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New Jersey Healthcare Coalitions Newsletter

IV Solution Shortage

Summary:

On September 29th, Baxter, a major IV Solution manufacturer, announced their North Carolina-based production plant would be temporarily closed as a result of flooding related to Hurricane Helene.

Baxter's plant accounts for 60% of domestically produced IV Solution in the U.S. Healthcare providers are encouraged to review medical supply rationing plans, inform staff of the ongoing disruption, and contact other IV Solution vendors.

As of writing, Baxter's North Carolina plant is seeking to be fully operational again by the end of the year. In the interim, federal and private industry partners have continued to support increased IV Solution production, more information can be found below in our most recent [IV Solution Shortage messaging](#).

Suggested guidance can be found linked below in the *Additional Resources* section.

What the Coalitions Are Doing:

The NJ Healthcare Coalitions are continuing to survey all HCC members across the state to better understand how this disruption might impact patient care. Additionally, the Coalitions have been in close contact with emergency management staff at the NJ Department of Health and other partners across the country. All information obtained by the EM Support Staff will continue to be shared with NJHCC members via our typical communication channels.

We encourage you to review the linked resources below and to reach out to your municipal/county offices of emergency management

(OEM) if you're facing an emergency due to a supply shortage. Click [here](#) to access the NJOEM County Coordinator directory.

Additional Resources:

- [NJHCC's Most Recent IV Solution Shortage Messaging](#)
 - Our team's compilation of resources, news articles, amongst other relevant media related to the IV Solution shortage.
 - **Please Note:** This information was originally distributed on 10/17/2024.
- [NJHCC Survey - IV Solution Shortages Survey](#)
 - Your feedback assists our team and NJDOH Staff in better understanding how this disruption is impacting healthcare services across New Jersey.
- [Fact Sheet: HHS Continues Taking Action to Increase Access and Supply of IV Fluids Following Hurricane Helene](#)
 - HHS, Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) continue to use all available authorities to protect patients, support supply, and keep stakeholders informed, in partnership with manufacturers, distributors, hospitals, and other stakeholders. [Additionally, HHS is announcing additional information about the airlift of Baxter products into the U.S. from international facilities, with first flights scheduled for October 19.](#)
- [Disaster Available Supplies in Hospitals \(DASH Tool\)](#)
 - Disaster Available Supplies in Hospitals (DASH) is an interactive tool that can help hospital emergency planners and supply chain staff estimate supplies that may need to be immediately available during various mass casualty incidents (MCI) and infectious disease emergencies based on hospital characteristics.
- [ECRI Functional Equivalents Report - Baxter IV Solutions](#)
 - ECRI has developed a running list of functionally equivalent products that can replace Baxter IV Solution products should you be running low on Baxter products.

- [Ways to Conserve and Manage IV Solutions and Products](#)
 - Updated guidance and product information from Baxter.

Featured Updates and Resources

Virtual Statewide Coalition Meeting November 14th, 2024 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

The NJHCC EM Support Team will be facilitating a virtual statewide coalition meeting that will feature subject matter experts on topics related to emergency management.

Please stay tuned for additional information, including a formal agenda, speaker, and topic announcements.

[Register for the Virtual Statewide HCC Meeting Here](#)

Confirmed Secondary Cases of Measles in New Jersey (NJLINCS)

On October 10, 2024, The New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) Communicable Disease Service reported a laboratory confirmed case of measles in a Monmouth County resident with recent international travel. As of October 17, two secondary cases of confirmed measles have been identified (Monmouth and Middlesex Counties). Both individuals had close contact with the index case. Both individuals had been under quarantine minimizing additional potential exposures. All three cases associate with this situation are unvaccinated.

The NJDOH continues to work in collaboration with local health officials to identify and notify people who might have been exposed during the time the individuals were infectious.

As of October 17, 2024, a total of three cases related to the initial event have been identified. Secondary cases would be expected to occur no later than November 7. Therefore, the NJDOH requests healthcare providers maintain vigilance for measles among patients who meet the clinical criterion for measles (generalized maculopapular rash lasting 3 or more days, fever at least 101°F (38.3°C), and cough, coryza, or conjunctivitis). Take a detailed history to determine the individual's travel history, contact with travelers or other possible exposures, vaccination status, and detailed history of present illness including symptoms,

symptom onset dates and rash progression. Report all patients that are suspected of having measles IMMEDIATELY to local health department where the patient resides or, if not available, to the NJDOH.

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ILA Port Strike Suspended Until January 15th, 2025

(AP News)

Some 45,000 dockworkers at East and Gulf coast ports are returning to work after their union reached a deal to suspend a strike that could have caused [shortages and higher prices](#) if it had dragged on.

The International Longshoremen's Association is suspending its three-day strike until Jan. 15 to provide time to negotiate a new contract. The union and the U.S. Maritime Alliance, which represents ports and shipping companies, said in a joint statement that they have reached a tentative agreement on wages.

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NJHCC Orientation Packet 2024-2025 1st Edition

(NJHCC EM Support Team)

Following several months of development, feedback, and resource vetting we are pleased to announce the first edition of the NJHCC Orientation Packet is now available via digital download.

The purpose of this resource is to introduce new and existing emergency managers, healthcare preparedness staff, and other partners to the purpose behind the Coalitions, in addition to providing a compendium of preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery resources.

We'd like to emphasize that this is the first edition, this resource is a living document, and we encourage all forms of feedback as we continue to regularly update and tailor it to benefit all NJHCC members.

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Upcoming NJHCC Membership Meetings

The Coalition Support Team is excited to announce our next set of in-person meetings, as a reminder these meetings are scheduled for approximately 2 hours.

Each meeting will feature updates and discussions from our Coalition members, partners, and guest speakers who will be discussing relevant and timely emergency management and preparedness topics.

Please Note:

The October HCC In-Person meetings will heavily focus on our regional hazard vulnerability assessments (HVAs). We highly encourage all members to attend and contribute to these assessments as they will assist the NJHCC Leadership and Support Team in developing and revising our regional response and specialty annex plans, in addition to identifying targeted training opportunities.

North HCC In-Person Meeting

October 17th, 2024
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Registration
Closed

North HCC Breakdown:

Bergen, Essex, Hudson,
Morris, Passaic, Sussex,
and Warren

Central HCC In-Person Meeting

October 21st, 2024
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Registration Open

Central HCC Breakdown:

Hunterdon, Mercer,
Middlesex, Monmouth,
Ocean, Somerset, and
Union

South HCC In-Person Meeting

October 24th, 2024
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Registration Open

South HCC Breakdown:

Atlantic, Burlington,
Camden, Cape May,
Cumberland, Gloucester,
and Salem

Current Events in Emergency Management and Healthcare



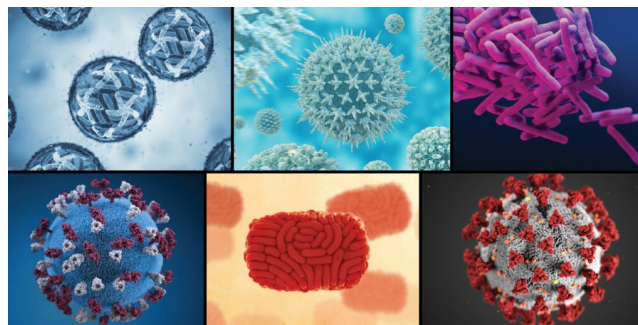
WRAP-EM Playbook Offers Strategies, Resources During Pediatric Surge

(WRAP-EM)

The Western Regional Alliance for Pediatric Emergency Management (WRAP-EM) Pediatric Surge Playbook is live. This playbook is designed to provide considerations, potential response strategies, and supporting resources for the most common major challenges experienced by healthcare organizations and interagency groups during pediatric surge. In particular, it takes a “just in time” and “how-to” approach in its formatting and organizational design to allow for quick reference and use during pediatric surge incidents.

The Western Regional Alliance for Pediatric Emergency Management, ([WRAP-EM](#)), is a PPN network partner and a [Pediatric Disaster Center of Excellence](#) affiliated with [UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospitals](#) and [UC Davis Health](#).

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The Next Pandemic: Not If, but When

(Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health)

As new cases of bird flu and other [infectious diseases](#) continue to raise concern, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health researchers share their perspectives on recognizing, preparing for, and managing future outbreaks.

In recent months, with [COVID-19](#) receding for many into less of an existential threat and more of an accepted undercurrent to daily life, a new infectious disease outbreak—H5N1 avian flu virus, or bird flu—started making headlines as it spread among dairy cows and poultry in the U.S. and infected a small number of farmworkers. Against this backdrop, we asked five Harvard Chan School researchers to weigh in on what we learned (or didn't learn) from the COVID pandemic, what their main worries are regarding current and future infectious disease risks, and what steps we should be taking to minimize risks going forward.

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How the AquaFence Protected Tampa's Hospital During Helene

(The Washington Post)

As surging water from Hurricane Helene inundated the Tampa Bay area Thursday, Tampa General Hospital stayed dry, thanks to a temporary floodwall that protected the hospital.

In a video posted by the hospital, which sits on an island in Hillsborough Bay, a fence several feet tall keeps the floodwaters at bay as Helene churns through the area.

The floodwall was made by AquaFence, a Norwegian company that supplies industrial-grade, watertight barriers that can be rapidly deployed in a flood.

“We can confirm the AquaFence worked effectively to prevent the storm surge in Tampa Bay from flooding the TGH main campus on Davis Islands,” Jennifer Crabtree, vice president of corporate communications and chief of staff at the hospital, wrote in a statement.

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Additional Readings and Resources

[Weekly COVID Report \(NJDOH\)](#)

[Weekly Vector-borne Surveillance Report \(NJDOH\)](#)

[National Preparedness Report \(FEMA\)](#)

[Guidelines for the Control of Respiratory Virus Outbreaks in Long-Term Care and Other Institutional Settings \(NJDOH\)](#)

Webinars and Independent Training Opportunities



L0146: Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP)

Location: Somerset County Emergency Services Academy
402 Roycefield Rd, Hillsborough Twp. NJ, 08844

Dates: October 29th and 30th, 2024

Time: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Course Overview

This 2-days course is designed to introduce participants to the fundamentals of exercise design. Emergency managers, emergency services personnel, and individuals who are part of the emergency preparedness communities at all levels of government, private sector, or volunteer organizations need to be able to use the fundamentals of exercise simulation and design as an integrated system of resources and capabilities.

Course Competencies:

- Components of the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP)
- Exercise process application
- Comprehensive exercise program (exercise program management) application
- Exercise design steps application
- Major accomplishments in designing and implementing an exercise.
- Purpose and application of various exercise documents
- Tabletop, functional, and full-scale exercises
- Exercise design applications for tabletop, functional, and full-scale exercises

[**Access the NJOEM Training Flyer Here**](#)

[**Register for the HSEEP Course Here**](#)



**AHEM's Expert Panel Series
Lessons from the COVID War**

When: Wednesday, October 30th, 4:00 - 5:30 PM EST

Where: Virtual Webinar via Zoom

- The Academic Healthcare Emergency Management Consortium's (AHEM) fourth-panel discussion brings together an exceptional panel of national leaders with unparalleled experience and expertise in national affairs and crisis management to dive into a retrospective analysis of the COVID War.
- Panelists will explore COVID's origins and aftermath and the actions we must undertake now, before the next pandemic, to escape a similar fate.
- What is the machinery of execution that enables a nimble and transparent national crisis response?
- How can an anxious society navigate a treacherous path toward a dangerous future?

[Register for the AHEM Webinar Here](#)

Additional Webinars and Training Resources

[LSU NCBRT/Academy of Counter-Terrorist Education -](#)

[World Cup Training](#)

[New Jersey Learning Management Network Upcoming Courses](#)

[FEMA Region 2 Preparedness Recorded Webinars](#)

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Additional Resources



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COVID-19 Information Hub



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