

Achieving Healthcare Resilience Through Interoperability and Data Driven Insights

Tennessee Department of Health's Healthcare Resource Tracking System (HRTS)

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Learning Objectives

- 1. Describe how HCC and state leaders can utilize insights from HRTS data to make informed decisions regarding resource allocation and prioritize initiatives according to community needs.
- 2. Identify best practices for assessing coalition sustainability (e.g., resources, funding, partnerships).
- 3. Develop strategies for long-term sustainability, funding, and community support.
- 4. Define the collaborative impact on patient care delivery through Health Care Coalition use of HRTS.



Introduction to HRTS



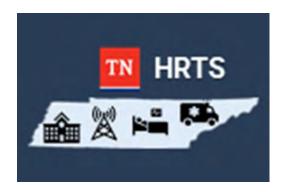
Tennessee's Healthcare Resource Tracking System (HRTS):

- Enhances real-time healthcare delivery by optimizing resources, managing crises, and supporting coalitions.
- Connects healthcare facilities, Regional Healthcare Coordinators, EMS, and other state and local emergency responders.
- Supports patient routing daily and during emergencies.
- Tracks facility bed, service, and asset availability.
- Enables event activation and management at local, regional, or statewide levels.
- Enhances situational awareness and communication.



HRTS Background

- Implemented in 2007.
- Developed with in put from all stakeholders including the Tennessee Hospital Association and healthcare facilities etc.
- Maintained in-house by the Tennessee Department of Health.
- Currently in its 3rd version.
- A secure login to the portal is required.
- Data is maintained securely and is encrypted.



- Authorized statewide reporting system for all Federal Data during COVID-19 response.
- Recent additional functionality:
 - Long-Term Care Facilities
 - Patient Bed Matching (PBM)
 - Resource management



Use of HRTS During COVID

Tennessee COVID-19 Hospital Utilization Update November 9, 2021



Hospital Utilization in Tennessee

Adult Floor Bed Hospitalizations (COVID+ and non-COVID) vs. COVID+ Floor Bed Hospital Patients

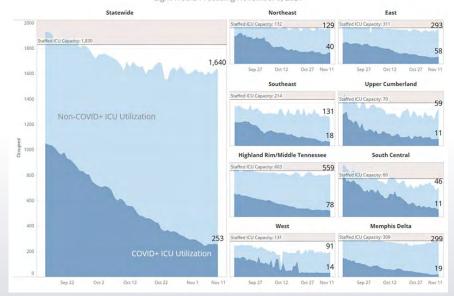
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ICU Utilization in Tennessee by HCC Region

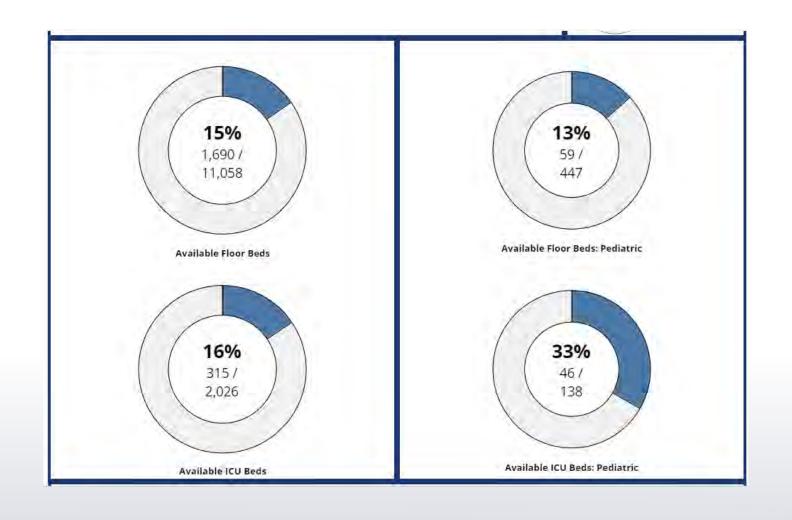
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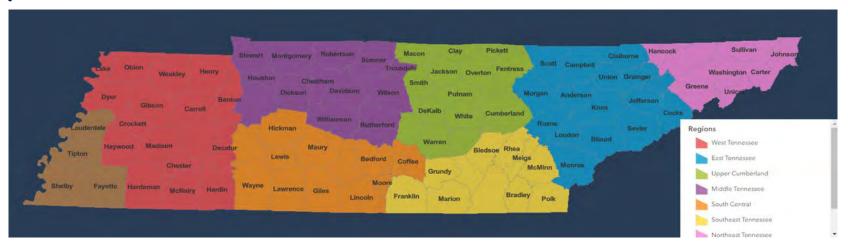


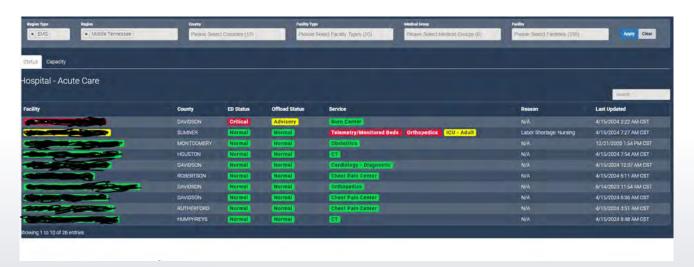
Public View of Data During Covid





Daily Operational View



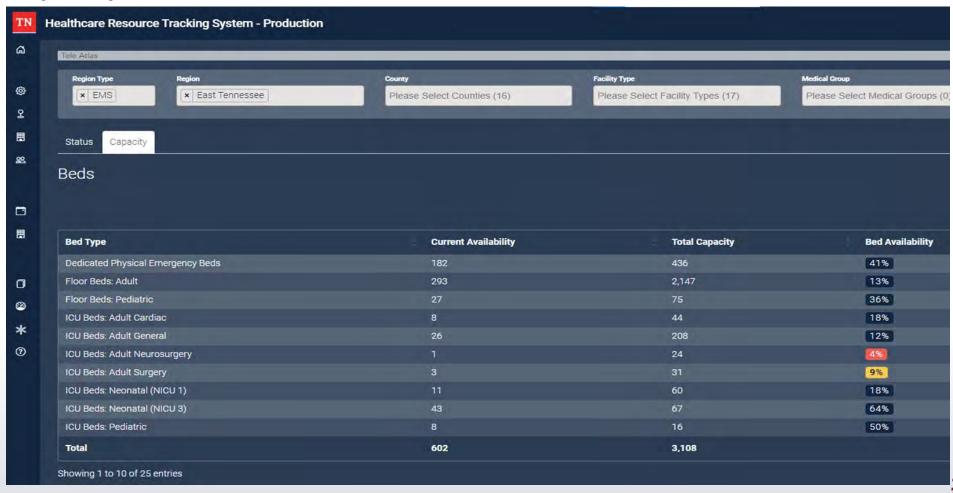






Daily Operational View

Capacity Tab





Color Codes for Status

Emergency Department

Facility Status Type	Status Color	Status Description
	Normal (Green)	All ED Operations are Normal
	Advisory (Yellow)	ED is experiencing a high volume of patients; EMS should anticipate some offload Delays.
	Severe (Orange)	ED is experiencing severe overcrowding in the waiting room area, limited bed availability and EMS offload delays.
Emergency Department	Critical (Red)	ED is experiencing critical overcrowding, holding admissions in ED with a full lobby and extended EMS offload delays or a critical failure in service/operations in the ED. Redirect EMS patients as appropriate if possible.
	Divert (Black)	ED has loss services/operations due to an internal disaster. HICS has been activated. HRTS updated as dictated on HRTS event board or every 2 hours if HRTS event not active. Unable to accept patients, EMS should divert patients.

Color Codes for Status

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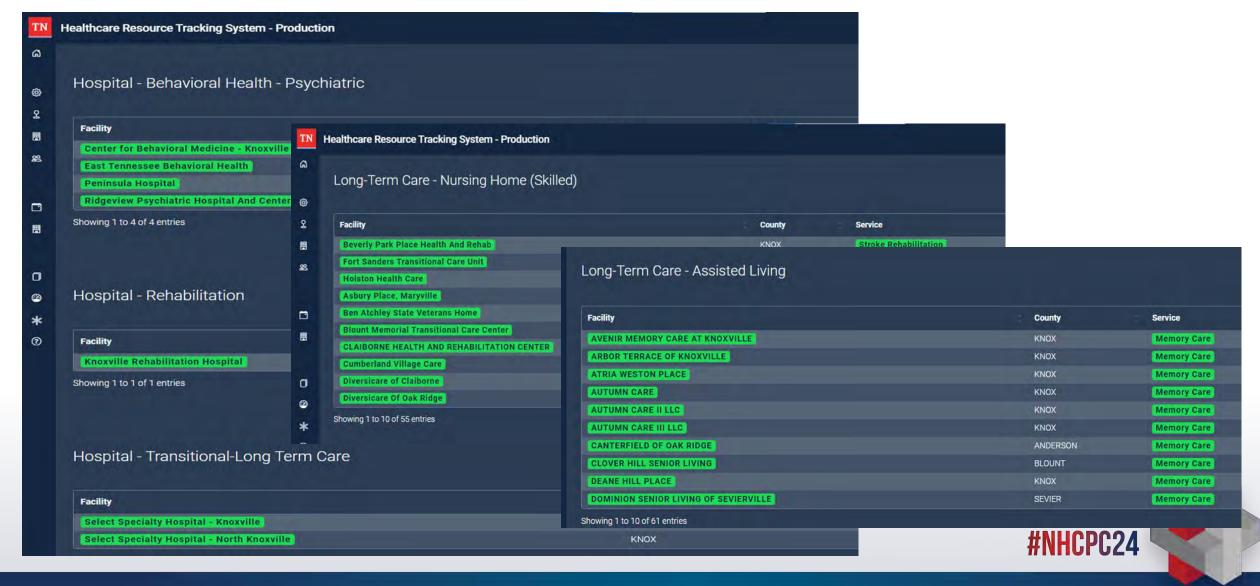
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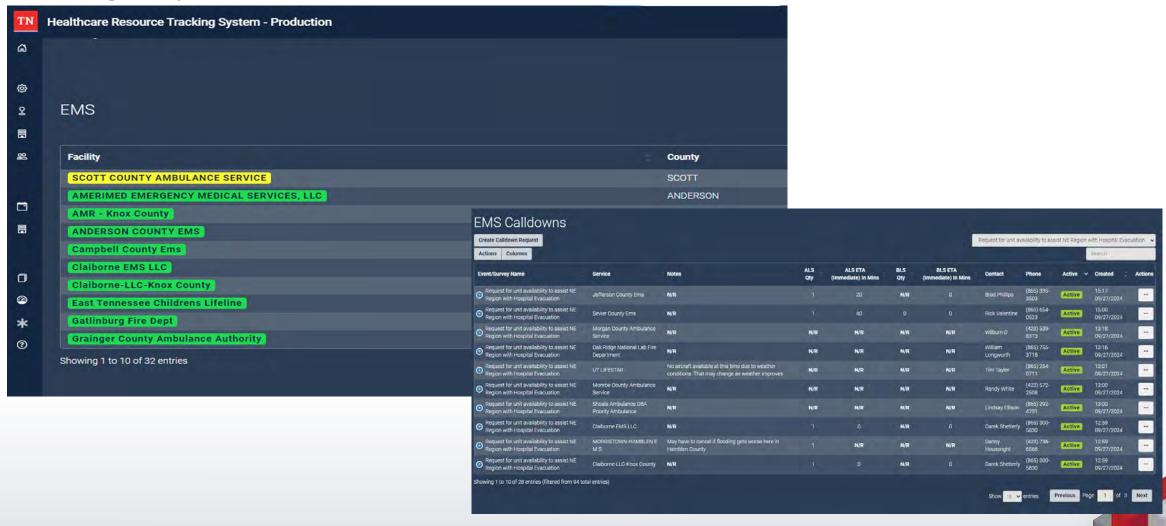
Services

Facility Status Type	Status Color	Status Description		
	Normal (Green)	All Operations are Normal		
	Advisory (Yellow)	Limited access/use available. Update service status in HRTS. EMS should have early notification to facility to check availability.		
Services (i.e. MRI, CT, Cath	Severe (Orange)	Delay in service availability due to overcrowding or service disruptions		
Lab, L&D, Behavioral Health)	Critical (Red)	Critical system failure and service is not available. Update service status in HRTS. EMS should redirect patient as appropriate.		
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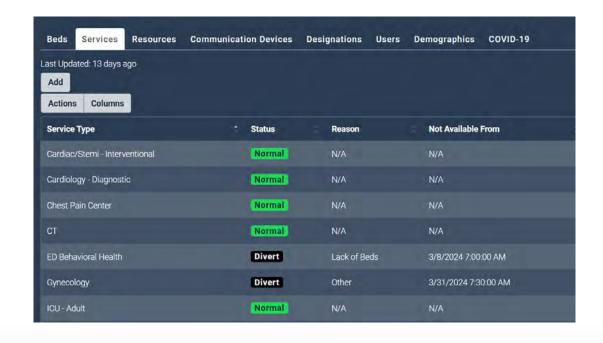
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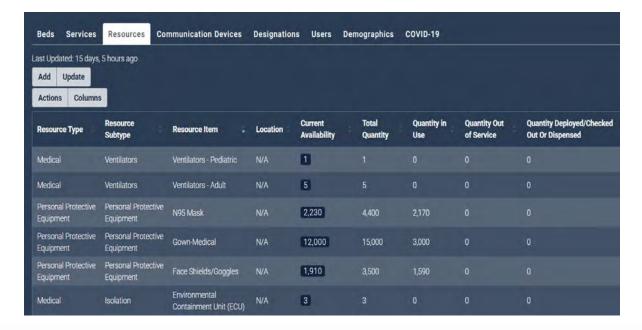


Emergency Medical Services



Status of Services and Resources







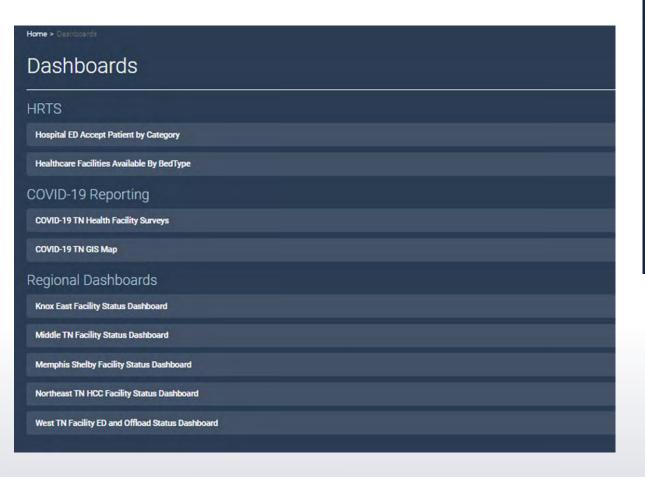
Reports –PDF or Excel

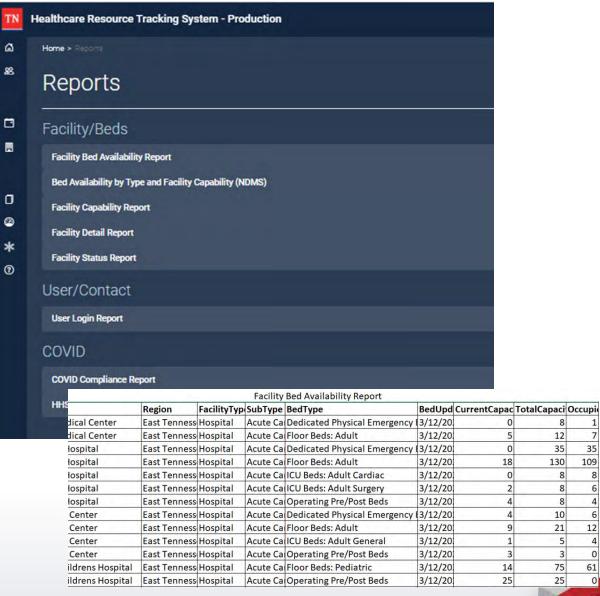
Parkwest Medical Center - Services

Service Type	Status	Reason	Not Available From	Not Available To
Cardiac/Stemi - Interventional	Normal	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cardiology - Diagnostic	Normal	N/A	N/A	N/A
Chest Pain Center	Normal	N/A	N/A	N/A
ED Behavioral Health	Critical	Patient Overcrowding	2/23/2024 8:32:00 AM	2/26/2024 8:32:00 AM
ICU - Adult	Normal	N/A	N/A	N/A
Interventional Radiology	Normal	N/A	N/A	N/A
Labor and Delivery	Normal	N/A	N/A	N/A
MRI	Normal	N/A	N/A	N/A
Neurology	Normal	N/A	N/A	N/A
Obstetrics	Normal	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ophthalmology	Normal	N/A	N/A	N/A
Orthopedics	Normal	N/A	N/A	N/A
Telemetry/Monitored Beds	Normal	N/A	N/A	N/A

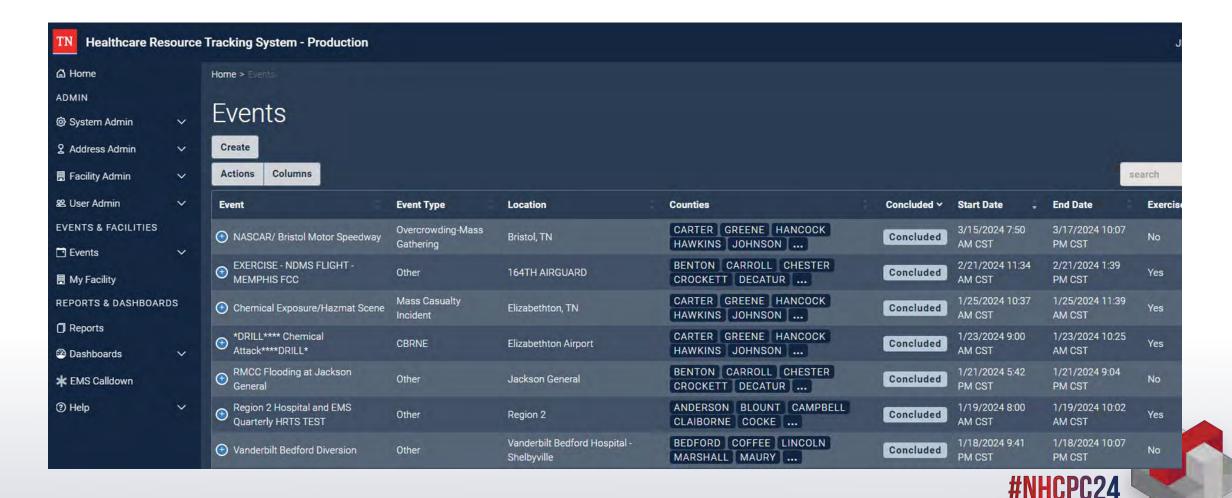
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Dashboards and Reports

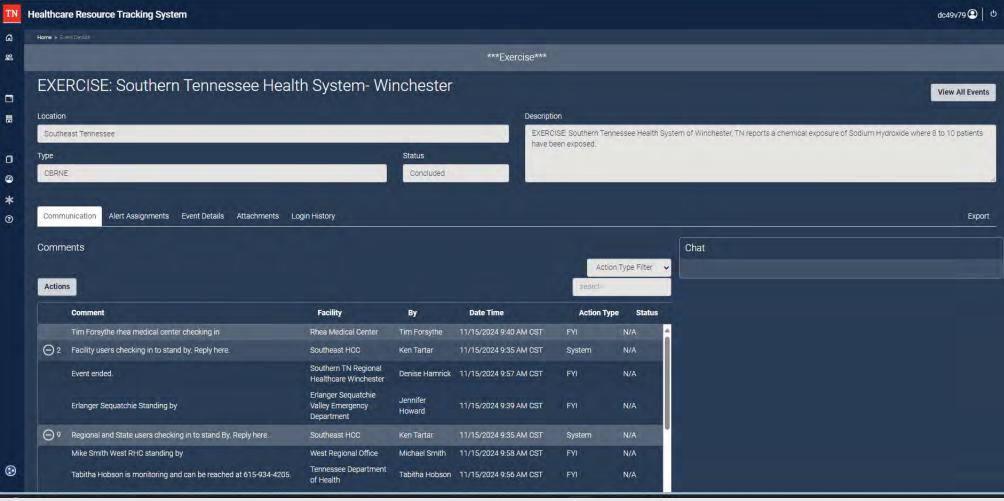




Use of HRTS Beyond Daily Operations Planned and Unplanned Events

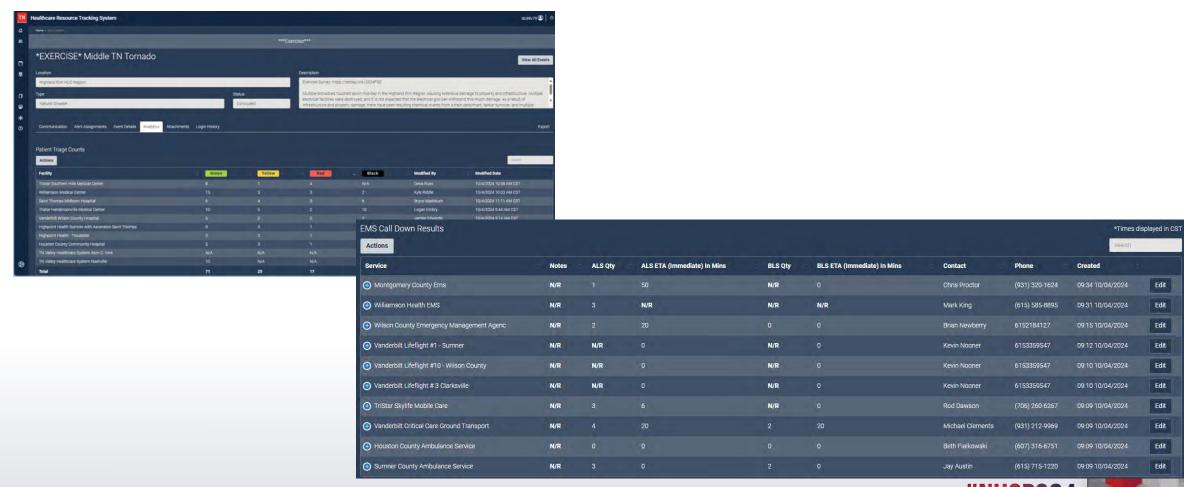


Events Page - Communication





Events Page – Patient Triage and EMS Call Down Analytics



Events Page Record Management

Downloadable Reports

- Communications Log
- EMS Response Report
- Hospital Triage Records
- Any relevant attachments or additional documents.

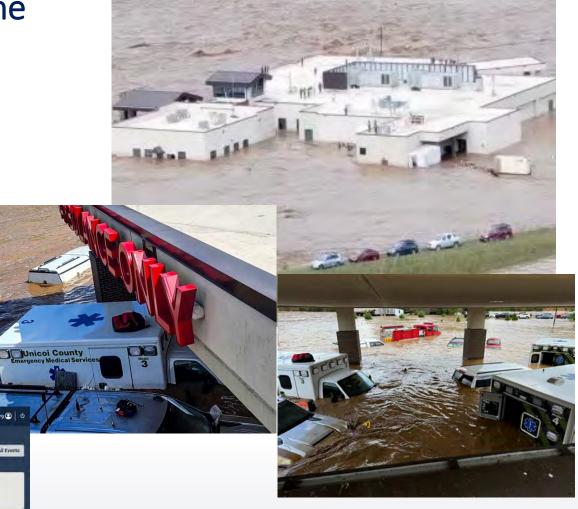
Comment	Facility	Ву	Date Time	Action Type	Status
We will conclude this event as we are more into recovery and rebuilding phases now. Thank you so much to all the love and relief sent to Northeast TN. We appreciate you!	RMCC		10/7/2024 9:27 AM CST	FYI	N/A
FLIGHT CENTERS BE ADVISED- multiple private aircrafts, TVA, THP, Coast Guard, National Guard, H.E.A.R.T. and Med-Flight II VSP operating in this region of the state and North Carolina area. Please be vigilant with communications. Permissions to operate in Unicoi Co,TN need to be cleared bty "Air Boss" (national guard)	RMCC		10/4/2024 10:22 AM CST	FYI	N/A
Our Region is still experiencing widespread spotty outage in cell and internet service. Also some radio infrastructure issues on Holston Mountain.	RMCC		10/4/2024 9:48 AM CST	FYI	N/A
IV fluid shortages across the system. Seeking additional resources through local healthcare coalition team.	RMCC		10/4/2024 9:17 AM CST	FYI	N/A
Updates: Operational Northeast Tennessee Facilites under this thread	RMCC		10/4/2024 8:47 AM	FYI	N/A



Timeline

- Event activated in HRTS at 8:35 AM on 9/27/2024.
- Unicoi Medical Center (Erwin, TN)
 - Decision to evacuate at 9:48am ET
 - Evacuation complete by 4:45pm ET
- 4 Helicopters (2 TNNG and 2 VA Police)
- 54 Lives Saved
- Activation concluded at 9:27 AM on10/7/2024.







HRTS Event Northeast – Hurricane Helene 9/27/2024

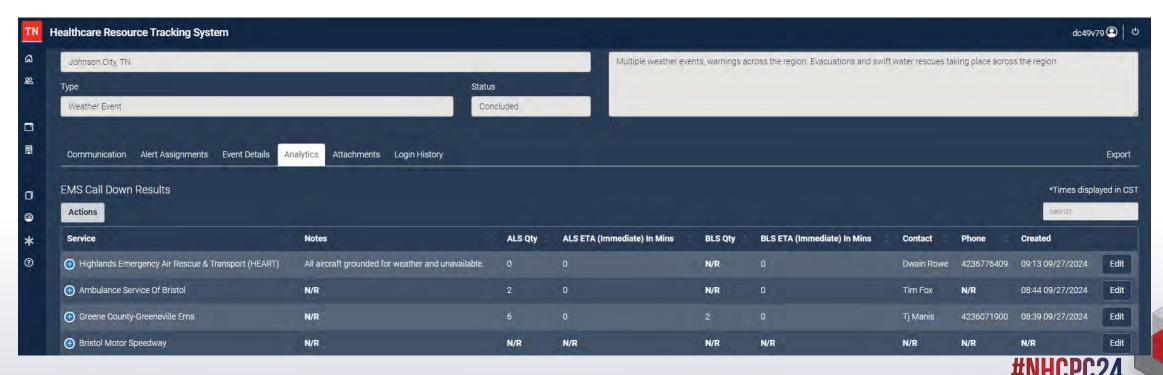








EMS Call Down Results



Communication

ESF-8 in coordination with EMS is working the situation and will be in contact with the RHC/ERC/RMCC.	Tennessee Department of Health	9/27/2024 12:42 PM CST	FYI	N/A
Sycamore Shoals Hosptial is now evacuating their hospital as well.	RMCC - Ballad Health	9/27/2024 12:30 PM CST	FYI	N/A
2 Ambu buses have been deployed to SSH	RMCC - Ballad Health	9/27/2024 1:46 PM CST	FYI	N/A
10 ambulances are needed to stage at Elizabethton High School	RMCC - Ballad Health	9/27/2024 12:37 PM CST	FYI	N/A
SSH Hospital is currently evacuating.		9/27/2024 12:19 PM CST	FYI	N/A
HCMH 7 ER beds available. M/S full at this time.	Hawkins County Memorial Hospital	9/27/2024 11:45 AM CST	FYI	N/A
Carter Co, Johnson Co and Unicoi Co have all declared states of emergency.	RMCC - Ballad Health	9/27/2024 11:30 AM CST	FYI	N/A
Niswonger Children's hospital 1 and 2 Conference Rooms will be reunification points for UCH hospital staff.	RMCC - Ballad Health	9/27/2024 11:07 AM CST	FYI	N/A



Facility Status







HRTS Metrics-Northeast

"Northeast TN Weather" Event Metrics

- 111 facilities alerted -Hospitals, LTC, EMS, Public Health
- 15 Counties reporting in TN and VA
- 1328 system users visited the Event page while it was active (some are duplicates)
- 166 comments were posted by 46 individuals

Best Practices

- Assisted in sustaining a common operating picture and needs assessments through Event Comments.
- Recognizes the ability of the RMCCs to maintain and provide updates of regional data such as essential elements of information, EMS availability, status updates.
- RMCC was able to communicate with other RMCCs to provide additional ambulances if needed.
- RMCC was able to provide updates to ambulance availability within their region.
- Event chat allowed rapid technical changes to be made between RMCC and HRTS System Admins to correct an upload problem.

Lessons Learned

- EMAs were not included in event notification.
- Skilled Nursing and Assisted Living had a low response rate.
- Non-Acute Care Hospitals were non-responsive.
- EMS Call down was successfully completed by 3 of 14 EMS agencies (21%).



HRTS Metrics - East

"City of Newport Evacuation and Inclement Weather" Event Metrics

- 67 facilities alerted -Hospitals, LTC, EMS, Public Health
- 16 Counties reporting in TN
- 407 system users visited the Event page while it was active (some are duplicates)
- 51 comments were posted by 36 individuals

Best Practices

- Assisted in providing resources needed within shelters.
- Recognizes the ability of regional staff to maintain and provide updates of regional data and status updates.
- Hospitals were fantastic in ensuring beds were updated in a timely manner.

Lessons Learned

- Portable O2 should be put in as Resource Needed instead of FYI so the request can be closed upon fulfillment.
- No further updates on City of Newport before event closed.



Conclusion

- HRTS is essential for effective healthcare management and resilience, ensuring patient needs are met through coordinated resources.
- Sustainability insights from HRTS support coalition efforts and strategic planning for future resilience.
- HRTS enables data-driven collaboration, sharing best practices, and avoiding overload in crises.
- Centralized data and real-time visibility optimize healthcare delivery, enhancing coalition effectiveness in crises.



Questions



