

Granite State  
Health Care Coalition

# YEAR IN REVIEW

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2022-2023



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## COVID-19 RECOVERY

The Granite State Health Care Coalition team has been working to support partners through ongoing recovery efforts to the COVID-19 pandemic. The GSHCC team will continue to provide support to ESF-8 and partners as recovery efforts continue and integrate pandemic considerations into future planning efforts. Some of these 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, including **EMResource** and **eICS** to aid in emergency planning, response coordination, and recovery.
- **Disseminating** relevant information including webinars, trainings, exercises and other engagement opportunities via a weekly email update.
- **Assisting partners** in identifying suppliers where resource shortages exist.
- Assisting Long Term Care and Skilled Nursing Facilities with programs and activities aimed at enhancing **infection prevention and control capabilities**.
- Developed GSHCC **workgroups** to plan for medical surge incidents including Alternate Care Systems (ACS) and Medical Operations Coordination Cells (MOCC).

## GSHCC ACTIVITIES

In addition to supporting partners through COVID-19 recovery, 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 the **2022-2023 Hazardous Vulnerability Analysis (HVA)**. Foundational to GSHCC planning and activities, the *GSHCC Hazard Vulnerability Analysis (HVA)* was updated to reflect changes in hazard priority impacts and preparedness efforts over the past year. Mitigation strategy implementation activity gaps were identified, and solutions addressed through a survey and meeting culminating in a report. The GSHCC, in partnership with NH DHHS, DPHS, Bureau of Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Recovery will conduct a Jurisdictional Risk Assessment (JRA) in 2023-2024.
- Completing the **NH GSHCC Radiation Emergency Surge Annex**. The GSHCC submitted the Annex to ASPR. This Annex elaborates on GSHCC support in the event of a Radiation Mass Casualty Incident in New Hampshire.
- Conducting the GSHCC **Radiation Emergency Surge Annex Tabletop Exercise**. This exercise was conducted in July 2023 with applicable participating partners including hospitals, EMS, emergency management, public health, and other state partners. The exercise identified various strengths and areas for improvement relative to a radiation mass casualty incident in New Hampshire. Revisions to the *NH GSHCC Radiation Emergency Surge Annex* have been made to reflect lessons learned from the exercise.
- Updating the **GSHCC Continuity of Operations (COOP) Plan, GSHCC Preparedness Plan, GSHCC Coordination Plan, NH GSHCC Pediatric Surge Annex, NH GSHCC Infectious Disease Surge Annex, and NH GSHCC Burn Surge Annex**. The GSHCC submitted these updated Plans and Annexes to ASPR on time.

The GSHCC team and partners are also making substantial progress on the required deliverables for 2022-2023. These activities include:

- Planning for the annual GSHCC **Medical Response and Surge Exercise (MRSE)** is under way via a planning team. The 2023 GSHCC MRSE is scheduled for December 6, 2023. Hospitals, Long-term care, EMS, Emergency Management, home health care, 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) will participate in this operations-based medical surge exercise.
- The **NH GSHCC Chemical Emergency Surge Annex** is currently under development and will focus on GSHCC response activities around a chemical emergency surge event in New Hampshire.
- The **NH GSHCC Chemical Emergency Surge Annex Tabletop Exercise** is currently under development and will occur in the Spring of 2024. It will focus on GSHCC and partner response activities around a chemical mass casualty incident in New Hampshire.
- **GSHCC Conference**- The GSHCC is pleased to announce the 2024 GSHCC Conference will occur on May 8, 2024. Save-the-date flyer coming soon!
  - When: **May 8, 2024**
  - Where: Southern New Hampshire University- Manchester, NH

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