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## New & Noteworthy

### **DPHHS HAN Update 2023-13: Updates on Locally Acquired Malaria**

Malaria is a serious disease caused by protozoan parasites of the genus Plasmodium that is transmitted to humans through the bite of an infected Anopheles mosquito. In Montana, an average of two cases of malaria are reported in residents each year, after travel internationally to a country where malaria is endemic. While Texas, Florida, and Maryland have reported cases of locally acquired malaria, the risk of local malaria transmission in Montana is very low. However, multiple species of Anopheles spp. mosquitoes can be found throughout Montana, most notably A. freeborni. Other types of mosquitoes in Montana, including Culex and Aedes, cannot transmit malaria, however Culex mosquitoes are the vector that transmits West Nile virus in Montana.

[View the full HAN.](#)

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## Montana EMS-C Newsletter

Click [here](#) to view the latest Montana EMSC State Partnership Program Newsletter.

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## ASPR TRACIE Resource Spotlight: Mass Casualty Hospital Expansion Toolkit

A concise, scalable surge response template can be a helpful quick reference to the hospital personnel tasked with expanding care capacity in the first hours of an incident and can minimize ad hoc and potentially

conflicting decisions about prioritization of space and strategies. In the [Mass Casualty Hospital Capacity Expansion Toolkit Demonstration](#), Dr. John Hick describes [the toolkit](#) and the process of completing each template. Check out the rest of the [Health Care System Preparedness Considerations recordings](#) for more lessons learned to bolster patient care and provider and system resilience.

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## Health Care Facility Onboarding Checklist

During a pandemic or other emergency, health care facilities face significant challenges to quickly onboard additional health care providers when hospital admissions and intensive care units' occupancy rapidly increase. The recently updated [Health Care Facility Onboarding Checklist](#) can help facilities ensure new employees are compliant with administrative requirements, familiar with the mission and culture of the hospital, and understand expectations.

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## Data & Situational Awareness

### Hospital COVID-19 Reporting Requirements

The COVID-19-related data reporting is important in supporting surveillance of, and response to, COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses. The Federal Partners appreciate the continued efforts for completing this important reporting.

In its FY 2023 Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) and Long-Term Care Hospital Prospective Payment System (LTCH PPS) Final Rule (CMS-1771-F), the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) finalized a revision to the hospital and CAH infection prevention and control conditions of participation (CoP) requirements that requires hospitals and CAHs, after the conclusion of the COVID-19 PHE, to continue reporting on a reduced number of COVID-19 data elements until April 30, 2024, unless the Secretary establishes an earlier ending date.

At this time there is no extension of the requirement planned beyond April 30, 2024. NHCN's capability to receive COVID-19 data from hospitals will continue after April 30, 2024 and reporting into this system will be optional after this time.

CDC will share any guidance around reporting requirement changes when they are issued by CMS.

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## Upcoming Events

### Meetings

#### Health Care Coalition Executive Committee Meetings

Central - September 7, 0900 - 1100 via [Zoom](#)

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### Webinars

#### CISA Quarterly Threat Briefing

September 19, 1300 - 1400

[Register](#)

#### LSU NCBRT/ACE's Course

LSU NCBRT/ACE's upcoming open national courses schedule can be found below. These courses are available to your agency or organization at **no cost**.

- [MGT-324-C: Campus Emergencies Prevention, Response, and Recovery](#) - Customized (0.8 CEUs)
- [AWR-122-C: Law Enforcement Prevention and Deterrence of Terrorist Acts](#) - Customized (0.4 CEUs)
- [AWR-219-C: Site Protection Through Observational Techniques](#) - Customized (0.4 CEUs)
- [AWR-315: Fundamentals of Criminal Intelligence](#) (2.0 CEUs)
- [MGT-323: Instructor Development Workshop](#) (2.4 CEUs)

#### First Responder Resilience TeleECHO Program

Every other Monday, 14:00 - 15:00 MDT

[Register](#)

#### EOC Virtual Classes hosted by EMI

View the full Course Catalog [here](#)

#### FEMA EMI Courses

View online course catalog [here](#)

#### [Montana Health Network Course Catalog](#)

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### In-Person Trainings

#### Public Health Emergency Preparedness Collaborative Discussions & Networking Meetings

September 11, 1000 - 1400, Hill County Health Department, Havre

September 12, 1000 - 1400, Dawson County Health Department, Glendive

September 13, 1000 - 1400, Calvert Hotel, Lewistown

September 19, 1000 - 1400, Lake County Health Department, Polson

Please note that these meetings are not a training, but rather an opportunity for peer-sharing and networking  
- MTPHI will facilitate but YOU set the agenda.

[RSVP](#)

### **Exercise Development Session #3 - Final Steps in Planning a TTX**

September 12, 1300 - 1500

[Register](#)

### **CISA Region 8 Insider Threat Mitigation Workshop**

September 14, 0900 - 1100

Bureau of Land Management, 5001 Southgate Dr., Billings

[Register](#)

### **ICS300 - Wyoming Offering**

September 18 - 20

Rock Springs/Virtual

[Additional Information](#)

### **MTWARN Seminar and Tabletop Exercise**

September 20, 0900 - 1600

Fort Harrison - Montana DES Auditorium, 1956 Mount Majo Street, Fort Harrison

[In Person Registration](#)

[Virtual Registration](#)

### **ICS 400**

September 27 - 28, 0800 - 1700

140 N. Russell, Missoula

[Flyer](#)

[Register](#)

POC: [Ken Parks](#)

### **Upcoming CISM Classes**

September 25 - 27, Group and Individual Crisis Intervention

Eureka, MT

[Flyer](#)

October 23 - 25, Group and Individual Crisis Intervention

Sidney, MT

[Flyer](#)

December 15 - 16, Group Crisis Intervention

Brochure available soon

## TEEX ICS 300 Intermediate Incident Command System

October 3 – 5

Bozeman Public Safety Center, Bozeman

[View Flyer](#)

[Register](#)

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Save the Date

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## Montana Emergency Management Association Conference

October 10 - 12

Red Lodge, MT

Registration will be \$100 for MEMA members and \$125 for non-members

## SafetyFestMT – Virtual

October 16-20

[Register](#)

## Great Montana Shakeout Earthquake Drill/Exercise

October 19, 10:19 am

[Register and Learn More](#)

## FEMA L-1301 Continuity Planning Course

November 8-9, 0800 - 1700

Miles City

[Registration](#)

POC: [Ryan Lee](#) or [Charlie Gorman](#)

## | Engagement & Other News

### CISA Cyber Update

Click [here](#) to view the most recent CISA Cyber Update.

### Questions?

We are committed to supporting you and answering questions as quickly as possible. Please send any questions or comments to [hppcoordinators@mtha.org](mailto:hppcoordinators@mtha.org).

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