



CENTRAL FLORIDA DISASTER MEDICAL COALITION (CFDMC)

WHY should I join a Healthcare Coalition? A Healthcare Coalition (HCC) is a collaborative network of healthcare organizations and their public and private response partners. Coalition partners work together to assist Emergency Management and Health and Medical Emergency Support Function 8 (ESF8) with preparedness, response, and recovery activities related to healthcare disaster operations. HCCs help improve medical surge capability and capacity and enhance a community's health system preparedness for disasters and public health emergencies. Creation of HCCs is a national priority, and funding for HCCs is provided by the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR). The benefits of joining a Coalition include information on, access to and resources for disaster planning, equipping training and exercises. Being a Coalition member ensures that your voice is heard in decision-making regarding resource allocations and utilization.

WHAT is the CFDMC? In response to this federal direction, CFDMC, a 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation, was created in December 2013. The CFDMC mission is to facilitate healthcare and other partners in working together collaboratively to build, strengthen and sustain a robust healthcare preparedness and response system within Central Florida.

WHO is the CFDMC? CFDMC Members are individuals and organizations that represent the health care and preparedness disciplines in all communities across the region. Essential coalition partners include hospitals and healthcare systems, local emergency management, local public health, EMS providers, long-term care providers, behavioral and mental health responders, specialty service providers (such as dialysis, pediatrics, urgent care, etc.), support service providers (such as laboratories, pharmacies, blood banks, etc.), primary care providers, community health centers, federal entities (such as VA hospitals), and private healthcare entities (such as hospital associations). Other stakeholders encouraged to join the coalition are law enforcement, public works, non-profits, VOADs and COADs, faith-based organizations, community-based organizations and volunteer medical organizations.

WHERE? CFDMC covers the nine counties within East Central Florida Domestic Security Task Force Region 5 (RDSTF Region 5), including: Brevard, Indian River, Lake, Martin, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, St. Lucie, and Volusia Counties.

HOW can I get involved in the CFDMC? Our goal is for all healthcare partners and emergency preparedness and response partners to join the Coalition! Please click the link below to join the Central Florida Disaster Medical Coalition:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CoalitionCharterandCodeofEthics>

WHEN? Join now! Members receive a monthly newsletter and information on planning, training, exercises and events is shared. Coalitions member meetings are held at least twice each year to seek member input on risks, gaps and needs.

QUESTIONS? For additional information, visit our website at www.centralfladisaster.org or contact us at info@centralfladisaster.org.