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# The Bridge

A Healthcare Community Connection

We hope you are finding this monthly newsletter useful and informative. In this month's edition, you will find information on completing a Hazard Vulnerability Analysis, Hospital Based Incident Command, useful links from ASPR and much more! Whenever possible, we include links with explanations or full articles that we encourage you to check out. There is also a fun new edition in the form of a crossword puzzle to give you a small mental health break. As always, we are open to your suggestions for this newsletter. If you want specific information or updates, please let us know.

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## CMS and the Hazard Vulnerability Analysis

The CMS Emergency Preparedness rule requires healthcare organizations to complete a Hazard Vulnerability Analysis each year. Most facilities struggle with understanding how to properly conduct an HVA. Understanding what to do with the information gained from the HVA is another area of frustration.

Kaiser Permanente has put together a PowerPoint presentation to help people better understand how to conduct an HVA. That presentation can be found [HERE](#). You can find a link to the current community HVA and template [HERE](#).

## Hospital-Based Incident Command

Hospital based Incident Command is another area of frustration that we hear about often. The Incident Command Structure works if people understand how it is used. The only way to master the process is by practicing. Most entities only use Incident Command in large scale emergencies or exercises. One suggestion is to consider using the principles of Incident Command on smaller events like: power failures, fire drills, water interruption, etc.

ASPR-TRACIE is a great resource for healthcare entities. They have created a Hospital-Based Incident Command Systems: Real Experiences and Practical Applications webinar. You can access the recorded webinar and PowerPoint presentation, along with the Questions and Answers section, [HERE](#)



## CDC: Request for Information

The CDC has issued a Request for Information. They are requesting information and comments on current evidence-based, workplace and occupational safety and health interventions to prevent work-associated stress, support stress reduction, and foster positive mental health and well-being among the nation's health workers. Information and comments are also requested on interventions under development and research in progress to support and promote the mental health and well-being of health workers. you can participate in this request by visiting their [WEBSITE](#).



FEMA will conduct the annual Shake Out on October 21st at 10:21AM. You can register yourself and/or your organization [HERE](#).

If you are interested in becoming a **Storm Spotter** or learning more about severe weather, please visit this [LINK](#) to get more information on available classes.

## Updates from ASPR

### [Useful Links \(Click below\)](#)

- [Healthcare Coalition Engagement in COVID-19](#)
- [Hospital and Fire Department Roles in Patient Decon](#)
- [Hospital Surge of Patients with Behavioral Health Challenges during COVID-19](#)
- [Roles of Public Libraries in Disaster Response](#)
- [COVID-19 Patient Surge and Scarce Resources](#)

FEMA provides disaster response classes through the Center For Domestic Preparedness in Anniston, Alabama. These classes are free to attend. Lodging and meals are also provided. Several high interest classes are linked below.

### **Center for Domestic Preparedness Training Links**

- [FRAME: Framework for Healthcare Emergency Management](#)
- [HERT-B: Hospital Emergency Response Training for Mass Casualty Incidents- Basic Train the Trainer](#)
- [IC: Incident Command: Capabilities, Planning, and Response Actions for All Hazards](#)
- [SNS: Strategic National Stockpile](#)

In order to register for any FEMA provided classes, you must first register for your Student Identification Number. You can find that link [HERE](#).

## New Meeting Schedule

Register [HERE](#) to receive updated calendar invites, meeting location information and agenda

- **October 20**- Executive Board
- **October 15**- Non-Hospital In-Patient Providers
- **October 21**- MSEPC Full Coalition
- **November 17**- Executive Board
- **November 18**- Non-Hospital Out-Patient Providers
- **November 19**- Non-Hospital In-Patient Providers
- **December 15**- Executive Board
- **December 17**- Non-Hospital In-Patient Providers

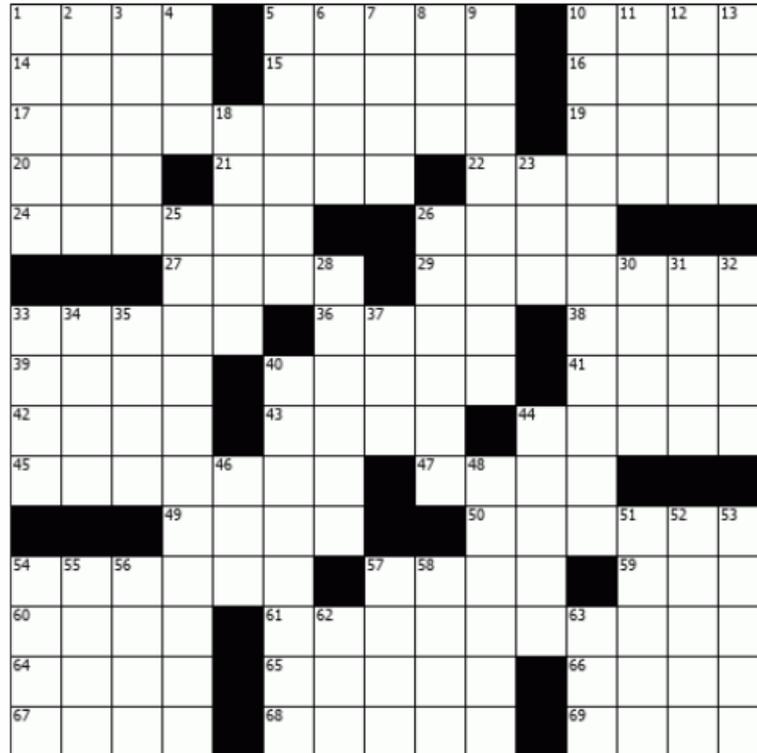


PublicHealthEmergency.gov published a new resource titled: [COVID-19 Resources for Pediatric Healthcare Leaders and Clinicians](#)

# Take a Mental Health Break with a Crossword Puzzle!

## Across

1. Get bent out of shape
5. Hop out of bed
10. Homer's boy
14. Apple product
15. Poker strategy
16. Consent and Reason, e.g.
17. Rickety old car
19. Tough journey
20. Music producer Brian
21. Cushiness
22. Wrecks completely
24. Trips the light fantastic
26. Some is junk
27. Geometry calculation
29. Listening
33. Privations
36. To-do list item
38. Kind of market
39. Scads
40. Leaves out
41. Bitsy opener
42. Start a hand
43. Statistical calculation
44. Conquers
45. Grand plans
47. Rock's companion
49. Nitwit
50. Salad bar bit
54. Like some competitors
57. Tournament draw
59. Alumna bio word
60. --- Spumante
61. Snitch
64. Czech or Serb
65. Skiers' transports
66. Scott Turow novel
67. Play opening?
68. Lauder of cosmetics
69. Unkempt state



## Down

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|--|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. More than uptight                     | 18. Suggestive looks             | 44. Sword or swordsman   |
| 2. Hotpoint competitor                   | 23. It may be struck             | 46. Soft shoe, for short |
| 3. Betray                                | 25. Herd journey                 | 48. Threat-ending words  |
| 4. Agt.'s take                           | 26. Overcome                     | 51. Senseless            |
| 5. Travolta film                         | 28. Not more than                | 52. Monica of sports     |
| 6. Diner sign                            | 30. Utah ski resort              | 53. Cobbler's stock      |
| 7. It can wear down from too much travel | 31. Take ten                     | 54. Eschew edibles       |
| 8. NAFTA signatory                       | 32. What Simon does              | 55. Cruise stopover      |
| 9. Locker room motivators                | 33. Rolls of bills               | 56. And others           |
| 10. Conflict site                        | 34. Templeton or Baldwin         | 57. Career HRs, e.g.     |
| 11. Taj Mahal's city                     | 35. Early life preserver?        | 58. Raison d---          |
| 12. Walk unsteadily                      | 37. Word with traveler's or band | 62. Washboard at the gym |
| 13. Exclamations of reproach             | 40. Brunch fare                  | 63. Star Cruise          |



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We also want to make this newsletter something useful. It can be as informative as you wish it to be. Send ideas of what to include next month to:  
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