

Los Angeles County

2024 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.

Home Health & Hospice Objectives

Objective 1 - Maintain awareness of the common operating picture by gathering and sharing real-time information related to the emergency and situational awareness through coordination with the Medical and Health Operational Area Coordinator (MHOAC) within [insert timeframe]. (**Capability 2**)

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

- Develop information sharing procedures specific to the incident response and document these procedures for clinic staff within [XX] minutes of incident notification
- Identify and document information access and data protection procedures within [XX] minutes of incident notification

Objective 2 - Activate the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) and Continuity of Operations (COOP) Plan in response to the emergency. (**Capability 3**)

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

- Activate the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP)
- Notify all staff of plan activation
- Consider the need for sheltering-in-place, or evacuation, and notify all internal staff of the decision to initiate any such actions
- Ensure that business operations are sustainable for a potentially long-term event, and identify strategies for sustainability in a long-term recovery plan and/or objectives
- Determine those services that are critical to patient care and those that could be suspended or transferred to different service providers in surrounding region, and report back to leadership

Objective 3 - Activate and implement Surge plan within [insert timeframe] and deliver timely and efficient care. (**Capability 4**)

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

- Examine current capability and develop additional strategies to increase and expand surge capacity as needed
- Identify resource constraints limiting surge capacity and describe strategies to increase resources within incident action plans and objectives
- Assess resource requirements during each operational period based on the evolving situation and coordinate with [insert relevant response partners] to obtain necessary resources during surge operations

Objective 4 - 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