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GSHCC Partners:

State ESF#8-Health & Medical Leads Hospitals **Public Health Community Health Centers Ambulatory Surgery Centers** Hospice & Palliative **Care Agencies** Long Term Care Facilities **EMS** Providers **Emergency Management Behavioral Health** Home Health Agencies **Dialysis** Centers Urgent Care Centers Volunteer Organizations Law Enforcement **Primary Care Practices**

Granite State Health Care Coalition

Our mission...

Under the mission of the Foundation for Healthy Communities to improve health and well-being for all, the Granite State Health Care Coalition (GSHCC) works with partners to improve the readiness of New Hampshire's healthcare system.

Why join?

The Granite State Health Care Coalition is a network of key representatives from public and private health and safety organizations that help communities prepare, respond, and recover from events impacting the health care system in New Hampshire.

Local and regional disasters are likely to create a surge of patients and casualties that might overwhelm our healthcare system and providers. The Granite State Health Care Coalition provides the opportunity for providers, healthcare and community stakeholders to plan, prepare and train for catastrophic events through collaboration essential to integrated disaster response.

Our objectives...

- Develop relationships with partners
- Participate in coordinated trainings and exercises that test organizational and response capabilities
- Expand regional planning and agreements
- Bridge the gaps between partners
- Improve communication and information sharing
- Assist in building community resilience
- Provide access to situational awareness
- Provide access to communication systems
- Share best practices and lessons learned



<u>Acronyms:</u>

CMS Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

CST Coalition Surge Test

EMD Emergency Management Director

EMS Emergency Medical Services

EP Emergency Preparedness

ESF#8 Emergency Support Function 8, Health & Medical

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HSEEP

Homeland Security Exercise & Evaluation Program

HVA Hazard Vulnerability Analysis

NIMS

National Incident Management System

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Member Benefits

<u>General Member Benefits</u>

- Enhanced communication with healthcare partner organizations such as:
 - > Coalition partner organizations
 - Cross-border/cross disciplinecollaboration
- GSHCC Newsletter
- Educational opportunities including:
 - Assistance and logistical support arranging facility education and/ or training
- Exercise assistance including:
 - > Tabletop exercise toolkits
 - Identifying EMDs, Police and Fire Chiefs in your jurisdiction
 - Opportunity to participate in the annual Coalition Surge Test (CST), as applicable

- Technical assistance during incident response
- CMS EP Rule Interpretation/Guidance
- Hazard Vulnerability Analysis (HVA) Tools and Templates
- Access to forums to share lessons learned and best practices
- Situational awareness information for current and future events
- Potential to benefit from GSHCC group equipment purchases, as applicable

Supporting Member Benefits

In addition to all the General Membership benefits listed above, with a signed Letter of Support from leadership of your organization, you receive all the following:

- One voting member/organization at annual membership meetings
- Enhanced communication with member organizations
 - Access to appropriate partner List serves and updated member contacts
 - > State agencies including Health Care Licensing
- Educational opportunities
 - > Logistical support to arrange specialized facility/regional education and resources
 - Preferential pre-registration access to GSHCC sponsored conferences and training opportunities (where applicable)
 - Potential registration fee discount on GSHCC sponsored conferences and training opportunities

- Exercise assistance including:
 - > Preferred access to Exercise and Training assistance
 - > Access to HSEEP Evaluator(s)
 - > Ready made table top exercises
 - Access to best practice exercise development templates and After-Action Report templates
- CMS EP Rule technical assistance to meet compliance requirements
- Access to reduced pricing on GSHCC group equipment purchases, when applicable
- Assistance with NIMS compliance



The Granite State Health Care Coalition is an initiative of the Foundation for Healthy Communities.