

Granite State
Health Care Coalition

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2021-2022



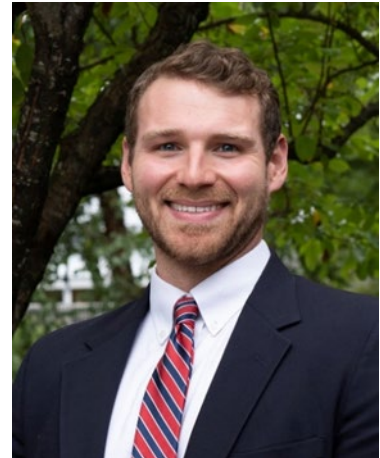
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GSHCC TEAM UPDATES

Welcome to the Team!



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COVID-19 RESPONSE

The Granite State Health Care Coalition team has been working to support partners throughout the ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The GSHCC team will continue to provide support to partners as response efforts continue and integrate pandemic considerations into programmatic requirements. Some of these response activities include:

- Assisting hospitals with required **federal and state reporting** through Juvare EMResource. When needed, the GSHCC team has actively identified gaps in reporting and collaborated with healthcare partners on reporting mechanisms to create and implement active solutions.
- Training partners on Juvare platforms, such as **EMResource** and **eICS** to aid in emergency planning, response coordination, and recovery.
- **Disseminating** the latest **COVID-19**, and other relevant information, webinar, and engagement opportunities members for national collaboration, and continuing education.
- **Assisting partners** with critical resource need requests to support partner response efforts.
- Assisting Long Term Care and Skilled Nursing Facilities with programs and activities aimed at enhancing **infection prevention and control capabilities**.
- Developed GSHCC State Level Framework to assist hospitals with **certification standard compliance**.

GSHCC ACTIVITIES

In addition to commitment to support partners throughout the COVID-19 response, the GSHCC successfully completed all programmatic activities required by the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR). These activities include, but are not limited to:

- Conducting an annual **2021-2022 Hazardous Vulnerability Analysis (HVA)**. The GSHCC created new implementation activities that were identified and prioritized by partners via survey and the GSHCC Leadership Team. These strategies include, provide additional trainings of value to all partners, provide additional planning guidance to all partners, and strengthen partner engagement in GSHCC exercises. The GSHCC will conduct another HVA in 2022-2023. Survey engagement opportunities are coming soon followed by the HVA Meeting. Pandemic, Extreme Winter Weather, and Cyber Attacks were identified as the top three hazards for prioritized planning efforts.
- Completing the GSHCC **NH Burn Surge Annex**. The GSHCC submitted the Annex to ASPR. This Annex elaborates on GSHCC support in the event of a Burn Mass Casualty Incident in New Hampshire.
- Completing the GSHCC **Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP)**. The GSHCC submitted the COOP Plan to ASPR. This Plan focuses on GSHCC team continuity activities.
- Conducting the GSHCC **Pediatric Surge Tabletop Exercise**. This exercise was conducted in December 2021 with applicable participating hospital, EMS, public health, home health care, and other state partners. The exercise identified various strengths and areas for improvement relative to a pediatric Mass Casualty Incident in New Hampshire. The NH GSHCC Pediatric Surge Annex was revised thereafter.
- Conducting the GSHCC **Burn Surge Tabletop Exercise**. This exercise was conducted in May 2022 with hospitals, EMS, long-term care, public health, emergency management, community health centers, home health care, and other state partners. The exercise identified various strengths and areas for improvement relative to a Burn Mass Casualty Incident in New Hampshire. The NH GSHCC Burn Surge Annex was revised thereafter.

- Conducting an annual GSHCC **Medical Response and Surge Exercise (MRSE)**, formerly Coalition Surge Test (CST). The exercise was conducted in October 2022. Hospitals, Long-term care, EMS, Emergency Management, home health care, City of Manchester EOC, and state representatives from NH DHHS, DPHS, Bureau of Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Recovery (EPPR), and Bureau of EMS, New Hampshire Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM), State Fire Marshal's Office came together for an operations-based exercise focusing on a simulated evacuation of two hospitals and accompanying patient placement and transportation.

The GSHCC team and partners are also making substantial progress on the required deliverables for 2021-2022. These activities include:

- NH GSHCC **Radiation Surge Annex** currently under development, will focus on GSHCC response activities around a radiation emergency surge in New Hampshire. This Annex will not focus on response activities around the Seabrook Station.
- **GSHCC Conference**- The GSHCC is pleased to announce the return of the GSHCC in-person Conference. Save-the-date flyer coming soon!
 - When: **May 11, 2023**
 - Where: Grappone Conference Center- Concord, NH

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