

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS A HEALTHCARE COALITION?

Healthcare coalitions bring together healthcare facilities to support planning, preparedness, and response efforts in the region.

WHO IS IN THE HCC?

Any healthcare facility that engages in emergency preparedness planning or has a role in delivering healthcare may join the HCC, including emergency responders, emergency management, and other public health agencies. Agencies and facilities that provide a supporting role in healthcare preparedness (e.g., fire departments, police departments, schools, critical infrastructure, etc.).

WHAT DOES THE COALITION DO?

It identifies needs, develops plans, provides training, allocates funding, and promotes communication and collaboration among members to improve healthcare delivery.

NOW THAT I'M HERE, WHAT DO I DO NEXT?

Get involved by reaching out to a coordinator, signing up to receive emails, attending meetings and joining a subcommittee.

CAN I GET FUNDING FOR MY ORGANIZATION?

You can request funding, but approved funds support coalition-wide assets and projects, not individual organizations exclusively. If you have an idea for a project, reach out to a coordinator.

CAN I REFER FACILITIES TO THE COALITION?

Yes, inviting new members helps the coalition's knowledge and resources grow. Contact the coordinators or visit our website for assistance introducing new members.

DOES THE HCC SEND SOMEONE TO HELP ME DURING A DISASTER?

The HCC won't deploy to incidents directly but helps coordinate communications and resource requests. Coordinators maintain situational awareness through various tools and communication platforms. We support those who save lives.

WHAT WE DO

Community-Wide Exercises

- Annual community-wide exercise for all healthcare and response agencies
- Tabletop exercises held throughout the year
- Community exercises to meet your CMS and/or state requirements

Assets and Deployment

- Access to deployable assets in the event of an emergency, including:
 - Restroom trailers
 - Alternate care tents
 - Generators
 - Communications

Training in Emergency Preparedness

- Education on how to identify and mitigate gaps in your emergency operations plans
- Staff training plans to ensure patient and staff safety

Liaison to Emergency Management Agencies

- Work closely with local Emergency Management Agencies to help ensure healthcare facilities are covered during a disaster
- Supply resources and personnel as available to cover healthcare facilities