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HEALTHCARE COALITIONS

New Jersey Healthcare Coalitions Newsletter

November 29th, 2024

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](#).

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.

Recent Updates from Baxter:

- Pertinent Updates from Baxter as of 11/26/2024
 - In follow-up to Baxter's communication on Nov. 11 regarding anticipated increases in allocations for U.S. IV products, today Baxter confirmed with customers new allocation levels for several IV product groups, effective today, Nov. 26. Customers are advised that there is a typical 1 to 2-week lag time for product to flow through the full distribution network after allocation changes are implemented.
 - Barring any unanticipated developments, Baxter expects to share details on planned, phased increases in allocations again in mid-December and at year-end, which includes reaching 100% allocation across several IV product codes by the end of 2024.
 - Baxter's ability to adjust allocation levels is based on 1) the current and projected status of our North Cove remediation efforts, 2) our expectations regarding our ability to reallocate capacity from other Baxter facilities, and 3) temporary importation of certain products.
 - Baxter added that this is a special update regarding Baxter's progress on Supply Continuity for IV solutions in the United States. Baxter's regular updates regarding its progress to restore operations at its North Cove, N.C., site following Hurricane Helene will resume the week of Dec. 2.

[Access Baxter's Hurricane Helene Page](#)

NJHCC Updates and Upcoming Events

Virtual Statewide Coalition Meeting Recap

On November 14th, the NJHCCs hosted speakers from St. Luke's Boise Medical Center, HHS Region 5's Pediatric Disaster Care Center of Excellence, and NJHCC's Clinical Advisors.

The topics of focus included an

NJHCC 2024 HVA Aggregated Data Summary

All three of New Jersey's Healthcare Coalitions recently conducted an annual Hazard Vulnerability Assessment (HVA) at our bi-monthly in-person HCC meetings across the state. The purpose of the HVA is to identify regional vulnerabilities so that NJHCC members and staff can

overview of the Pediatric Disaster Centers of Excellence, cybersecurity response from an emergency management view, and a look at the upcoming winter respiratory season.

Our speaker's slides as well as supplemental information can be found by clicking the button below.

Be on the lookout for future virtual and in-person HCC events!

[Access the 11/14 Call's Recap Here](#)

prioritize and organize disaster planning, mitigation, and recovery education and training opportunities.

Regional and statewide aggregated HVA will be released next week. In the interim, please use the button below to access our hazard priorities survey. This survey will assist our team in developing future training opportunities, as a supplement to the HVAs.

[Access Our Hazard Impact Survey Here](#)

NJHCC Orientation Packet 2024-2025 1st Edition

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.

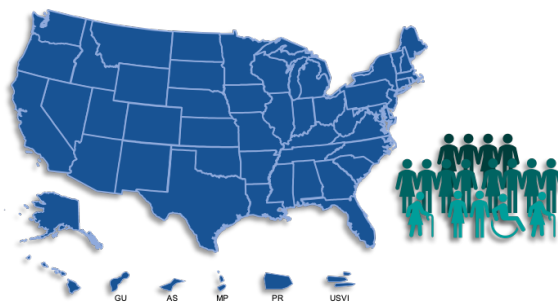
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The graphic for the 2024-2025 NJHCC Orientation Packet features a dark blue background with a white geometric shape on the right side containing images of HCC meetings and documents. The text on the graphic includes:

- 2024-2025
- NEW JERSEY HEALTHCARE COALITIONS (NJHCC) ORIENTATION PACKET
- Reading this packet in person? (with a QR code)
- Scan here for a digital copy!
- Contact information: 1-800-457-2262, www.NJHCC.org, RHCC@NJHA.com

Visible document snippets include:

- New Jersey Healthcare Co. Newsletter
- Upcoming Dates
- HCC Meetings
- EM
- DRILL: General Announcements
- Facility Status (EDC, Facility Commercial Power Status)
- Normal



HHS emPOWER and SVI Data

In the interest of increasing situational awareness in regard to specialty patient populations and enhancing the understanding of health nuances in your local communities, the Coalitions are continuing to share the most recent EMPOWER and SVI data for your region.

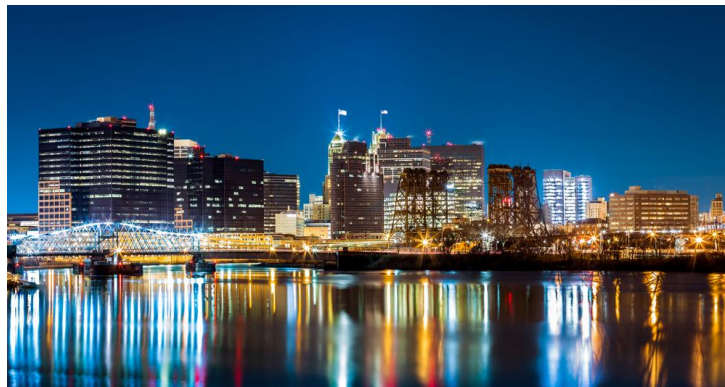
The NJHCC EM Support Team highly encourages you to look into this data and incorporate it when possible, into your preparedness and response plans, in addition to exercises and real-world responses.

[emPOWER Dataset](#)

[2022 SVI Dataset](#)

[2022 SVI Data Definitions](#)

Current Events in Emergency Management and Healthcare



Newark Hires Consultant to Modernize City's Emergency Response Plan

(Newark Post)

Among the situations the city aims to prepare for are tropical storms, train derailments, active shooter/college campus incidents, protests, riots, cyber-attacks and infrastructure terrorism.

City Manager Tom Coleman said emergency management training is “a critical area in need of improvement.”

Up until 2012, a captain in the police department was in charge of emergency management, but when he retired, no one took over those duties full-time. Other employees pitched in just enough to maintain the city’s legal compliance.

Coleman started seriously considering the need to improve the city’s emergency preparedness after Tropical Storm Isaias hit the area in August 2020. The city saw 5 inches of rain and widespread flooding, including at the Rodeway Inn on South College Avenue, where police and firefighters had to evacuate 200 guests.

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Dire Drought Conditions in N.J. May Force Emergency Action As Wildfires Burn and Reservoirs Dwindle

(NJ.com)

New Jersey’s worsening drought conditions are so dire that the state may be forced to declare a drought warning as early as next week or a rare drought emergency in the coming weeks, officials said, as conditions continue to rapidly deteriorate, and wildfires keep breaking out almost daily.

The dangerous conditions have put a major strain on crops, firefighters, private wells, and reservoirs that provide drinking water to millions of people. But the biggest immediate danger has come from the wildfires, as firefighters over the past several weeks have battled hundreds of blazes fueled by the dry brush and gusty winds.

At least ten wildfires were burning as of Friday (11.09.2024) afternoon in eight different counties around the state, from as far north as Bergen and Essex and south to Camden and Cumberland. One of the latest blazes to break out Friday afternoon was near the Palisades Interstate Parkway in Englewood Cliffs.

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The Cyberthreat Health System Firewalls Can't Stop

(Becker's Hospital Review)

No matter how sophisticated an organization's technical defenses are, human error remains a significant vulnerability.

At the 9th Annual Health IT + Digital Health + Revenue Cycle Conference, several panel sessions focused on cybersecurity and risk management. Health systems are investing in sophisticated technology defenses and partnerships to prevent cybercriminals from disrupting their operations. They're also paying close attention to third party vendor agreements and disaster preparation. But there are still significant risks.

"Guess who your biggest risk is? Your own people," said Zafar Chaudry, MD, senior vice president, chief digital officer and chief AI and information officer at Seattle Children's.

Phishing attacks, where hackers trick employees into clicking malicious links or providing sensitive information, remain one of the most effective ways for attackers to gain access to healthcare systems. Clinicians are especially susceptible.

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New Jersey's Wildfires Are Under Control. But Health Effects from Wildfire Smoke Can Linger

(Philadelphia Inquirer)

The three New Jersey wildfires that sent smoke wafting over Philadelphia this weekend — causing air quality to plummet in some areas — are now under control, thanks in part to the first rainfall in more than a month. But climate change means the region can expect air pollution from wildfires to become a more frequent and severe concern, says Josiah Kephart, an assistant professor of environmental and occupational health at Drexel University's Dornsife School of Public Health.

That also puts Philly residents at a higher risk of adverse health effects from air pollution. The Inquirer spoke to Kephart about how wildfire smoke affects health and what people can do to protect themselves. What does wildfire smoke do to a person's body?

The main danger from wildfire smoke is fine particulate matter. "These are very tiny, microscopic particles that are so light they float through air — you can't see them," Kephart said.

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[Additional Readings and Resources](#)

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

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

[Weekly Respiratory Illness Surveillance Report \(NJDOH\)](#)

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

[Guidelines for the Control of Respiratory Virus Outbreaks in Long-Term](#)

[Care and Other Institutional Settings \(NJDOH\)](#)

[Nursing Home Incident Command System \(NHICS\) \(CAHF\)](#)

Webinars and Independent Training Opportunities



G0358: Evacuation and Re- entry Planning

Location: NJSP AHIMT - Classroom 45 Fernwood Ave, Edison, NJ 08837

Date: Tuesday, November 26th, 2024

Time: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Course Overview:

This course is designed to provide participants with the knowledge and skills needed to design and implement an evacuation and re-entry plan for their jurisdictions. It uses a community's vulnerability analysis and evacuation plan. It also addresses evacuation behavior and recommends methods to make evacuation and re-entry more efficient. This course does not address the decision to evacuate or re-enter.

Additional Information:

G358 is an elective course for the Advanced Professional Series (APS) certificate. Enrollment is limited to 30 students. There are no prerequisites to attend this course.

[Access the NJOEM Training Flyer Here](#)

[Register for the Evacuation and Re-Entry Planning Course Here](#)



**World Cup Preparations -
Site Protection Through Observational Techniques
(AWR-219-C)**

Location: Virtual, Instructor-Led

Date: Wednesday, December 18th, 2024

Time: 9 AM to 1 PM

Course Overview:

Emergency responders, security professionals, security support staff, and the public must work together to identify suspicious objects, substances, and people. This course trains public safety personnel to improve their observational techniques by using a four-step ongoing screening process that includes increasing protective awareness, identifying preoperational behaviors, evaluating, and taking action. Participants will use fictional

scenarios to examine each step of the process.

Additional Information:

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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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