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GSHCC ACTIVITIES

The Granite State Health Care Coalition (GSHCC) and NH DHHS, DPH, Bureau of Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Recovery (EPRR) teams continually conduct various invaluable activities relative to healthcare and public health emergency preparedness in New Hampshire. These activities include, but are not limited to:

- Assisting hospitals with required **federal and state reporting** through Juvare EMResource. Where appropriate, 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.
- **Training** partners on Hospital Incident Command System (HICS), dry decontamination equipment, tabletop exercise templates, Med Sled evacuation devices, radiation detector equipment, and N95 fit testing.
- **Disseminating** relevant information including webinars, training, exercises and other engagement opportunities via weekly email update.
- **Assisting partners** in identifying suppliers where resource shortages exist.
- Participating in medical surge planning including **Medical Operations Coordination Center (MOCC), Patient Movement, and High Consequence Infectious Disease (HCID).**
- The GSHCC sits on the **State Disaster Medical Advisory Committee (SDMAC)** as a liaison to healthcare partners. SDMAC works on scarce resource medical surge planning. This subject matter expert workgroup is still working toward refining scope and implementation.
- Assisting and supporting partners through **real-world emergency response** including utility outages, evacuations, active threats, cyber security challenges, supply chain shortages, infectious disease events, and other natural and man-made events.

The GSHCC and EPRR teams, in collaboration with many partners, completed all required deliverables for the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR) Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) Grant for **Budget Period 2 (2025-2026)**. These activities included:

- The **GSHCC Continuity of Operations (COOP) Plan, GSHCC Coordination Plan, NH GSHCC Burn Surge Annex, NH GSHCC Chemical Emergency Surge Annex, NH GSHCC Infectious Disease Surge/Special Pathogens Annex, NH GSHCC Information Sharing**

Plan, NH GSHCC Pediatric Surge Annex, NH GSHCC Radiation Emergency Surge Annex, and **NH GSHCC Resource Management Plan** were updated accordingly.

- The GSHCC composed the new **NH GSHCC Recovery Annex.**
- The GSHCC conducted a **Cybersecurity Assessment** and **Extended Downtime Health Care Delivery Impact Assessment** to inform the 2027 Cybersecurity Support Plan and Extended Downtime Support Plan and accompanying exercise in 2028.
- The GSHCC updated the **GSHCC Leadership Team Governance Document/Principles of Organization**.
- The GSHCC and EPRR teams updated the **five-year Strategic Plan.**
- The GSHCC and EPRR teams updated the **Readiness Assessment/Training & Exercise Assessment.**
- The EPRR team completed the **Medical Surge Support Plan** and **Patient Movement Plan.**
- The GSHCC and EPRR teams completed the **Readiness Assessment/Training & Exercise Plan.**
- The GSHCC team updated the **Supply Chain Integrity Assessment.**
- The GSHCC successfully conducted the **Medical Response and Surge Exercise (MRSE)** in February 2026 with the assistance of a planning team. This operations-based medical surge exercise focused on a Category 1 Hurricane scenario, continued from BP1. Exercise participants included hospitals, long-term care, skilled nursing facilities, emergency management, home health care, state representatives from Bureau of Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Recovery, Division of Fire Standards and Training & EMS, and New Hampshire Homeland Security & Emergency Management (HSEM).

The GSHCC and EPRR teams and partners continue to make substantial progress on the required deliverables for the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR) Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) Grant for **Budget Period 3 (2026-2027)**. These activities include:

- Conducting the 2026-2027 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. Mitigation strategy activities were identified, and solutions addressed through a survey and meeting culminating in a report.
- Completing the *NH GSHCC Cybersecurity Support Plan.*
- Completing the *NH GSHCC Extended Downtime Support Plan.*
- Completing the *Workforce Assessment and Workforce Readiness and Reslience Plan.*

- Updating all annexes and plans.
- Updating all assessments.
- The GSHCC will conduct the Medical Response and Surge Exercise (MRSE) in collaboration with a planning team in Spring 2027. Hospitals, long-term care, EMS, Emergency Management, public health, home health care, state representatives from Bureau of Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Recovery, Division of Fire Standards and Training & EMS, and HSEM will be invited to participate in this operations-based medical surge exercise.

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