

Regional/Health Care Coalition Pediatric Surge Preparedness Checklist

Use this assessment tool to determine where your region or health care coalition (HCC) is in the planning process for a pediatric surge incident.

Check	Step	Notes
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Assess Regional Pediatric and Trauma Expertise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Identify providers who are willing to act as regional advisors/experts (often facility pediatric technical specialists are the best source) ▪ Coordinate with your Regional Trauma Advisory Council (RTAC) 	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Determine regional pediatric training needs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Identify common needs ▪ Develop objectives and identify content to be presented ▪ Establish calendar and present materials ▪ Encourage ongoing, site-specific simulation sessions 	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Assess available pediatric capacity in region:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Identify: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Facilities providing inpatient care/PICU care ▪ Facilities that could provide inpatient care in a crisis situation ▪ Surge capacity for pediatric patients 	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Assess equipment needs in region:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Based on EMS and hospital input determine if any standardized equipment, caches, or group purchases of materials are appropriate 	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Establish regional referral plan and transportation assumptions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Determine preferred and back-up referral facilities including contact phone numbers ▪ Discuss guidelines for patient transfer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ See <u>Pediatric Quick Reference</u> for guidance ▪ Circulate transfer agreements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Available from EMS-C at: www.emscmn.org/resources 	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Establish response roles for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Regional Health Care Coalition ▪ Regional Health Care Preparedness Coordinator ▪ Pediatric Technical Experts ▪ EMS Regional Leadership 	

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	<i>Document expectations in a regional HCC plan that may be referenced by health care facilities in the area.</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Assess pediatric mental health capacity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provide psychological first aid (PFA) training with points of emphasis on PFA for children ▪ Assess the professional mental health resources available for pediatric patients and how these might be augmented (or sent to an affected facility as a strike team during an incident) ▪ Assess how faith-based, school counseling, social work, Medical Reserve Corp volunteers, and other personnel may be enlisted to broaden mental health capabilities 	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Assess how the HCC will support a regional Family Assistance Center:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Assure common expectations regarding transfer of information about pediatric victims/patients including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Re-unification procedures (What is threshold for releasing a child? Verbal assent of child? Photo of child with family?) ▪ Tracking process (including access to MNTrac or other sources of information) ▪ Documentation and sharing of information on unidentified patients ▪ Death notifications ▪ Family mental health support 	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Exercise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Assure that above issues are incorporated into regional exercises ▪ Evaluate exercise performance and address problems or gaps 	

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