



COALITION CORNER

Healthcare Preparedness Newsletter

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Announcements & Updates



Spring First Responder Symposium - On April 30th, Harrison Memorial and Harrison Co. EMS hosted a symposium highlighting local and regional trauma response. April Anderson, Trauma Program Coordinator at Harrison Memorial, gave a presentation on “Small Town Trauma” and the lessons learned from their recent full-scale exercise.



Dr. Andrew Bernard, Trauma Medical Director at UKHC, spoke about his vision for a state-wide trauma system and also on the prehospital procedures that truly matter when providing trauma care. Other presenters included Chief Jeremy Creason, Mayfield Fire & EMS Director, who recounted the devastation and challenges of the 2021 tornado impact, and Cynthiana Fire Chiefs, Bob Chafee and Charles Carson, who demonstrated patient treatment with entrapment vehicle extraction.



BGHCC Summer Intern - Please join us in welcoming our new Summer intern, Ghazal Jawed. Ghazal is currently at UK completing her Masters in Public Health Epidemiology. Her undergraduate was completed at Transy where she earned a B.S. in Neuroscience. She is also a music scholar and plays the French horn. She has served as a Clinical Research and Patient Flow Coordinator at Stanford University Cancer Center in Palo Alto, CA for 2 years and served as a Medical Scribe at Baptist Health in Lexington. Having a role with the Bluegrass Healthcare Coalition over the Summer will give her a glimpse of disaster response from a Public Health perspective.



FORTS Mobile Unit - KDPH recently acquired 4 rapid-deployment, fold-out FORTS mobile units. These units are highly adaptable structures suitable for many uses, from patient triage and treatment to Incident Command. When fully collapsed, the FORTS units are easily transported on their specifically outfitted mobilizer trailer. They assemble quickly with as few as two individuals and have built-in utilities such as HVAC and lighting.



Please join us for our **BGHCC Member Appreciation Cookout on June 26th, from 11:30am-2:00pm at Jacobson Park in Lexington** during which we will demo the deployment and repackaging of this new regional asset.

Epi Updates



Lexington-Fayette Co. - Cases of Influenza and COVID continue to decline; Tickborne diseases have been increasing, so protect yourself if outside; Continuing to surveil for cases of legionellosis; Dr. Crystal Miller, formerly director of the WEDCO District Health Department, was appointed as the LFCHD Commissioner of Health and will start in late June.

Important Dates

June 3rd

June Triage Tuesday

June 26th

BGHCC Member Appreciation Cookout at Jacobson Park in Lexington

July 1st

July Triage Tuesday

July 8th

BGHCC SLC Meeting

Upcoming Trainings & Exercises

June 12th

NDMS Bed-Reporting Exercise

July 16th-17th

ICS 400 at UK's EOC

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