



The Collective

A Monthly Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

- 9/14: Emergency Preparedness EXPO
- 10/16-17: MGT 319 – Medical Countermeasures POD Planning and Response
(2-day course)

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EXPO

The 3rd Annual Emergency Preparedness EXPO is almost here!

Don't miss this **FREE** event!

WHEN: September 14, 2024 from 10:00AM – 2:00PM

WHERE: Cane Creek Sports Complex
2200 W. Jackson St.
Cookeville, TN 38501

For questions or additional information, please contact:

[*candace.mcneal@tn.gov*](mailto:candace.mcneal@tn.gov)

MGT 319 – Medical Countermeasures POD Planning and Response

- [*Registration Link*](#)
- **WHEN:** October 16th and 17th, 2024 from 8:00AM to 5:00PM (2-day course)
- **WHERE:** UCRO – 1100 England Drive, Cookeville, TN 38501
- For more information about this course or any upcoming training courses, please contact [*kate.liepins@tn.gov*](mailto:kate.liepins@tn.gov)

Healthcare Resource Tracking System (HRTS)

Patient Bed Matching (PBM)

- These important systems are used by TDH to manage healthcare facility bed, service and asset availability.
- **HRTS** provides for event activation and management locally, regionally or state-wide.
- **PBM** helps ensure timely placement of individuals undergoing mental health crises with the appropriate facilities of care, with further functionality to be added in the future.
 - For many facilities, it is important that one or both of these systems is utilized, and individuals are appropriately trained on their functionality.
 - Training can be conducted in-person or virtually. To schedule a training session, please contact michael.cooper@tn.gov or kate.liepins@tn.gov

Coming Soon from the UCHC

The Upper Cumberland Healthcare Coalition is working on several exciting projects that will enhance the Region's preparation, response, and recovery capabilities.

- **Coalition App** – An app is being developed for the UCHC! This app will aim to streamline engagement with the Coalition, put Coalition resources at your fingertips, and much more.
 - *Soft Launch date tentatively October 2024.*
- **Coalition Resource Pamphlet** – A detailed listing of all available Coalition assets, packaged into a Z-fold pamphlet the size of a credit card so it can be kept handy.

September: National Preparedness Month

ARE YOU PREPARED?

Check out these useful resources to be sure:

- [*Ready.gov – National Preparedness Month*](#)
- [*FEMA.gov – National Preparedness Month*](#)
- [*TEMA.gov*](#)

Additional Resources

- [*HHS.GOV / ASPR TRACIE*](#)
- [*CMS.GOV Outreach & Education*](#)
- [*FEMA Training*](#)
- [*NACCHO Training*](#)
- [*Alliant Health Solutions Events*](#)
- [*VU Disaster Recovery*](#)
- [*Infection Control*](#)
- [*Homeland Security Training*](#)
- [*CDC Learning Connection*](#)

[*UCHC Event Calendar*](#)

[*TEMA Training Calendar*](#)

Mission

The **Upper Cumberland Healthcare Coalition (UCHC)** exists to assist the health care community and other emergency response agencies to jointly prepare for, respond to, and recover from disaster events. The coalition supports collaborative planning and information sharing among a broad range of healthcare partners in order to protect, promote, and improve the health and prosperity of people in the Upper Cumberland community and Tennessee.

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