

Northwest Regional Healthcare Coalition Spotlight September, 2019

September is National Preparedness Month!

What to do this month to ensure your facility, staff, and family are READY. Each week for the month of September, work on these individual, family and work tasks.

- September 1—7: Save Early for Disaster Costs
- September 8—14: Make a Plan to Prepare for Disasters
- September 15—21: Teach Youth to Prepare for Disasters
- September 22—30: Get Involved in Your Community's Preparedness



Have a personal, home, work, and/or school preparedness plan for each member of your family and take some time this month to “exercise” your plans!

STAY INFORMED
WHO TO FOLLOW

Make sure your household members with social media, phone and email accounts are signed up for alerts and warnings from their individual school, school system, workplace and local government agencies including: police, fire, ambulance services, public health department, public works, public utilities and your local emergency management office.

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)
• vaemergency.gov
• Vaemergency
• @VDEM

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
• 511Virginia.org
• VirginiaDOT
• @VaDOT

Virginia State Police (VSP)
• sp.state.va.us
• VirginiaStatePolice
• @VSPPIO

National Weather Service (NWS)
• @NWSWakefieldVA
• @NWS_BaltWash
• @NWSBlacksburg
• @NWSCharlestonWV
• @NWSMorristown

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
• www.fema.gov
• www.ready.gov
• FEMA
• @FEMA
• @FEMARegion3

Stay Informed

Follow any an all appropriate national, state, and local agencies and news outlets to ensure you properly informed of any potential threats and timeline of events.

It is critical to know what could affect your area, how to get emergency alerts, allowing for the most effective plan for what to do before, during and after each type of emergency.

Hazard Vulnerability Assessment (HVA)

Facility and Community HVA are critical in order to assess gaps in planning, response, and recovery. A HVA is a systematic approach to identify hazards or risks that are most likely to have an impact on your facility and surrounding community. Conducting a HVA is also a requirement in the CMS Emergency Preparedness Rule.

<https://asprtracie.hhs.gov/technical-resources/3/hazard-vulnerability-risk-assessment/1>

Resources:

<https://www.ready.gov/september>

<https://www.ready.gov/training>

<https://www.phe.gov/Preparedness/news/events/NPM18/Pages/health-care-community.aspx>

<https://www.vaemergency.gov/>

<https://www.cdc.gov/cpr/whatwedo/vulnerable.htm>