



# EVHC READY

The Eastern Region's Pulse On Healthcare Emergency Preparedness

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## Communications

### Preparing for effective communications during disasters....World Health Organization...

There are 149 member nations who look to the World Health Organization (WHO) for assistance during disasters. WHO undertook a quality improvement project to learn the best practices that could be used to improve protocols for disaster communications. While some of these may not apply directly to some of our practices, there is valuable information that can help us better prepare. Having pre-written instructions/communications available, keeping contact information up to date for both staff and residents, and ensuring everyone has been trained can speed notifications in the event of a disaster. [link](#)

### Deadly Legionnaires' Disease outbreak...remains a mystery

Residents in a Portland Oregon senior apartment complex are still getting sick with Legionnaires' Disease after six months. Health officials are trying to pinpoint the source but are not having any luck. Since last January 13 residents have been diagnosed with Legionnaires' Disease, some have been hospitalized and one has died. To learn more, please follow the [link](#)

### It's Summertime!

Just a reminder that older adults are more prone to heat-related health problems. Please remind them to stay cool, hydrated, and take it easy! For more information please follow the [link](#)



## **Vaccine Record Self-Service Portal**

**(NEW) Vaccine Record Self-Service Portal** A self-service portal is now live and accessible via [Vaccinate.Virginia.gov](https://vaccinate.virginia.gov) to view COVID-19 vaccination records. Access to the records requires two-factor verification. The record can be saved and printed or downloaded as a PDF. The vaccination record will only show COVID-19 immunizations, regardless of if the individual has additional vaccinations listed in VIIS

Vaccines administered and not reported in VIIS (e.g., out-of-state vaccinations, vaccinations administered by federal entities not reporting to VIIS) will not reflect in the self-service portal. This portal is not intended to be a “vaccine passport” but serves as a way to prove COVID-19 immunization if needed.

## **CMS changes for home health**

CMS issued a proposed rule that accelerates the shift from paying for home health services based on volume, to a system that incentivizes value and quality. They are also looking for feedback on ways to attain health equity for all patients through policy solutions, including enhancing reports on Medicare/Medicaid dual eligible, disability status, people who are LGBTQ+; and more. For more information please follow the [link](#)

## **CMS Changes for ESRD patients**

CMS has also proposed changes to reduce health care disparities among patients with chronic kidney disease and end-stage renal disease. The proposed actions attempt to close health equity gaps by provided Medicare patients who have end-stage renal disease better access to care. For more information follow the [link](#)

## **Emergency Operations Planning**

### **Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP)**

COOP planning is used to address how critical operations will continue after a disaster or major event. The COOP plan looks at emergencies from an all-hazards approach. It will establish policies and guidance to ensure the critical functions of an operation continue, that personnel and resources are relocated, and that operations can continue with minimal interruptions. [link](#)

### **FEMA and FCC Plan a Nationwide Emergency Alert Test**

In coordination with the Federal Communications Commission, FEMA will conduct a nationwide test to assess the capabilities of the [Emergency Alert System](#) and [Wireless Emergency Alert](#) at **2:20 p.m. ET on Aug. 11 with a backup date of Aug. 25.**

The Emergency Alert System test is made available to Emergency Alert System participants (i.e., radio and television broadcasters, cable systems, satellite radio and television providers and wireline video providers) and is scheduled to last approximately one minute. The test message will be similar to regular monthly test messages with which the public is familiar.



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## Training and Exercise

### Medical Preparedness & Response for Bombing Incidents

The **Tidewater EMS Council** and **Hampton Roads MMRS** are pleased to host Texas A&M Engineering Extension (TEEX) Service in coordination with the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) to deliver the Medical Preparedness & Response for Bombing Incidents (MGT-348 see flyer attached).

This course is intended for members of emergency response as well as other city and county services that become part of a community response to a bombing incident.

**Prerequisites – FEMA/SID Number**

**Course Length – Two days (8:00 – 5:00)**

**Class Size – Minimum of 30 participants**

**WHEN: August 16-17, 2021**

**WHERE: DELTA HOTELS, 725 Woodlake Dr. Chesapeake, VA 23320**

“For registration to attend the August 16-17, 2021 Medical Preparedness and Response for Bombing Incidents MGT-348 course hosted by Tidewater EMS Council to be held at the Chesapeake Delta by Marriott, **please utilize the TEEX student portal (see the link below). Creating a username and password will eliminate the need to fill out registration paperwork in class and will be the same site you will log in to after successful completion of the class to view and print your certificate.**

Chesapeake VA MGT-348 course delivery

<https://my.teex.org/TeexPortal/Default.aspx?MO=mCourseCatalog&D=FP&C=MGT348&S=596>

If you have any questions or problems accessing this site please contact our customer service associate Natalie Lopez [Natali.Lopez@teex.tamu.edu](mailto:Natali.Lopez@teex.tamu.edu) or student worker Katie Ray [Katie.ray@teex.tamu.edu](mailto:Katie.ray@teex.tamu.edu) ”



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## **Medical Counter Measures Point of Distribution Planning and Training class**

EVHC is hosting a MGT 319 Medical Counter Measures Point of Dispensing (POD) Planning and Training class here in Chesapeake. The class will be held on Monday August 9<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday August 10 here in the TEMS classroom. We have a tight turnaround time and need students registered by July 16. Please share with MRC Coordinators, and anyone else you think would benefit from the training. Please contact Mary Morton **no later than July 15<sup>th</sup>** at [mmorton@vaems.org](mailto:mmorton@vaems.org) if you are interested.

## **Upcoming Training**

- Exercise and Training workgroup meeting: Wednesday, July 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 – if you are interested in participating in the workgroup please email Mary at [mmorton@vaems.org](mailto:mmorton@vaems.org)
- Lunch and Learn: Lunch and Learn with Larry Sigler, Director of Food Safety, Waffle House. August 12<sup>th</sup>.
- ICS 400 August 18-19 at TEMS Contact 757-963-0632

## **Cyber Security**

### **ICS Medical Advisory (ICSMA-21-175-01)**

Philips Interoperability Solution XDS. Successful exploitation of this vulnerability could allow an attacker to read the LDAP system credentials by gaining access to the network channel used for communication. This risk applies to configurations using LDAP via TLS and where the domain controller returns LDAP referrals. See [link](#) for more information.

### **CISA's CSET Tool Sets Sights on Ransomware Threat**

CISA released a new module in its Cyber Security Evaluation Tool (CSET): the Ransomware Readiness Assessment (RRA). CSET is a desktop software tool that guides network defenders through a step-by-step process to evaluate their cybersecurity practices on their networks. See [link](#) for further information.

### **CISA-FBI Guidance for MSPs and their customers affected by the KASEYA VSA supply-chain ransomware attack.**

The supply-chain ransomware attack on Friday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> caused a vulnerability in the Kaseya RMM tool against multiple managed service providers and their customers. Please follow the [link](#) to learn more.