



Healthcare Surge Event Community-Based, Full-Scale Exercise Exercise Plan

Full-Scale Exercise Scenario Details:

The exercise involves an event that is impacting healthcare organizations from outside of our healthcare coalition region. It requires each participating healthcare organization to implement their facility's Emergency Operations Plan. The exercise begins with each facility receiving a text-based alert message from the Near Southwest Preparedness Alliance (NSPA) Regional Healthcare Coordination Center (RHCC) asking all healthcare facilities to access their VHASS platform and follow further instructions found there.

The scenario is a widespread healthcare surge event involving all participating aspects of the healthcare sector.

Upon log-in to the platform, each facility is requested to post several facility-specific details regarding their command status, facility operational status, and resource needs.

Full details of the scenario used in the event and facility-specific information requested is found in the enclosed VHASS Event Details document (next page).

Facilities are to report their status and respond to the requests contained in the Event Details in the Event Log section of the VHASS Platform.



Event Name: [EXERCISE] NSPA Exercise: Healthcare Surge Event

Event Type: EXERCISE

Public Health Category: Facility Impact

Distribution Category: Distribute on a need to know basis

Situation: An event has happened that is resulting in the need for healthcare interests to surge to receive additional patients, residents, and individuals appropriate to their healthcare organization type. Participating healthcare organizations are requested to implement appropriate elements of your Emergency Operations Plan pertaining to a surge event.

Facility Impacted: Other: This issue is impacting all healthcare facilities in the Near Southwest Region and several facilities in neighboring regions of Virginia.

Region(s): Central
Eastern
Far Southwest
Near Southwest
Northern
Northwest
Statewide

Immediate Impact and/or All participating healthcare facilities: Have you activated emergency operations procedures at your facility? Provide the name and phone number for your local emergency manager (hint:

Required Action: check nspa1.org/emcontacts). Provide your primary and alternate means of communicating with staff. Provide information about the general operational status of your facility/business. Provide information as to additional capacity. Do you have any resource needs that would be required to support a surge event?

Background: This exercise is intended to be completed by facilities that have participated in the 2018 Healthcare Exercise Series including the Tabletop Exercises on September 25th/27th/28th in Vinton, VA. All other facilities are welcome but not obligated to participate.

Discussion: See initial post by RHCC (located at the bottom of the Event Log) for an example response to the required action above.

Recommended Action: As strongly encouraged on our planning call, identify one part of your emergency operations plan that is relevant to a surge scenario and practice it. Example: Call a vendor and ask how long it would take to get an extra supply of an item in support of your response. Example: Pick 10 patients and make notification calls - noting how long they take and how many patients you are able to reach easily. Example: Exercise your all-staff alerting platform. ENSURE ALL COMMUNICATIONS BEGIN "EXERCISE."

Action Taken: Update VHASS STATUS BOARDS appropriate to your organization type. Update VHASS EVENT MODULE to report your organization's engagement in the exercise.



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Event Update History

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