

## Los Angeles County

### 2023 Medical Response and Surge Exercise (MRSE)

#### Exercise Objectives

*How to use this document: The purpose of this document is to provide sample objectives and capabilities for exercise planners to select from in designing their coalition based Medical Response and Surge Exercise (MRSE). If you do not use all the objectives, remember to remove those objectives and corresponding capabilities that do not pertain to your chosen objectives. You may also replace or add objectives that are not given as examples. (This paragraph should be removed, only capabilities and objectives with sample tasks should be included)*

#### 2017-2022 ASPR Health Care Preparedness and Response Capabilities:

##### **Capability 1: Foundation for Health Care and Medical Readiness**

Goal of Capability 1: The community has a sustainable Health Care Coalition – comprised of members with strong relationships – that can identify hazards and risks and prioritize and address gaps through planning, training, exercising, and acquiring resources.

##### **Capability 2. Health Care and Medical Response Coordination**

Goal for Capability 2: Health Care and Medical Response Coordination Health care organizations, the HCC, their jurisdiction(s), and the ESF-8 lead agency plan and collaborate to share and analyze information, manage, and share resources, and coordinate strategies to deliver medical care to all populations during emergencies and planned events.

##### **Capability 3: Continuity of Health Care Service Delivery**

Goal of Capability 3: Health care organizations, with support from the HCC and the ESF-8 lead agency, provide uninterrupted, optimal medical care to all populations in the face of damaged or disabled health care infrastructure. Health care workers are well-trained, well-educated, and well-equipped to care for patients during emergencies. Simultaneous response and recovery operations result in a return to normal or, ideally, improved operations.

##### **Capability 4. Medical Surge**

Goal for Capability 4: Health care organizations – including hospitals, emergency medical services (EMS), and out-of-hospital providers – deliver timely and efficient care to their patients even when the demand for health care services exceeds available supply. The HCC, in collaboration with the Emergency Support Function-8 (ESF-8) lead agency, coordinates information and available resources for its members to maintain conventional surge response. When an emergency overwhelms the HCC's collective resources, the HCC supports the health care delivery system's transition to contingency and crisis surge response and promotes a timely return to conventional standards of care as soon as possible.

## Ambulatory Surgery Center Objectives

**Objective 1** - Maintain awareness of the common operating picture by gathering and sharing real-time information related to the emergency, the current state of the health care delivery system, and situational awareness through coordination with the Medical and Health Operational Area Coordinator (MHOAC) and local Health Care Coalition (HCC) partners as appropriate for your policies and procedures. (**Capability 2**)

Sample task(s): *[Remove those that you are not testing]*

- Maintain Appropriate Communication
- Use information sharing procedures specific to the incident response and document these procedures for staff within a reasonable timeframe of incident notification
- Utilize and test redundant communication systems to notify the MHOAC and/or other response partners of the facility's status and resource needs

**Objective 2** – Activate the Incident Command System (ICS) and the facility's Command Center (if applicable) within a reasonable timeframe as established by your Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). (**Capability 2**)

Sample task(s): *[Remove those that you are not testing]*

- Activate the facility's Emergency Operations Plan (EOP), and notify all staff of plan activation
- Identify immediate resource needs and communicate them to response partners
- Communicate with staff to notify them of and initiate response strategies, as appropriate including notifications to patients and visitors

**Objective 3** – Determine the facility's priorities for ensuring key functions are maintained throughout the emergency, including the provision of care to existing and new patients. (**Capability 3**)

Sample task(s): *[Remove those that you are not testing]*

- Determine those services that are critical to patient care and those that could be suspended or transferred to a different facility
- Coordinate staff and resources throughout response
- Activate BCP where applicable
- Identify strategies for sustainability in a long-term recovery plan and/or objectives