

# Region 6 News



## Special points of interest:

- Education
- Announcements
- Resources

Happy New Year!!!

I trust everyone in the Region had a wonderful holiday season... despite the blizzard.

Many things are going on in the region this month. Please take a moment to look at the newsletter as new educational opportunities and information are updated on every issue. The website is updated daily, as new information comes in, so make sure to keep an eye on that periodically.

As a reminder, Tim and I are accompanying Region 6 partners to the Center for Domestic Preparedness, located in Anniston, Alabama, in the coming weeks and months. This education is free and includes travel and accommodations, including food. There are still spots available in the HERT and Healthcare Leadership class, so if you are interested and can join us, please use the information on page 8 below to register.

Also, next week is the start of the Back to the Basics webinars. In these webinars we will be discussing topics such as ICS, Hazard Vulnerabilities, Exercising and After Action Reports. Please see the flyer below for more information.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact either Tim or I at any time.

### **Education Highlights: pages 2-8**

- **Back to the Basics - various dates in 2023**
- **Pediatric Readiness - Jan. 24 & 25, 2023**
- **Polio Resurgence Webinar- Jan. 11, 2023**
- **Mass Fatalities Planning & Response - Feb. 15, 2023**
- **Access & Functional Needs Preparedness Planning - April 12, 2023**
- **BDLS - various dates in 2023**

### **New Updates:**

- **Screening/Treatment options for Pediatric Suicide**
- **Human Trafficking Series**
- **Homeland Security Conference**
- **FEMA Training to Address Active Shooter**
- **Cybersecurity Information and Podcast**
- **NACCHO360**

## BACK TO THE BASICS: Healthcare Emergency Manager Training



When: Third Tuesday of each month.  
Time: 12:00—1:00 pm

Where: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89689773717>

Through fires, floods, and even pandemics, Healthcare Emergency Managers are consistently challenged to help their organizations plan, train and respond to incidents. In this series of virtual trainings, we will go “back to the basics” by reviewing subjects all healthcare EM’s use. These subjects include:

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| January 17, 2023  | Basics of the Incident Command Structure |
| February 21, 2023 | Hazard Vulnerability Assessments         |
| March 21, 2023    | Exercises                                |
| April 18, 2023    | After Action Reports                     |
| May 16, 2023      | Overview of Crisis Standards of Care     |

**...And More**

## Basic Disaster Life Support™ (BDLS®) - Virtual

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](mailto:judy.wheeler@med.wmich.edu) if interested in attending.

**Register:** Go to [register.ndlsf.org](http://register.ndlsf.org) and search by date.

### Questions? Contact:

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## The Basic Disaster Life Support™ (BDLS®) - IN Person

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 incorporation of an “all-hazards” approach to mass casualty management and population-based care across a broad range of disasters.



### 2023 Course Dates & Registration links:

⇒ February 3rd - Montague Fire Dept. 5085 Wilcox Street

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/basic-disaster-life-support-montague-fire-department-and-r6hcc-tickets-488031012897>

⇒ March 7th - Alpine Township Fire Station 1100 Henze Rd

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/basic-disaster-life-support-mi-region-6-healthcare-coalition-tickets-488013019077>

⇒ April 7th - Montague Fire Dept. 5085 Wilcox Street

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/basic-disaster-life-support-montague-fire-department-and-r6hcc-tickets-488031012897>

## Webinar: Polio Resurgence: Guidance for Health Care Workers – **January 11, 2023**

Polio has once again caught the attention of public health and health care officials after a case of vaccine-derived poliovirus was reported in New York this summer—the first case in the United States in 10 years. In this webinar, provided by NETEC, experts share what healthcare providers need to know about polio vaccines and CDC recommendations, patient management and post-polio syndrome, laboratory testing, and specimen handling and shipment. Continuing education credits are available for this webinar.

[Register for the webinar](#)

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## Testing Supplies Free to Hospitals

Any State of Michigan hospital may order the Cepheid Xpert Xpress SARS-CoV-2/Flu/RSV multiplex cartridges **directly from the CDC**. Please forward this email with the attached ordering form to any hospitals who may be interested and have **each facility complete an ordering form per facility**. The completed forms will need to be sent to the **CDC State Engagement team** at [eocevent588@cdc.gov](mailto:eocevent588@cdc.gov) and **CC Mary Hill** at the CDC at [mzq1@cdc.gov](mailto:mzq1@cdc.gov). Any questions, comments, or concerns please let contact Leonard Uller at [ullerl@michigan.gov](mailto:ullerl@michigan.gov)

[Cepheid Order Request Form.xlsx](#)

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## Medical Response & Surge Exercise (MRSE): Updated Patient Tracking Table in the Exercise Planning and Evaluation Tool

The MRSE Support Team has updated the MRSE Exercise Planning and Evaluation Tool to contain a much-simplified patient tracking table. The Exercise Planning and Evaluation Tool that is currently saved in the Coalition Assessment Tool (CAT) is the most updated tool, and it contains the updated patient tracking table. It is also attached below for your convenience. The MRSE Support Team recommends use of this updated version of the tool when conducting the MRSE.

[UPDATED\\_FINAL\\_MRSE Exercise Planning and Evaluation Tool\\_18AUG22.xlsx](#)

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

Each day of the conference will focus on a different topic:

January 24 will address Pediatric Patient Care.

January 25 will spotlight Hospital Planning for Pediatrics.

BEPESOC is excited to host this conference. There will be continuing education credits available for nurses, physicians, social workers and EMS. Registration is open and attached is information for MI-TRAIN registration (new flier attached with agenda below).

**Registration will close January 20th.** For questions, please contact Lauren Korte ([kortel@michigan.gov](mailto:kortel@michigan.gov)).

Register on MI-TRAIN | Course ID: 1107085

<https://www.train.org/main/course/1107085/conference>

If you do not have a MI-TRAIN account, it is easy to create one at <https://mi.train.org/mi-train/user/register>

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

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## **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](#)

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## **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](#)

## **MGT 439: Pediatric Disaster Response and Emergency Preparedness - February 22 & 23, 2023 / 2 days (16 hours)**

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 course addresses pediatric emergency planning and medical response considerations through a combination of lectures, small group exercises, and a table-top exercise.

### **Topics**

- Introduction to Pediatric Response
- Emergency Management (EM) Considerations
- Implications for Planning and Response
- Functional Access Needs Considerations
- Mass Sheltering
- Pediatric Triage and Allocation of Scarce Resources
- Pediatric Reunification Considerations
- Pediatric Decontamination Considerations

### **Venue**

Jurisdiction

### **Course Length**

Two days (16 hours)

### **Participants**

- Community and Hospital based Emergency Managers
  - EMS Personnel
  - Hospital Administration and Emergency Room Personnel
  - Public Safety / Public Health Personnel
  - School Administrators
  - MRC Personnel
  - Private sector
  - Law Enforcement
  - Disaster response/relief personnel
- County, State, and Federal personnel who respond to a local jurisdiction disaster event

### **Continuing Education Credits**

IACET - 1.6 CEUs

AAFP - 13.25 hours

ENA - 15.5 hours

TX-DSHS-EMS 16.0 hours

**Location:** 1257 E. Beltline Ave NE, Grand Rapids

**Date:** 2/22-23/2023

**Time:** 0800

**POC:** Warren Billett

**Phone:** 616-267-1103

[teex.org/nerrtc](http://teex.org/nerrtc)



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## 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)

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## Screening and Treating Options for Pediatric Suicide QI Collaborative Sign Up Open Now Through **January 13, 2023**

From the National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO): Registration for the upcoming Emergency Department (ED) STOP (Screening and Treating Options for Pediatric) Suicide QI Collaborative is open now through January 13, 2023. The free quality improvement (QI) collaborative aims to empower ED-based teams to optimize care processes for children and adolescents presenting with acute suicidality. [Learn more](#). BETP hopes that each HCC can help promote this through the emergency department contacts (promotional package and materials attached).

[ED STOP Suicide Collaborative flyer.pdf](#)

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[ED STOP Suicide graphic 5.png](#)

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## Updates from the EMS for Children Program

With sustained pediatric respiratory illnesses, including RSV, and flu the children's hospitals in Michigan, across the region and nation remain at capacity. PICUs are full and ED boarding is occurring for many admitted patients. There have been increased encounters with critical, respiratory pediatric patients and it is expected this will continue as flu is now on the rise in Michigan. Please see several opportunities below for just in time (JIT) training on relevant pediatric topics including RSV and respiratory concerns.

[Caring for kids - Tips, Tricks and Triage](#) – 40-minute recorded session with Naomi Ishioka, ER nurse with 20 years of pediatric experience, on the triage of and interaction with children, especially those with respiratory concerns. You do need to be logged into MI-TRAIN for the link provided to work.

[RSV Bronchiolitis](#) – 30-minute recorded session with Dr. Goyal on the management of children with RSV Bronchiolitis.

[RSV information from AAP](#)

[Pediatric Surge Resources & Data](#)

MI Flu Focus – [Week ending Nov, 19, 2022](#)

## **2023 Human Trafficking Virtual Progressive Series Registration is Live in MI-TRAIN -- January 19, 2023**

Human trafficking is a major problem in Michigan. Awareness especially by those in medical roles will help reduce that problem. Please register for this three-part series starting January 19<sup>th</sup> that will cover human trafficking from different perspectives. All are welcome to attend each standalone session, but space will be limited. Also, be sure to register for each session individually. All three sessions can be found here: [2023 Human Trafficking Virtual Progressive Series - MI-TRAIN - an affiliate of the TRAIN Learning Network powered by the Public Health Foundation](#).

See the Save the Date Flyer attached for more information.

[2023 Human Trafficking Flier](#)

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## **Annual EMS for Children Survey – January 2023**

This is a brief, annual survey of all EMS agencies in the United States. Each agency in Michigan will receive an invitation to complete this survey from the EMSC Data Center which has an @utah.edu email address (can be easy to miss, but it is a legit survey). This data will help direct EMS for Children funds, programs, initiatives and support both at the State and National level. EMS agencies can access the survey any time after it opens: [www.emscsurveys.org](http://www.emscsurveys.org). **The survey is open through March 2023.**

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## **Great Lakes Homeland Security Conference – May 9-11, 2023**

The 2023 Great Lakes Homeland Security Conference and Expo will be held May 9 - 11 at the DeVos Place in Grand Rapids, Michigan. It is hosted in partnership by the Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. For more information, check out: [Great Lakes Homeland Security Training Conference & Expo \(michigan.gov\)](#). There will also be a face to face meeting with the local health department EPCs and our Tribal Health partners. Plan to be in Grand Rapids May 8 the entire day. More details to come soon. This will take the place of our May Regional Leadership meeting, that is typically on the 2nd Friday of each month.

## **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.

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## **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.

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## **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](#)

## Hospital ED Pediatric Champion Office Hours Continue

Hospital ED Pediatric Champion Office Hours will resume January 31, 2023.

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### GETs/WPS Information

Sudden communication disruption resulting in network congestion or degradation can be the result of common incidents, such as weather-related events, cyber-attacks, and human errors. These communication disruptions can restrict response times and critical information sharing among essential personnel and organizations. This one-pager is designed to share information about Government Emergency Telecommunications Service (GETS) and Wireless Priority Services (WPS). These federal programs enhance communication during disasters by allowing certain users to have prioritized communication access via wireline commercial networks and some priority of cellular networks and wireless. Please see the attached flyer and share with your partners.

[GETS-WPS one-pager 12-20-22.pdf](#)

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### 2022 National Preparedness Report Released

FEMA released the [2022 National Preparedness Report](#), revealing the impacts that climate change and associated natural disasters continue to have on emergency management capabilities and communities across the country. The report identifies the challenges that emergency managers face in addressing a changing risk environment and how they can meet those challenges to help achieve a more prepared nation. Emergency managers and whole community partners across the nation can look to this year's report to help support decisions about program priorities, resource allocations, and community actions.

## 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/>.

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## FEMA Develops and Delivers Training to Address Active Shooter Incidents

FEMA has developed several courses to help people and communities through training and education. Independent study courses [IS-904: Active Shooter Prevention: You Can Make a Difference](#) and [IS-905: Responding to an Active Shooter: You Can Make a Difference](#), are the first tier of a three-tier process that are part of FEMA's prevention and response efforts to active shooter incidents. IS-904 focuses on reducing the likelihood of active shooter incidents in the workplace, while IS-905 is about responding with resilience and flexibility. For more information about both classes, check out FEMA's [Training Partner Program newsletter](#).

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## Cybersecurity Information and PodCasts

Interested in learning more about cybersecurity? Check out [SANS Internet Storm Center](#). One feature is [podcasts](#), including a 5-minute daily summary of information. They also include tools and data which may be helpful. Please share with partners as appropriate.

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## 2023 NACCHO360 Call for Abstracts

The abstract submission period for the [2023 NACCHO360 Conference](#) is now open. NACCHO 360 will take place both virtually and in-person, July 10–13, 2023 in Denver at the Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel. This year's theme, Elevating Public Health Practice for Today and Tomorrow will explore how the local public health workforce and its stakeholders can move forward in the midst of an ongoing crisis while implementing traditional and innovative approaches to restructure a system built to protect the health of communities nationwide. For more information on the conference and the abstracts visit their website [here](#).

## 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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