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The Bridge

A Healthcare Community Connection

It is still hard for me to believe that we are on Issue 12 of this newsletter. Our hope is that you continue to find the information useful. We are always open to suggestions for content.

This issue is bittersweet for me. The newsletter was 100% my own project and I have dedicated many hours to its production. Sadly for me, this will be the last one I create as I am leaving the VPC position.

I cannot even begin to put into words how proud I am of the work we have done here with MSEPC and all of you. This region truly has some of THE BEST people in healthcare. I look forward to the projects that are yet to come from these partnerships and I thank you for the friendships.

As I mentioned, I am leaving as VPC with the coalition, but I will not be gone. I will still be an active member of the coalition and will always be available for assistance as needed. I will see you around.

-Jennifer

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Meeting Schedule

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

- **July 20**- Executive Board
- **July 21**- Full coalition
- **July 22**- Non-Hospital

***Be on the lookout for a Training Needs Assessment. We are scheduling the third Thursday of each month that doesn't have a coalition meeting for training. Details on locations/topics/times are forthcoming.**

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CMS Information for Healthcare Entities

Healthcare facilities are required by CMS to provide basic facility information to Shelby County Emergency Management and Homeland Security Office (SC EM/HS). A [link](#) is provided to a short Google document that facilities should submit annually to meet this requirement.

Surveyors that have seen these forms have accepted them as meeting this requirement. Please reach out to Heather if you have any questions at: hfortner@midsouthepec.org.

Updates from ASPR and HHS

Useful Links (Click below)

- **Project ECHO registration**- The First Responder Resiliency ECHO Program is aimed at increasing self-care and resiliency in crisis
- **FDA Drug Topics: Drug Shortages: Root Causes and Potential Solutions - June 28, 2022**
- **June RNPN Ideation Hour: Extreme Heat Resilience**
- **Monkeypox Virus Infection in the United States and Other Non-endemic Countries—2022**
- **FY 2023 Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) and Long Term Care Hospitals (LTCH PPS) Proposed Rule - CMS-1771-P**



You will find the Shelby County Health Department's Medical Countermeasure Plan overview and the CHEMPACK Plan overview below. The full versions of the plans are listed on the MSPEC website under the Members Only section. Please review these plans as part of the requirements for the HPP grant.

MCM Plan Overview

The MCM plan describes the processes for requesting, receiving, staging, storing, transporting, and distributing the SNS assets. It also describes roles and responsibilities of the Shelby County Health Department (SCHD) and its partner agencies.

The nature of an emergency and/or disaster that each event is unique, and the specific details of each response will be event driven. Depending on the type and scope of the event, the components of the plan may take different directions.

It is the responsibility of SCHD, in coordination with Shelby County (SC) Emergency Management and County Government to request, receive, organize, and distribute SNS assets such as medications and medical supplies and/or administer vaccinations to residents of Shelby County in an emergency. The plan provides the concept of operations and organizational roles and responsibilities for SNS operations within the county.

The MCM plan:

- **Applies to the SCHD and other departments and agencies, municipalities and partner organizations that have identified roles and responsibilities within the plan.**
- **Establishes authority for direction and control of SNS operations.**
- **Is county-wide in scope and includes coordination and support to the municipalities within Shelby County.**
- **Defines and assigns emergency roles and responsibilities to organizations and key positions for conducting SNS operations in the county.**

CHEMPACK Plan Overview

The CHEMPACK Plan is designed to guide local emergency response organizations through the process of activating the regions stockpile of nerve agent antidotes, familiarize first responders and hospital personnel with the inventory that will be provided them, and to assist them in carrying out the guidelines directing them in the management of the CHEMPACK assets.

While the Tennessee Department of Health (TDH) is recognized as the lead State agency for the CHEMPACK project, the SCHD has been charged by TDH with ensuring the CHEMPACK units are appropriately fielded (received/stored) from the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and with establishing guidelines for the effective and efficient deployment, employment, and redeployment of the CHEMPACK assets.

CHEMPACK Assets may be activated by an on-scene Incident Commander, a senior level law enforcement/Emergency Services official, or their designee without prior physician/pharmacist approval based on the existence of the following conditions in the requesting entity's jurisdiction:

- **When the majority of the victims show "signs and symptoms" related to the release of a nerve agent**
- **When it is determined a nerve gas agent release has occurred**
- **When the release is so large the medical security of the community is at risk**
- **When the release has put multiple lives at risk**
- **When the casualties threaten to overwhelm local medical material**

Summer safety tips for pets.



Never leave pets alone in the car.



Keep pets hydrated.



Take walks during cooler hours.



Beware of hot pavement.

Source: [weather.gov/wrn/summer-article-keep-your-pets-cool](https://www.weather.gov/wrn/summer-article-keep-your-pets-cool)



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STAY SAFE THIS SUMMER!



Use sunscreen

Take a first aid kit



Play in shaded areas

Wear lightweight clothing



Wear a helmet

Use insect repellent



Avoid intense activity on hot days

Wear sunglasses



Take breaks

HYDRATE!



Current MSEPC Projects

- Winter Weather 2021 AAR
- Burn Annex
- 2022 Community HVA
- Patient Bed Matching Roll-Out
- Inventory
- Updating Membership MOUs
- Updating Website
- FY23 Budget

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We want to hear from you! Upcoming editions of this newsletter will include highlights of members or facilities. Use the link [here](#) to nominate a person or facility of interest! Let us know why they are being nominated so we can all get to know each other better!

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: jskelton@midsouthepec.org.

Take a Mental Health Break with a Word Search Puzzle!

DESIGN, DINING AND DIAPERS

CELEBRATE *Fourth of July* AMERICA!

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Enjoy Fireworks Safely This 4th of JULY



There are more than 280 fireworks-related ER visits a day around the Fourth of July.



Never re-light misfired or "dud" fireworks.



Even sparklers can be a serious burn hazard. They get as hot as a blow torch.



Keep a hose or bucket of water nearby.

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