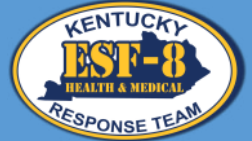




COALITION CORNER

Healthcare Preparedness Newsletter

JULY 2025



Announcements & Updates

BGHCC Member Appreciation Event - Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for our appreciation event and cookout last month! It was fun being able to meet as a team in a more relaxed (and cooler!) atmosphere at our KDPH warehouse. We hope you had an opportunity to meet and interact with some of your fellow BGHCC members and that you found the FORTS mobile-shelter demo interesting and informative. I know many of us also enjoyed seeing Dave take a plunge in the dunking booth! We also had the privilege of recognizing the outstanding efforts and contributions of two long-standing coalition members, Jennifer Bardroff and Candie McMaine. We truly appreciate everything they've done for our coalition and know that those new members filling their shoes will be just as impactful as we continue our preparedness and response efforts.



Water-on-Wheel (WoW) Cart Training - Last week, Dave, myself, and members of the BGHCC Executive Committee performed a WoW Cart training and exercise. We deployed the WoW Cart and a 1000 gallon water tank to a pond in Georgetown. We were able to practice operating the cart by filtering and treating the water, resulting in a source of potable drinking water. This was an excellent opportunity to refamiliarize ourselves with the process and gain some experience with the recently improved and more user-friendly plumbing of the cart. Our cart, and those of KDPH, were most recently deployed to Asheville following the flooding from Hurricane Helene, so getting additional hands-on experience with this essential asset will ensure we are ready and capable of using them for the next disaster need. We want to give a special thanks to Gene Thomas for wading into the murky water to help make this happen!



Epi Updates

Lexington-Fayette Co. - This summer has brought some unusual diseases, events, and outbreaks to investigate in Lexington-Fayette Co.: 6 confirmed measles cases, all in the same unvaccinated household. No additional contacts were identified; A large salmonella outbreak of more than 50 cases reported statewide, connected to eating custard-based pies; 10 carbon monoxide poisonings, including one death, due to apartment complex leak; Several childcares are reporting hand, foot, mouth in their facilities; Two laboratory-confirmed cases of Typhoid Fever (salmonella Typhi) in children, with source investigation still on-going; Confirmed case of hantavirus in person exposed to rodent droppings.

Capital Region - 3 confirmed measles case from Woodford county. Contacts followed and notification posted in public areas. No other cases that we are aware of at this time. Revamping back-to-school vaccination clinics in most health centers; Enteric cases rising as summer months continue; Capital region also impacted by the Salmonella outbreak Lexington-Fayette Co. experienced; Investigated interesting cluster of Histoplasmosis in primates along with Fish & Wildlife and CDC; Hand, foot, and mouth disease is still very prevalent and daycares/providers are urged to diagnose and differentiate with other rash conditions.

Bluegrass Region - Hand, foot, and mouth outbreak in daycare; Starting to see a few COVID cases in the area; Increase in enteric cases

Important Dates

August 5th

August Triage
Tuesday

August 11th

BG MRC
Subcommittee
Meeting

August 19th & 20th

KDPH Preparedness
Summit

August 28th

BGHCC Meeting @
Lex.-Fayette Co. HD

September 9th

BGHCC SLC Meeting

Upcoming Trainings & Exercises

August 12th & 13th

G288 Local
Volunteer &
Donations Mgmt.
(see KYEM website)

August 14th

NDMS Bed-Reporting
Exercise

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