

Western Massachusetts Health & Medical Coordinating Coalition (HMCC)

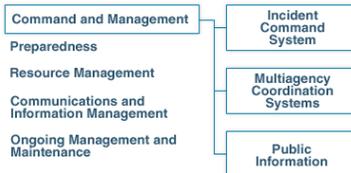
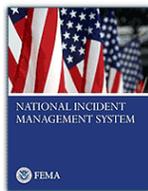
News and Updates

Coalition Workplan Submitted

The Coalition leadership has submitted a draft work plan to the Coalition funder (MA Department of Public Health) and we expect to hear back later in June. While the Department might request minor changes, we can tell you with certainty that HMCC staff efforts this summer will include:

- Drafting a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) and manual for on-call HMCC staff
- Exercising the on-call HMCC staff SOP after development
- Completing a first draft of the regional Emergency Coordination Plan
- Evaluating the 2014 regional Hazard Vulnerability Analysis and Action Plan

We will issue another newsletter in August, but as always, if you have any questions or concerns about HMCC activities, feel free to [email Mark Maloni](#), HMCC Planning and Operations Coordinator, or HMCC Steering Committee members. A [Steering Committee contact list](#) is available on the [Western MA HMCC website](#).



Independent Study Resources List Available

Many Coalition members have reported a need for enhanced regional supports in staying up to date with basic trainings on the fundamentals of emergency response systems. FEMA offers many online independent studies in the basics that allow health and medical stakeholders to more effectively participate in an effective response. We have compiled a [list of the fundamental FEMA online Independent Studies](#) - the list includes links to each training module for your convenience, and is housed on the [Western MA HMCC website](#) under "Directories and Other Resources".

These trainings are self-paced, and a great starting point for new Board of Health members or healthcare facility managers. Forward the document to your colleagues or training/HR personnel!

Full Coalition Will Meet in October 2016

We will hold a full Coalition meeting in October open to any and all health and medical stakeholders. We will finalize an exact date later in the summer, but please anticipate joining us for a full gathering of HMCC stakeholders to report on progress, provide for networking, and further plan for the coming year.

Is there anything in particular you would want to see on the agenda for the full Coalition meeting? [Contact Mark](#) with any thoughts on what you would like to see on the agenda!

Training Opportunities

Upcoming Webinar: "Mitigating Violence in Healthcare Facilities"

Violence is an all too common reality in the healthcare setting. This one-hour webinar will address techniques that may be used to recognize and short-circuit a violent situation before it happens.

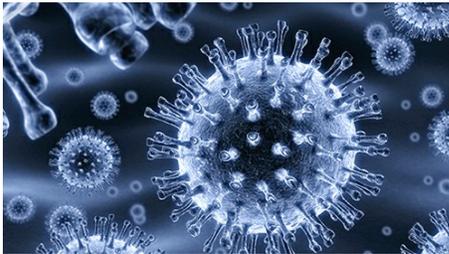


Participants will learn methods to identify possibly combative patients and guests in the healthcare setting, techniques to use that may prevent a violent situation from escalating, and procedures to use on a combative person. The webinar will conclude with a review of potential effects of violence on staff.

This program will be instructed by Lt. Brian Pomodoro, EMT-IC, Senior Program Manager for Emergency Response, DelValle Institute for Emergency Preparedness, Boston EMS, and Region 1's very own **Monica Wynne, Security Manager, Baystate Health!**

The webinar will run on **Tuesday, June 7th, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.** It is designed to meet the requirements of the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing, 244 CMR 5.00 for 1.2 contact hours of nursing continuing education.

Register for the Webinar!



Emerging Infectious Disease Training Series

The [DelValle Institute for Emergency Preparedness](#) will deliver a training series on emerging infectious diseases (EID) this summer and fall.

The series will consist of three webinars, followed by an in-person session, which will be offered in various regions within the state. The target audience consists of the five core public health and healthcare disciplines (community health centers, emergency medical services, long term care, hospitals, and public health).

Webinars 1, 2, and 3: late July through early September (*Dates TBD - Western MA HMCC staff will work with DelValle staff to notify western MA stakeholders when the dates are published*)

Live Session for Western MA:

Friday, September 30, 2016
Bay State Medical Center
Holyoke, MA

Save the date for the fall live session, and we will issue registration links as soon as they are available! We look forward to seeing you there!

Web Links

[Region 1 HMCC homepage](#)

[Western Region Homeland Security Advisory Council \(WRHSAC\)](#)

[Region 1 Multi-Agency Coordination Center \(MACC\) Project](#)

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