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.

Objective 1 - Alerts and notifications. (**Capability 2**)

Sample task(s): [*Remove those that you are not testing*]
- Identify triggers for notification to the hospital and appropriate departments / levels
- Access to notification systems
- Notify appropriate personnel
- Utilize emergency communication systems for staff notification / recall (e.g., Everbridge, call trees, Rave Mobile)

Objective 2 – Activate incident management team. (**Capability 2**)

Sample task(s): [*Remove those that you are not testing*]
- Incident commanders establish command structure
- Activate incident management team with subject matter expertise based on scenario (e.g., medical technical specialist)

Objective 3 – Develop an incident action plan. (**Capability 2**)

Sample task(s): [*Remove those that you are not testing*]
- Identify and review applicable plans and/or procedures (e.g., pediatric surge plan, etc.)
- Assess facility status
- Set goals and objectives
- Develop strategies to achieve goals and objectives

Objective 4 – Assess the hospital's ability to activate pediatric surge response plans to a hospital evacuation event. (**Capability 4**)

Sample task(s): [*Remove those that you are not testing*]
- Implement plans to receive influx of pediatric patients (e.g., Emergency Department Response Plan & Patient Surge Plan, Code Triage)
- Implement strategies to increase and expand capacity
- Assess resource requirements

Objective 5 – MHOAC Communications and Resource Requesting. (**Capability 1**)

Sample task(s): [*Remove those that you are not testing*]
- Establish access to communication systems (e.g., ReddiNet, VMed-28, etc.…)
- Respond to pertinent polls and/or surveys received from MHOAC
- Identify needs and submit appropriate ReddiNet resource request