



COALITION CORNER

Healthcare Preparedness Newsletter

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Announcements & Updates

Coalition Member Appreciation Event - Dave and I would like to invite our coalition members to an appreciation event on June 26th at Jacobson Park. More details are to come regarding the activities planned, but we primarily wanted to take this opportunity to show our thanks for everything you all do to support emergency preparedness and response within our region. This event will replace our regularly scheduled coalition meeting in June and lunch will be provided. We look forward to seeing you there!



BGHCC MOU - Last month, we sent our coalition member primary contacts a BGHCC Memorandum of Understanding. As outlined in the email sent, this MOU is not a legally binding agreement. It is simply an agreement of mutual support between the coalition and its members regarding emergency preparedness and response activities. It outlines the benefits of membership and the expectations we request our members meet to demonstrate active participation within the coalition. If you received this email and have yet to sign the MOU using the link provided, please do so, unless you have questions or concerns that need to be addressed. If you're uncertain whether your organization received the MOU, please reach out to me or Dave for follow-up.

Recurring Patient-Tracking Training - We continue to promote our patient-tracking system and process, and encourage our members to practice using the system to be better prepared for real-world events. However, finding opportunities to train staff at the many agencies in our coalition and around our region has been difficult at times, and this is further complicated by staff turnover who may leave their organization without this knowledge having been shared. In an effort to overcome these difficulties, I plan to begin offering quarterly, virtual patient-tracking training which our member agencies' staff can attend as an initial or refresher training. A registration link will be provided ahead of the scheduled dates and times. If you have thoughts or suggestions on how to make this most effective, please don't hesitate to send them my way.

Epi Updates

Lexington-Fayette: Flu and COVID continue to decrease in March, but there has been an increase in LTC outbreaks of COVID-19; Fayette Epis helped with contact tracing for a confirmed measles case - the incubation period for those exposed to the confirmed measles case ended with no new cases; We had another rabid skunk this month and the affected individual was given post-exposure prophylaxis; Our pertussis outbreak continues...; Norovirus is very prevalent this month.

News to Know

Another round of weather will arrive Wednesday into Wednesday night including wind gusts of about 40 MPH and then severe storms Wednesday evening into the overnight with possible large hail, strong tornadoes, and damaging winds. The highest probabilities are in western, southcentral, and central Kentucky. This same area has a excessive rain outlook, with a Level 2 of 4 Flash Flood Risk due to additional periods of showers and storms through Friday - possibly into the weekend. Over the next seven days, some areas in central Kentucky could see 6-8 inches of total rainfall, with flooding possible along the Ohio, Green, and Little Rivers. Details in the [NWS Louisville Media Briefing](#) and the [NWS Paducah](#) slides.

Important Dates

April 1st

April Triage Tuesday

April 16th-17th

MRC Volunteer Summit

April 24th

BGHCC Mtng. @ Eastside Public Library in Lexington

April 30th

Harrison Memorial & Harrison EMS - First Responders Symposium

Upcoming Trainings & Exercises

April 8th-10th

ICS 300 @ UK's 90 Building

April 10th

NDMS Bed-Reporting Exercise

May 15th

BGHCC Medical Response Surge Exercise

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