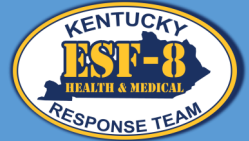




COALITION CORNER

Healthcare Preparedness Newsletter

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Announcements & Updates

2023 M.A.S.H. - Held our 2023 Mobilizing Assets Sustaining Healthcare event at the Woodford County Fairgrounds on June 21st. Attendees were able to see and learn about a variety of coalition and regional assets available to be deployed during an emergency. Showcased were the Special Operations (Morgue) Trailer, shower trailer, evacuation equipment, Mobile Ambulance Bus, and others. A Zumro Tent demonstration was also provided for attendees. This event attracted more than 100 individuals who were able to meet and interact with each other, strengthening the collaborative relationships necessary to support one another during emergencies or disasters. ([Fox56 Spotlight](#))



Internship - Currently working on acquiring an intern for the coalition who would assist with various meetings and activities and who may also work alongside certain coalition members to build knowledge and experience of our core membership agencies.

Asset Management - Soon to have access to Salamander Live™ which will provide each HPP coalition with tools to better inventory and manage our coalition and regional assets. This platform can locate, track, and assign assets to individuals or to ongoing events and incidents, and it will improve preventive maintenance and certification tracking. App functionality will also increase ease of use while working “in the field”.

Epi Updates - Monitoring an uptick in pertussis cases in Central KY—20 cases identified in unvaccinated children since May 1st. Increase in Legionnaire’s Disease (L. pneumophila) in early July associated with recreational water activities. In late June, there was a rabid bat exposure in Lexington; all household members completed the vaccination series. Seeing an increase in foodborne and tickborne disease across all regions—everyone needs to take precautions when prepping food and being outdoors. More info or prevention education? Contact your Regional Epi - Hollie Sands (Lexington), Amber Burkhart (Bluegrass), and Ronnie Ghosh (Capital)

News to Know

Pfizer says most tornado damage to NC plant was to warehouse facility, not manufacturing lines

Most of the damage from Wednesday’s (7/19) tornado to a major Pfizer plant in North Carolina was to a warehouse facility, rather than areas that produce medicines, the drug giant [said](#) Friday (7/21). The plant remains closed while damage is assessed, and Pfizer CEO Albert Bourla said in remarks at the site that it would be weeks, not days, until it’s back online, although he said he couldn’t speculate on a precise time frame. ([CNN Health News](#))

AccuWeather's 2023 US fall forecast

The days are getting shorter and autumn is approaching, but when will cooler conditions return - and will snowflakes fall before Halloween? Get the answer to these questions and more with AccuWeather’s annual fall forecast. ([More](#) & [Extreme Heat Safety](#))

Enjoy the outdoors—prevent tick bites

Whether hiking, fishing or camping, summer is a great time to enjoy the outdoors in Kentucky. While most people protect their skin with sunscreen, it is also important to consider tick bite prevention. Lyme disease was once considered rare in Kentucky. However, there has been an increase in cases since 2018. ([Bite Prevention](#) & [Tickborne Disease in KY](#))

Important Dates

August 1st

August Triage Tuesday

August 24th

Bluegrass Healthcare Coalition Meeting

September 5th

September Triage Tuesday

September 5th - 8th

2023 Kentucky Emergency Services Conference

Upcoming Trainings & Exercises

September 6th

LEX Full Scale Emergency Exercise

September 14th

NDMS Bed Reporting Exercise

September 20th

2023 CSEPP Exercise

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