

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)

2018 Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Capabilities:

Capability 3: Emergency Operations Coordination

Goal of Definition: Emergency operations coordination is the ability to coordinate with emergency management and to direct and support an incident or event with public health or health care implications by establishing a standardized, scalable system of oversight, organization, and supervision that is consistent with jurisdictional standards and practices and the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

Functions: This capability consists of the ability to perform the functions listed below:

- **Function 1:** Conduct preliminary assessment to determine the need for activation of public health emergency operations
- **Function 2:** Activate public health emergency operations
- **Function 3:** Develop and maintain an incident response strategy
- **Function 4:** Manage and sustain the public health response
- **Function 5:** Demobilize and evaluate public health emergency operations

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.

FEMA National Preparedness Goal: Five Mission Areas (Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response, and Recovery):

- **FEMA Core Capabilities:**

- Planning
- Operational Coordination
- Operational Communication
- Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Medical Services

Public Health (Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Long Beach Health and Human Services, Pasadena Public Health):

Objective 1 - Establish situational awareness with health and medical stakeholders/MHOAC to determine needs. (PHEP Core Capability: 3)

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

- Assess human health impacts
- Assess healthcare system infrastructure impacts
- Conduct information sharing coordination with healthcare facilities (HFID)

Objective 2 - Determine need as to whether or not to activate formal ICS organization. (PHEP Core Capability: 3)

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

- Develop response objectives for initial operational period

Objective 3 - Coordinate ongoing situational awareness and establish information sharing plan. (PHEP Core Capability: 3)

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

- Establish information sharing plan for internal response operations
- Establish public information coordination
- Establish situational awareness and information coordination with healthcare facilities (HFID)