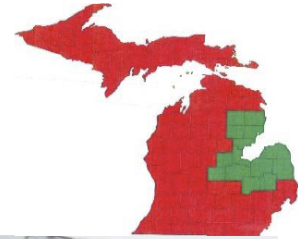
Questions? Contact EIIC at disaster@emscimprovement.center

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Region 3

Healthcare Coalition



PEDIATRIC DISASTER RESPONSE AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MGT-439

**Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Bay City-Riverfront
One Wenonah Park Place
Bay City, MI 48708**

October 18th & 19th, 2022

8:00AM to 5:00PM

(Sign-in will start at 7:30AM each day of the course)

The 2010 report by the National Commission on Children and Disasters identified a training gap for emergency responders, first receivers, and emergency management personnel that reduced their effectiveness in responding to pediatric patients and their unique needs/considerations. This two-day course addresses pediatric emergency planning and medical response considerations through a combination of lectures, small group exercises, and a table-top exercise.

UP EMS Conference -- October 6-8, 2022

The 41st Annual UP EMS Conference will be held at The Northern Center on October 6-8, 2022. Those interested in attending may register through the conference platform [here](#).

Pediatric Readiness Conference – January 24 and 25, 2023

Please share the below 2023 Pediatric Readiness Conference Save the Date with HCC members. The Conference is scheduled for January 24 and 25, 2023. Topics will include experiences from the Oxford School Shooting, Family Reunification, Pediatric Behavioral Health and other timely pediatric topics. Credits for nurses, physicians and others will be offered. More information is coming soon!

[2023 Pediatric Readiness Conference Approved.pdf](#)

Dealing with Misinformation and Disinformation

This advisory from the US Surgeon General may help inform local and regional planning efforts: Confronting Health Misinformation: US Surgeon General's Advisory (2021) <https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/surgeon-general-misinformation-advisory.pdf>.

Call for Abstracts: 2023 Preparedness Summit Due October 24, 2022

The abstract submission period for the [2023 Preparedness Summit](#) on April 24–27, 2023 in Atlanta is [officially open](#)! The theme for the next Preparedness Summit, **Recover. Renew: Reprioritizing All-Hazards Preparedness**, will provide an opportunity to revisit pressing issues in preparedness and share resources, shape policies, and build skills to mitigate a variety of threats. The committee seeks sessions that:

- Are evidence-based;
- Highlight programs or model practices that have proven effective in building and sustaining public health and healthcare preparedness at the national, state, local, or tribal level; and
- Demonstrate tools and resources that are replicable and scalable at the national, state, local, or tribal level.

Visit the [Prep Summit website](#) to learn more about this year's abstract submission categories, preview the application, and submit your abstract!

Pediatric Champion ED Office Hours Continue with another EIIC presentation -- October 25, 2022

HPP and the EMS-C programs have worked in partnership with the EMSC Innovation and Improvement Center (EIIC) on a series for the Pediatric Office Hours breaking down the Pediatric Disaster Preparedness Toolkit for hospitals. (<https://emscimprovement.center/education-and-resources/toolkits/pediatric-disaster-preparedness-toolbox/>). The October topic is Pediatric Surge Capacity. If you are interested in joining these educational sessions, please register at the Week of September 19th, 2022

following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MIpedchecklist> you will then be sent a link to the presentation.

The National Emergency Department Overcrowding Score (NEDOCS)

The NEDOCS is live in EMResource. The equation could be used daily to determine overcrowding, for a multi-casualty incident, or medical surge incident. The NEDOCS metric is a component of the Immediate Bed Availability (IBA) plan and was added to EMResource to encourage hospitals to evaluate the scoring tool for ease of use, ability to obtain the component data, value of the metric, and any real or perceived drawbacks.

The NEDOCS score helps determine the severity of overcrowding in emergency departments (ED) with the use of several variables. The score ranges from 0 to 200. The scale was developed by Dr. Steven Weiss, to help assess and objectively communicate overcrowding of the ED. The scale provides a more consistent approach to defining ED crowding and helps to clarify the distinctions between causes, characteristics, and outcomes.

If training is needed at the hospital level, please reach out to the EMResource Data Team. Attached you will find step-by-step directions to be distributed to your HCC hospitals. If you have feedback on the metric send it to the EMResource Data Team at mdhhs-checc-emresource@michigan.gov.

Mediation Now Available in Michigan

There is a new, free mediation program in Michigan designed to resolve matters related to experiences with Community Mental Health. In behavioral health mediation, a neutral third party will guide parties through a confidential communication, information sharing, and decision-making process. The mediator ensures all parties have a voice and there is a power balance at the table. The steps sign up can be found in this [link](#).

Building Workforce Resilience through the Practice of Psychological First Aid Course

[This course](#) offers community leaders and teams the opportunity to consider and pursue coping and stress management strategies for supporting colleagues during a disaster response as stress levels increase for workers and the demands on organizations become more urgent. (Free registration required).

Behavioral Health Roadmap

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is excited to announce the release of the HHS Roadmap for Behavioral Health Integration. The Roadmap provides an overview of the approach HHS is taking to drive toward integrated care centered care. HHS is committed to advancing this country toward providing all Americans a full spectrum of integrated, equitable, evidence-based, culturally appropriate, and person-centered behavioral health care. You can access the [HHS Behavioral Health Roadmap here](#).

CDC Provides Recommendations to Prevent Occupationally Acquired Monkeypox (MPV) Infection in Health Care Personnel

Reports of occupationally acquired Monkeypox (MPV) infection in healthcare personnel (HCP)

remain rare in this outbreak, with most reports involving HCP sustaining a sharps injury during specimen collection or not using [recommended personal protective equipment \(PPE\)](#). CDC recommends HCP adhere to all recommended [infection prevention and control](#) measures including [recommended PPE](#) to reduce the risk of MPV virus transmission in health care settings. Additional MVP resources are available below.

- [Infection Control: Healthcare Settings | Monkeypox | Poxvirus](#)
- [Health Care Personnel Exposures to Subsequently Laboratory-Confirmed Monkeypox Patients — Colorado, 2022](#)
- [Signs and Symptoms of Monkeypox](#)
- [Recommended PPE](#)
- [Cleaning and Disinfection Practices](#)
- [Safely Collect Monkeypox Specimens](#)

ASPR TRACIE Evaluation of Hazard Vulnerability Assessment Tools (Updated)

ASPR TRACIE updated the [Evaluation of Hazard Vulnerability Assessment \(HVA\) Tools](#) that highlights similarities and differences among applicable HVA tools used by public health and health care organizations. Each description includes a summary of its primary use/purpose, information on who developed the tool and how, the format of the tool, the calculations approach, and the benefits and limitations of the tool.

Michigan National Disaster Life Support - Links and Information

Did you know that the Michigan National Disaster Life Support (MINDLS) has a Facebook page? Here is the link: [Michigan NDLS | Facebook](#). Please visit the page for more information and pictures of courses that have taken place, and the dates courses are being offered throughout the state. It is also a way to develop connections with others that are interested in disaster response and follow the NDLS program in Michigan.

The Michigan National Disaster Life Support (MINDLS) also has a webpage [Michigan NDLS - Know your role! \(mindls.com\)](#). See what is new in the Michigan NDLS program, check out current information on courses and dates. To enroll in a BDL course contact Judy Wheeler (judy.wheeler@med.wmich.edu) for the course enrollment code (see course information above).

DHHS LTC Respiratory Protection Project

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services will be providing fit testing apparatus kits and Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA) trainings to ensure respiratory protection standards are met throughout the State. Qualifying facilities include **skilled nursing, adult foster care, homes for the aged, and assisted living**.

To request these free respirator kits for your facility, we ask that the facility's Infection Preventionist (or other designated facility employee) complete the [linked order form](#). A QR code for this order form has been included in this message for ease of access.

Completing this form is the first step in a two-step process. Once you complete and submit the order form, kits will be shipped to the contact you identified at the shipping address you

provided. The information submitted in this order form will then be forwarded to the MIOSHA to formally request respiratory training on behalf of your facility. You will then be contacted by a representative of the MIOSHA to coordinate a training date. Please be advised that MIOSHA is currently scheduling meetings far in advance and there may be a delay between the arrival of fit testing kits and the training date.

If you have any questions about this program or run into any issues with the form, please contact me at wirthk4@michigan.gov.

Stay Well Resources: Fall Programming

- [Coping with Grief and Loss for Teens and Young Adults](#) – 4-part online workshop series that offers perspective, understanding and healing for people in their teens and early 20s who are grieving. It uses art, writing, mental exercises and other techniques to teach coping skills and ways to feel better.
 - Saturdays at noon
- [Coping with Grief and Loss for Adults](#) – Six-week online workshop series that explores the emotions experienced by those who are grieving and offers healthy ways to cope. Each weekly workshop will focus on one aspect of the grieving process. Participants will engage in drawing, writing, mental exercises and relaxation techniques to help them work through their grief.
 - Mondays 6:00 p.m. and Wednesdays at noon
- [Staying Well: An emotional health workshop for teens](#) – Online workshop series geared to help teens understand the causes and consequences of emotions. Participants learn how to turn off self-judgement, manage relationships better and regulate their ups and downs—with the goal of finding more meaning and purpose in life.
 - Saturdays 2:00 p.m.
- [Weekly Discussion Groups](#) – Virtual support groups, led by trained counselors that invite participants to share their experiences and gain insight into the experiences of others while navigating the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - See the flyer linked in the title for discussion topics, days and times

Resources and ongoing programs can be found on the Stay Well page [here](#), including the counseling line, which is **1-888-535-6136 and press "8"**. There is also an order form for free materials [here](#).

To help Michiganders through the mental health challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services offers emotional support through the [Stay Well program](#) - If your organization would like to partner with the Stay Well program, contact Project Manager Erin Wallace at WallaceE3@michigan.gov or 989-513-2370.

Decreasing Children's Fear of Vaccine

The below document should be shared far and wide with anyone who provides services to children, especially vaccinations.

[Reduce Child's Fear v3.pdf](#)

Week of September 19th, 2022

ASPR TRACIE Resources

In honor of National Preparedness Month, we would like to share the following ASPR TRACIE resources with our stakeholders:

- [Natural Disasters Topic Collection](#) (be sure to check out the sections on floods, hurricanes, wildfires, and extreme temperature events)
- [Utility Failures Topic Collection](#)
- Climate Change and Healthcare System Considerations [Topic Collection](#), [Report Summary](#), and [Webinar](#)
- [Chemical/Biological/Radiological/Nuclear Resources Page](#)
- [The Disaster Available Supplies in Hospitals \(DASH\) Tool](#)
- [Healthcare Provider Shortages-Resources and Strategies for Meeting Demand](#)

The Office of Inspector General Issues Special Fraud Alert for Practitioners Entering Into Arrangements with Telemedicine Companies

The Office of Inspector General (OIG) has conducted dozens of investigations of fraud schemes involving companies that purported to provide telehealth, telemedicine, or telemarketing services (collectively, Telemedicine Companies) and exploited the growing acceptance and use of telehealth. Additional information can be found in this [link](#)

Annual Statewide Tornado Drill will be **March 22, 2023 at 1pm**

There will be an Annual Statewide Tornado Drill on March 22, 2023 at 1pm. During the drill participants will hear alerts on NOAA Weather Radios, TV and radio stations. Healthcare coalitions and their members are encouraged to participate.

Save the Date for the Great Lakes Homeland Security Training and Expo in Grand Rapids at the DeVos Center **May 9 - 11, 2023**

The Great Lakes Homeland Security Training and Expo will be held in Grand Rapids at the DeVos Center May 9 to May 11, 2023. look for more information to come.

Emergency Medical Response in a Burn Disaster

The Emergency Medical Response in a Burn Disaster video has been placed on the new State Burn Coordinating Center website (<http://michiganburn.org>), under Training Modules, Specialty Care then EMS Response. There are no credits associated with the video as it does not meet the requirements

Frontline Strong Together: Mental Health Resources for First Responders

Frontline Strong Together was created in support of Police Officers, Fire Fighters, EMS, Correctional Officers, and their immediate families (FST5). FST5 is the result of collaboration between mental health professionals and first responders. This project aims to help first responders and their families overcome invisible injuries and stress caused by the difficulties of their professions, and to improve the quality of their life and prosperity. The website (<https://fst5.org/>) provides resources, a list of providers with experience in working with first responders, training and more. Check out the website for all the great resources.

From the National Pediatric Disaster Coalition and EIC: “Disasters and Families of Children with Disabilities: What Providers Need to Know.”

This short video, infographic and checklist provides awareness level training for all health care providers who work with children with complex medical needs and their families including hospital and community emergency managers. The toolkit contains a 4-minute English-captioned video to provide training, a one-page infographic summarizing what providers need to know and a teaching checklist for discharge planning or during routine primary care or specialty care visits in hospital or ambulatory care settings. EIC landing page for Provider Materials:

- https://emscimprovement.center/domains/preparedness/asprcoe/eglpcdr/cyshcn/toolkit/need_to_know/
- YouTube Video: <https://youtu.be/SxyZB8Y8hkl>
- One Page Infographic: https://media.emscimprovement.center/documents/Dec_2021_Recommendations_for_Caring_for_Children.pdf

