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Region 6 News

Partners,

I hope you are all enjoying the no-snow weather. Especially since reports and models are showing we are in for it soon.

Although we don't have much to report this week, we are happy to say Region 6 was well represented at the National Healthcare Coalition Preparedness Conference in Anaheim, California. Luke presented in two sessions, one being with Dr. Evans. The two sessions contained a large number of attendees from across the nation.

We will be releasing the updated education schedule shortly, so keep an eye on the website.

2023 AmeriCorps Funding Opportunity Available -**January 4, 2023**

[Americorps](#), in partnership with CDC, launched the [2023 Americorps State and National Grants](#), a \$400 million investment to engage new communities and individuals in public health, recruiting, and building a new workforce ready to respond to the nation's public health needs. Funding is open to nonprofit, faith-based, tribal, and community-based organizations; higher education institutions; and state, local, and territorial government entities, including local public health departments. Applications must be submitted by 5:00 PM ET on Wednesday, January 4, 2023. For additional guidance, contact AmeriCorpsGrants@cns.gov.

Pediatric Readiness Conference **January 24 & 25, 2023 from 12:00-4:00 pm**

Each day of the conference will focus on a different topic. January 24 will address Pediatric Patient Care. Keynote speakers will be Dr. Alicia Kieninger and Dr. Jason Pasley talking about their experiences during their hospital's response during the Oxford High School shooting. January 25 will spotlight Hospital Planning for Pediatrics. The keynote speaker for Wednesday will be Dr. Regina Yaskey, discussing Disaster Preparedness: Planning for Kids. There will be continuing education credits available for nurses, physicians, social workers and EMS. The agenda and MI-TRAIN registration information will be coming out shortly. For questions, please contact Lauren Korte (kortel@michigan.gov).

[2023 Pediatric Readiness Conference-Final.pdf](#)

AWR 232: Mass Fatalities Planning & Response for Rural Communities (Course ID in MI-TRAIN: 1106231) - February 15, 2023

Michigan State Police/EMHSD are sponsoring an 8-hour, DHS/FEMA certified, tuition-free, management levels course. This course helps ensure the safety of individuals with access and functional needs during a crisis event by increasing knowledge among community emergency planners in the area of preparedness. See the PDG below for information and how to register. Registration must be completed by February 1, 2023. Coalitions are highly encouraged to attend this course.

[AWR-232 Fly Mt-Pleasant MI 02.15.23.pdf](#)

MGT 403: Access and Functional Needs Preparedness Planning for Rural Communities (Course ID in MI-TRAIN: 1106341) - April 12, 2023

Michigan State Police is sponsoring an 8-hour, DHS/DEMA certified, tuition-free, awareness-level course. The goal of this course is to teach participants the basics of mass fatality response while providing opportunities to exchange rural perceptions and brainstorm solutions to simulated emergencies. Please see the PDF below for more information. Registration must be completed by March 29, 2023. Coalitions are highly encouraged to attend this course.

[MGT 403 FLY DimondaleMI 04.12.23.pdf](#)

Basic Disaster Life Support IN Person Class

Who: Region 6 Partners **When:** Jan 6, 2023 12:00-4:00 pm

Where: Montcalm Twp ISD

621 New St.

Stanton, MI 48888

BDLS is a 7.5 hour competency-based virtual/In-person awareness-level course that introduces concepts and principles to prepare health professionals for the management of injuries and illnesses caused by disasters and public health emergencies. The primary focus of the BDLS course is in the corporation of an “all-hazards” approach to mass casualties management and population based care across a broad range of disasters.

Basic Disaster Life Support

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.

Course Dates:

03/16/23 1-5 pm

04/08/23 1-5 pm

09/08/23 1-5 pm

10/06/23 1-5 pm

Target Audience: Physicians, Nurses, PA's, EMTs, Paramedics, Pharmacists, Allied Health Professionals, Medical students and Disaster Response Professionals.

Place: Virtual (MS TEAMS)

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

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

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

Contact: judy.wheeler@med.wmich.edu if interested in attending.

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

Questions? Contact:

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For **HOSPITALS, the state will be inactivating the Therapeutics status types in EMResource. The insert is a copy of Damon's email:**

This week we will be inactivating the Therapeutics status types in EMResource and locking down the NHSN ID field. For those facilities that do manual data entry, this will not pose a problem.

For those facilities that do bulk uploads, if they kept the Therapeutics values in their upload, it would cause the uploads to fail once they no longer have a match to receive the data on the EMResource side. They can just delete the columns in the bulk upload template. Since these data elements (therapeutics) are no longer being submitted to HHS, they could be removed from the templates now. Likewise, for the NHSN ID, once it locks down, they won't have rights to update that status type, and it will very likely return a load error. Simply deleting the column will resolve the problem. Again, since the numbers are all entered and verified already, they can delete the column from the upload template now. If a number needs to be changed, they can reach out and we can update as needed.

API facilities will need to modify the coding to eliminate submission of the data elements. The API push will likely process but with errors for the fields that fail. I expect to make these changes on Thursday to avoid the mid-week reporting and still allow time for tweaks.

Please reach out if there are questions.

Thanks.

Public Health Forward: Implementation Guidance from State and Local Health Departments

The [de Beaumont Foundation](#), in collaboration with other public health organizations, recently released [Public Health Forward: Modernizing the U.S. Public Health System](#), a five-year roadmap for public health. The report offers detailed recommendations for policy-makers and public health leaders, shaped by a bipartisan task force of current and former elected officials as well as nonprofit, public health care leaders. The report includes 10 interactive case studies that share real-world experiences, stepwise guidance, useful details, and lessons learned by state and local health departments across the country.

CDC and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) Provide Social Vulnerability Index Update

The [Social Vulnerability Index \(SVI\)](#) was first launched in 2011 by ATSDR Geospatial Research, Analysis, and Services Program (GRASP). GRASP is marking the second decade of the tool with a new interactive map and a new dataset. The CDC/ATSDR SVI can help public health officials and local planners better prepare for and respond to emergency events like hurricanes, disease outbreaks, or exposure to dangerous chemicals. The SVI uses 16 U.S. census variables to help local officials identify communities that may need support before, during, or after disasters.

Infection Prevention and Control: Incorporating Lessons Learned in Managing Special Pathogens

In this recorded webinar speakers from various healthcare facilities representing the [National Emerging Special Pathogens Training and Education Center](#) (NETEC) shared how they have incorporated [lessons learned in infection prevention and control from the COVID-19 pandemic in this webinar](#). For additional related resources, access the [Infectious Disease Resource Page](#).

Pediatric Surge Resources Page

The Pediatric Surge webpage highlights resources identified or developed to help address the current response to the pediatric surge in viral respiratory illnesses impacting hospital capacity starting in the fall of 2022. Additionally, these new ASPR TRACIE tip sheets can help hospitals and regions address pediatric surge:

- [Improving Hospital Pediatric Surge](#)
- [Improving Regional Pediatric Surge](#)

First Responder Resiliency TeleECHO Program

The First Responder Resiliency ECHO Program is aimed at increasing self-care and resiliency in crisis.

This interdisciplinary team, led by a group of subject matter experts including Dr. George Everly, an

internationally acknowledged disaster psychologist, and Dr. Jeff Katzman, a leading expert in trauma and

resiliency, has expertise in a variety of specialties including: critical incidence trauma care, psychiatry,

emergency and pre-hospital medicine, law enforcement mental health, and pastoral care. These sessions are

held **every other Monday from 4:00 - 5:00 PM ET**. Register here:

<https://echo.zoom.us/meeting/register/uJQodu6hqT0jVRvZ4utyvGVvSPZOX5wTmw>

Rural Emergency Preparedness and Response Toolkit

The [Rural Health Information Hub](#) (RHihub), in collaboration with the [NORC Walsh Center for Rural Health Analysis](#), has released the [Rural Emergency Preparedness and Response Toolkit](#). This new toolkit was developed to help rural and tribal communities, healthcare facilities, and other organizations serving rural populations access evidence-based and promising models and resources to support emergency planning, response, and recovery efforts.

From the American Academy of Pediatrics

Caring for Patients in Inpatient and Outpatient Settings During Episodes of Surge. This guidance provides

information for facilities of all sizes and types. Please share this link with your partners.

<https://www.aap.org/en/pages/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-infections/clinical-guidance/caring-for-patients-in-inpatient-and-outpatient-settings-during-episodes-of-surge/>

8 Ways Hospitals Can Prevent a Cyberattack

Cybersecurity experts share the top ways health systems can protect valuable patient data in the article linked below.

[8 Ways Hospitals Can Prevent a Cyberattack Article](#)

Frontline Strong Together

Frontline Strong Together (FST5) is a statewide project committed to optimizing the health and resilience of first responders and their families through training and access to peers, mental health services, and external support. FST5 is a group of professionals with expertise in trauma and stress, who work extensively with first responders, law enforcement, fire, EMS, corrections, 911 dispatchers. You can visit the website [here](#) and a brochure for the program is [here](#)

Pediatric RSV Resources and Tools

The New England region, HHS Region 1, and much of the country, is experiencing an unprecedented number of cases of acute infectious respiratory illnesses in children and infants resulting in significant capacity challenges in many hospitals. Region 1 Disaster Health Response System (RDHRS) is providing access to resources and tools to assist hospitals, clinicians, public health departments and other health professionals in the response to the pediatric surge, <https://www.rdhrs.org/surge-in-pediatric-patients-with-acute-respiratory-infections-resources-and-tools/>.

Stay Well - Mental Health Resources from the State of Michigan

Mental health resources to help through the COVID-19 pandemic are provided by the [Stay Well program](#), a behavioral health partnership led by MDHHS. These resources include the Stay Well counseling line, supportive discussion groups, online workshops, helpful videos and sharable materials to promote resilience and healing.

Explore [this website](#) to discover how Stay Well can help you, your family, coworkers, students, patients and other constituents. To partner with Stay Well, contact Program Manager Erin Wallace at WallaceE3@michigan.gov or 517-242-8125.

- [Flyer_Creative Coping_Holiday season 2022.pdf](#)
- [Flyer_Grief and Loss through the holidays_2022.pdf](#)
- [Flyer_Staying Well through the holidays_Teens Workshop.pdf](#)
- [BLANK- Stay Well_Free Materials Order Form_11-4-22.pdf](#)

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 to sign up can be found in this [link](#).

Recruiting Call for Primary Care Providers in Rural Communities

Please share with Pediatric Champions and other pediatric primary care providers: The American Academy of Pediatrics National Rural Adolescent and Child Health (NRACH) ECHO (Training Center) is recruiting primary care providers who live in or serve rural communities to join an 8-month learning collaborative. The goal of this ECHO is to build the capacity of primary care providers who live in or serve rural and frontier communities to provide quality behavioral and mental health care with a focus on anxiety and depression. Pediatric providers will engage in the ECHO model, a tele-mentoring platform that leverages video conferencing technology to connect experts with primary care teams in local webinar in that all attendees actively participate and learn from each other. Please see the attached for more information

[RPAxietyDepressionECHORecruitmentFlyerFinal.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>

FEMA Seek Feedback on Cyber Incidents Planning Guidance

FEMA wants feedback on the draft "[Planning Considerations for Cyber Incidents: Guidance for Emergency Managers](#)."

[NIMs Alert 23-22 FEMA Seeks Feedback on Cyber Incidents Planning Guidance.pdf](#)

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 Exposure to Subsequently Laboratory-Confirmed Monkeypox Patients—Colorado, 2022](#)

[Signs and Symptoms of Monkeypox](#)

[Recommended PPE](#)

[Cleaning and Disinfection Practices](#)

[Safely Collect Monkeypox Specimens](#)

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](#).

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.

CDP Training in Anniston, AL.

Region 6 staff and other regional partners have committed to attending certain courses at the Center for Domestic Preparedness training center in Anniston Alabama. If you have never been there, this is an awesome opportunity and great training that is fully funded by the federal government.

To apply for any of the courses you must first register for an account. Once your account has been created you may apply to take any of the courses listed, both in-person resident training and online education. Resident training, travel, and food are paid for. There should not be any out-of-pocket cost if accepted to go to this education.

Both Tim and Luke have been to Anniston multiple times and agree the training is excellent.

Below are the courses and dates regional partners, as well as Region 6 HCC staff, will be attending. If you are interested in joining us, please apply for the class as soon as possible.

*****Special note*****

Although your travel, lodging, and food are paid for, your wage is not reimbursed.

Hospital Emergency Response Team- Provider and Train the Trainer February 5-11, 2023 (Luke)

Hospital Emergency Response Team- Provider and Train the Trainer - March 5-11, 2023 (Tim)

Healthcare Leadership for MCI- March 26 - April 1, 2023 (Luke)

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](#).

ASPR TRACIE Evaluation of Hazard Vulnerability Assessment Tools

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.

ASPR TRACIE Disaster Available Supplies in Hospitals (DASH): Demonstration of the DASH Tool

This speaker series recording features ASPR TRACIE's Senior Editor, Dr. John Hick, demonstrating the

[DASH Tool](#). DASH can help hospital emergency managers and supply chain staff estimate supplies that

may need to be immediately available during various mass casualty incidents and infectious disease

emergencies. This recording is part of our [Healthcare System Preparedness Considerations speaker series](#).

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 NDLS course contact Judy Wheeler (judy.wheeler@med.wmich.edu) for the course enrollment code (see course information above).

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 at 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](#)

ASPR TRACIE Resources

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

- Climate Change and Healthcare System Considerations [Report Summary](#), and [Webinar](#)
- [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 tele-marketing 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 EIIC: “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. EIIC landing page for Provider Materials:
- https://emscimprovement.center/domains/preparedness/asprcoe/eglpcdr/cyshcn/toolkit/need_to_know/
- YouTube Video: <https://youtu.be/SxyZB8Y8hkI>
- One Page Infographic: https://media.emscimprovement.center/documents/Dec_2021_Recommendations_for_Caring_for_Children.pdf

Ebola Checklist for Frontline Health Care Facilities

The National Emerging Special Pathogens Training and Education Center (NETEC) developed a checklist for facilities to assess their readiness to identify, isolate, inform, and provide initial treatment for patients suspected or confirmed to have Ebola. The checklist guides facilities through a review of their immediate care capabilities and links to resources that will help improve or fill gaps in preparedness. [Download the checklist here.](#)

New Global Health Communication Resource Available Online

CDC's new [Global Public Health Equity Guiding Principles for Communication](#) resource encourage individuals to adapt and apply these guiding principles when communicating with global partners or when communicating about global public health. Because different words, gestures, images, ideas, and relationships can have different meanings in different countries, this guide can help to recognize and bridge cultural differences. The guide can also enhance the effectiveness of oral and written communication skills.

Subscribe to the Division of Critical Infrastructure Protection's Bulletins

ASPR's [Division of Critical Infrastructure Protection](#) (CIP) offers a variety of newsletters to keep stakeholders informed during emergency response and steady state. The newsletters inform stakeholders of the most significant issues facing the Healthcare and Public Health Sector including cybersecurity, healthcare supply chains, COVID-19, and more. If you are interested in receiving CIP newsletters, visit the [CIP newsletter subscription webpage](#).

Major Radiological or Nuclear Incidents: Potential Health and Medical Implications

This [ASPR TRACIE document](#) (updated in October) provides an overview of the potential health and medical response and recovery needs following a radiological or nuclear incident and outlines available resources for planners.

Healthcare System Cybersecurity: Readiness & Response Considerations

[This readiness and response considerations document](#) (updated in October) can help healthcare facilities—and the systems they may be a part of—understand the roles and responsibilities of stakeholders before, during and after a cyber incident.

Healthcare Cybersecurity Select Lessons Learned

[The ASPR TRACIE TA](#) response was recently updated and includes information on high-profile healthcare cyberattacks over the past five years in the U.S., to include resources and details on the associated impacts and lessons learned from clinical care delivery.

Reuse Tracheostomy Tubes or Switch to Appropriate Alternatives During Shortage: FDA Safety Communication

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is alerting patients, caregivers, and health care providers that there is a shortage of tracheostomy tubes, including Bivona tracheostomy tubes manufactured by ICU Medical. A shortage of Bivona tracheostomy tubes is more likely to impact pediatric patients because the supply of alternative tubes with similar functionality may be limited. The FDA is working closely with manufacturers and other stakeholders to help quickly resolve supply challenges and support availability of these critical devices for patients who need them. A tracheostomy tube is used to help people breathe following a tracheotomy (a surgical procedure that creates a small opening in the neck directly into the windpipe, or trachea). A tracheostomy tube is placed through the neck opening to allow a patient to breathe through the tube instead of through their mouth or nose. Tracheostomy tubes may be cleaned, sanitized, and re-used for single-patient use, as stated in the indications for use. The FDA is aware that manufacturers have experienced difficulties getting raw materials needed to make these products. While there are other [FDA-cleared tracheostomy tubes](#) for pediatric patients, there may not be enough available to adequately mitigate the shortage. The FDA is aware that ICU Medical has sent communications to customers to provide additional details on supply constraints and efforts to reduce the shortage. The FDA is working with manufacturers, Durable Medical Equipment (DME) suppliers, and HHS' Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR) to help manufacturers obtain the needed raw materials and to help expedite supply of tracheostomy tubes that meet the FDA's standards for safety and effectiveness. Learn more at [FDA.gov](#).

Michigan- region 6

The Region 6 Healthcare Coalition was established in 2001 through the MDHHS Bureau of EMS, Trauma and Preparedness. The HP program is designed to work with local partners within the region to prepare hospitals, emergency medical services, and supporting healthcare organizations to deliver coordinated and effective care to victims of terrorism and other public health/ healthcare emergencies.

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