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VHASS Changes are coming!

We continually look for ways to improve the services VHEMP delivers to healthcare members and partners - we are launching an updated VHASS.org website on the morning of **Wednesday, October 6, 2021.**

VHASS.org will remain the URL and will be hosted by the same vendor. Furthermore, we were able to move over all of the existing tabs and content; however, it may look different or have a different location.



Communications

'We Have to Do Better for People With Kidney Disease,' Say Experts

Source Medscape: The care of patients with chronic kidney disease (CKD) must be overhauled, say experts as they outline a list of key priorities designed to improve kidney health across the United States. A call to action has been published as part of a joint statement, "Shared Viewpoint – Developing the Future of Kidney Care," by the National Kidney Foundation and Optumlabs, in the Journal of General Internal Medicine. To read more please follow the [link](#).

'We've Got to Have Set Standards': Increased Standardization Likely Coming to Home Care

Source: Home Health Care News: With more eyes than ever on the home care industry, experts are trying to read the tea leaves to determine if greater standardization will eventually follow. Once considered the "youngest kid" in the larger health care continuum, home care has been ushered into the spotlight over the past couple of years. A few things have activated home care's growth spurt, Vicki Hoak, executive director of the Home Care Association of America (HCAOA), told Home Health Care News. For more information follow the [link](#).

Emergency Operations Planning

Resource Typing

What is resource typing and why is it important? The FEMA definition is "Resource typing is the categorization and description of resources that are commonly exchanged in disaster via mutual aid, by capacity and/or capability." In other words, all fire trucks are the same, just like all people aren't. When you have a disaster and need assistance you need to be specific. For example; your facility needs water, so you call the RHCC and say "I need water for my facility," can you help? We are going to have several questions: What do you need the water for? Drinking, Cooking, or to flush toilets? How much do you need? Do you want pallets, a container, a truck full? Do you need potable or non-potable? If it's for drinking how many people are you providing water for? All of these questions are necessary to place the correct order. Maybe your community needs help, we're going to need to know what type of help. Maybe you need PPE, we're going to need to know exactly what type, how many people, and how long before your supply runs out. The bottom line; make sure you know exactly what you need, how long or how many, and that the person who is making the request will be able to answer additional questions if needed. For more information follow the [link](#).

Poynter- Our Emergency Response Capacity

Source: Poynter, At first, the oxygen shortage was just liquid oxygen. But now, hospitals in Florida, Mississippi, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and West Virginia are running



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short of oxygen supplies. Some places are down to just a day or two's worth of supplies. Donna Cross, senior director of facilities and construction at Premier, a health care performance improvement company, told CNN:

“Normally, an oxygen tank would be about 90% full, and the suppliers would let them get down to a refill level of 30-40% left in their tank, giving them a three- to five-day cushion of supply,” said Cross. “What’s happening now is that hospitals are running down to about 10-20%, which is a one- to two-day supply on hand, before they’re getting backfilled.”

Even when they’re getting backfill, it’s only a partial supply of about 50%, Cross said. “It is very critical situation.” For more information, please use the following [link](#)

PHE – Division of Critical Infrastructure Protection

Source Public Health Emergency, Division of Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP); Within the HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR), the CIP is there helping to protect the nation’s health infrastructure against threats, to manage risks, and coordinate effective response. To learn more about the CIP please follow the [link](#).

Training and Exercise

Lunch and Learn

EVHC will be hosting a lunch and learn session with Sarah Smith from Virginia Occupational Safety and Health Program. Sarah will be talking about Respiratory Protection Plans and why you need one. Please join us on Thursday, October 14th from 12:00 – 1:00 on our Zoom platform. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83746343132>

Quarterly Tabletop Series

EVHC will be hosting our second quarter tabletop series for those who need exercise for their CMS surveys or just want to test their plans. The exercises will be held on Fridays in October. We still have five spots available on 10/15, and one spot on 10/22. Please use the following link to register for an exercise. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4DA8A72DA7F4C52-quarterly>

ICS 300-400 Classes

There are two opportunities to get ICS 300 this fall.

- Tidewater EMS (TEMS) Council will be hosting ICS 300 October 19-21 from 0800-1700 at the TEMS Office at 1104 Madison Plaza, Chesapeake. Contact Tonya Cook at 757-963-0632 or check the calendar for more information. [link](#)



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- Norfolk International Airport will be hosting ICS 300 November 16-18 from 8:00-5:00 at Norfolk Airport, 2200 Norview Avenue. Contact Tamara DelRosario for more information at tamara.delrosario@vdem.virginia.gov

ICS 400 will be offered in December and January.

- Tidewater EMS (TEMS) Council will be hosting ICS 400 December 1st and 2nd 0800-1700 at the TEMS Office at 1104 Madison Plaza, Chesapeake. Contact Tonya Cook at 757-963-0632 or check the calendar for more information [link](#)
- Norfolk International Airport will be hosting ICS 400 January 11th and 12th from 8:00-5:00 at Norfolk Airport, 2200 Norview Avenue. Contact Tamara DelRosario for more information at tamara.delrosario@vdem.virginia.gov

CISA Annual National Cybersecurity Summit

CISA will host its fourth annual National Cybersecurity Summit on Wednesdays during the month of October. The 2021 Summit will be held as a series of four virtual events bringing stakeholders together in a forum for meaningful conversation:

- Oct. 6 - Assembly Required: The Pieces of the Vulnerability Management Ecosystem
- Oct. 13 - Collaborating for the Collective Defense
- Oct. 20 - Team Awesome: The Cyber Workforce
- Oct. 27 - The Cyber/Physical Convergence

Register for this free summit and read more about the presentations at [CISA.gov/cybersummit2021](https://www.cisa.gov/cybersummit2021).

Cyber Security

CISA, FBI, and NSA Release Joint Cybersecurity Advisory on Conti Ransomware

Source CISA: The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) and FBI observed the increased use of Conti ransomware in more than 400 attacks on U.S. and international organizations. For details please follow the [link](#).



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Source: Hartford Courant, Legionnaires' disease is a type of pneumonia often caused by breathing in aerosolized water that contains the Legionella bacteria, which is normally found in freshwater lakes or streams but also can grow in the water systems inside buildings, like showers and sinks, if safety protocols are not followed. The disease does not usually affect healthiest people, but people more than 50 years old, current or former smokers, those with lung diseases and those with weakened immune systems are most at risk — making nursing homes particularly dangerous locations for the bacteria to spread, public health officials have said. For more information, please use the following [link](#)

Mental Health Awareness

Mental Health First Aid

Source: Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) Monthly Newsletter; As the weather begins to cool and the days become shorter, many of us will welcome Fall with open arms. Fall tends to be a busier time for many – last minute trips, children are back in school and we mentally prepare and plan for the holiday seasons ahead. September is National Suicide Prevention and Recovery Month. MHFA has shared some tips, tools, and resources to help people with self-care and how to support loved ones as they cope with some of the trauma caused by COVID-19. Please the MHFA website for information. [link](#)

Block Club- Mental Health Emergency Teams

Source: Block Club Chicago, “Let’s keep moving in that direction to really make sure that we are defending the public mental health clinics that exist, that we’re growing and expanding the services that they offer, and that they are playing an integral role in this non-law enforcement mental health first responder program,” Ramirez-Rosa said.

Matt Richards, deputy commission for behavioral health at the health department, said people experiencing immediate trauma may require an emergency room visit, but the goal is to provide other resources better situated to serve individual needs, including drug rehab clinics and inpatient and outpatient mental health clinics. For more information, please use the following [link](#)