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### ***2019 Flu Season will be worse and deadlier than last year's***

This year promises to be a particularly bad flu season. Researchers and vaccine makers typically look to Australia as one of the indicator countries to predict the United States (US) flu season. This winter Australia had more than 300,000 cases, a “high” case amount. In 2018 the US had 500,000 cases compared to Australia which in 2018 had 58,847 confirmed flu cases. [Read more here](#) (Source: The Hill)

### ***CDC releases new guidance for Long Term Care on MDRO's***

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recently introduced a new approach of Enhanced Barrier Precautions to help address the challenges of Multidrug-resistant Organisms (MDRO's). Enhanced Barrier Precautions are recommended for preventing the transmission of novel or targeted MDROs in nursing homes involved in a public health containment response. Enhanced Barrier Precautions fall between Standard and Contact Precautions, and require gown and glove use for certain residents during specific high- contact resident care activities that have been found to increase the risk for MDRO transmission. For more information please see the [CDC Healthcare-associated Infections website](#) on the topic. A presentation on this topic can be found [here](#) (Source: CDC)

### ***Meet the NEW HERC WITRAC/WISCOM Subject Matter Expert***

#### **Mike Tedeschi**



**Mike Tedeschi** works full time for the Green Bay Metro Fire Department as a Firefighter/Paramedic. Within his rolls on the department he also serves as the Deputy Commander of the departments Honor Guard presenting our nations flag at public relation events and conducting firefighter funeral honors. In 2012 Mike was requested to join the East Central Incident Management Team as a communications specialist also known as a Communications Unit Leader (ComL). After completing his Command and General Staff training in December 2012 Mike joined the team and completed is Communications Unit Leader and Communications Unit Technician Training in 2015. After participating in exercises and trainings across the state Mike completed his Comm's training with formal state

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### ***Using WITRAC Daily for Reporting Hospital Status and Bed Counts***

One of the most underutilized communication systems in the NEW HERC is the Wisconsin Tracking, Resources, Alerts and Communication (WITRAC) online reporting platform. In reviewing many of the After-Action Reports (AAR's) produced from regional exercises the lack of or little use of the system is a common theme. This is one area of improvement planning that has rarely implemented but is an easy fix. The NEW HERC Board, Coordinator, and WITRAC/WISCOM SME have agreed to ask the hospitals in the region to report their Hospital Status, Med/Surg Status, ICU Status, and all Immediate Bed Availability (IBA) categories at least once a day. Even if these statuses and bed counts have not changed in 24 hours, updates should be completed no later than 10:00am each day. Time and Date stamps will be checked each day, and monthly reviews will be conducted.

Expectations for tests, exercises, and real events will remain the same with reporting done when alerted. MCI ED beds reported within 15 minutes of an alert and IBA Bed Counts within 30 minutes. Remember when reporting any bed availability, the number entered in to WITRAC should reflect available *staffed beds*.



### ***NEW HERC Class A Members Representatives***

Congratulations to the following new Class A members that will represent their facility or discipline Lauri Maki Emergency Management, Deb Holschbach EMS, Chris Hohol Fire, Stephanie School Hospitals, Chief Brian Kohlmeier Law Enforcement, Nancy Borhman Long Term Care, Sara Lornson Public Health, Menominee Tribal, and Oneida Tribal no representatives currently.

These members and the NEW HERC Officers hold the voting rights and most important your voice for the Coalition.

### ***Training and Exercise Committee***

NEW HERC held its first Training and Exercise Committee meeting on Tuesday October 8. The diverse group of members that attended identified behavioral health, Closed POD's, highly infectious disease, loss of utilities, non-hospital surge, severe weather and transportation are training topics related to healthcare emergency preparedness and response that they will be targeting over the next year at their facilities. The committee discussed a couple of exercises the Coalition may want to be involved in other than the one's listed on the exercise schedule.



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The Committee will be working with the state healthcare preparedness Training and Exercise Coordinator to develop a regional Multi Year Training and Exercise Plan (MYTEP) that will tie with the regional Hazard and Vulnerability Analysis (HVA). A survey has gone out to all NEW HERC Class A members to forward to their disciplines and facility types. In order to have each member organization evenly represented, only one person from an organization should complete the survey. The survey will close December 1. During the December NEW HERC meeting the survey results will be tabulated during the MYTEP Workshop.

### ***NEW HERC Healthcare Tool Kits Are Here!!***

Need help writing your healthcare emergency plans? Are you looking for best practices, specific language for certain sections of your plans, trainings and exercises or whole plan templates? Check out these toolkits related to the NEW HERC HVA; CMS, Cyber Security, Healthcare Evacuation and Shelter In Place, Highly Infectious Disease and Utility Emergencies. All can be found in our NEW HERC General Library at the following link <https://tinyurl.com/yxo9wjzv>

### ***NEW HERC Website Updates***

Major updates have begun to the NEW HERC Website <http://newherc.com> The updates will be ongoing until Jan 1, 2020. Connected to the website are email addresses for the NEW HERC Officers and contracted staff and are as follows;

- NEW HERC President Steve Pelch - [president@newherc.com](mailto:president@newherc.com)
- NEW HERC Vice President Anna Destree - [Anna.Destree@browncountywi.gov](mailto:Anna.Destree@browncountywi.gov)
- NEW HERC Secretary Eric Braun - [secretary@newherc.com](mailto:secretary@newherc.com)
- NEW HERC Treasurer Genny Willemon - [treasurer@newherc.com](mailto:treasurer@newherc.com)
- NEW HERC WITRAC/WISCOM SME Mike Tedeschi - [communications@newherc.com](mailto:communications@newherc.com)
- NEW HERC Coordinator Shawn Metzner – [coordinator@newherc.com](mailto:coordinator@newherc.com)

### ***NEW HERC Meeting Schedule***

Focus group meetings within our monthly coalition meetings will start January 22, 2020 more information can be found on page 4 of this newsletter. A copy of the Consolidated Meeting Schedule can be found at this link <https://tinyurl.com/yyp935ag>



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**Upcoming Coalition, and Committee Meetings**

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
NEW HERC Training and Exercise Committee	November 12, 2019	9:00am –11:30am	De Pere City Hall 2nd floor - Nicolet Conference Room
NEW HERC Board/Coordinator Update	November 13, 2019	10:00am – 11:30am	Virtual
NEW HERC Monthly Coalition Meeting	November 20, 2019 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Weds, before Hunting Season and Thanksgiving	8:30am –11:30am	<i>St. Clare's Memorial Hospital - Oconto Falls, Assisi Rm A</i>
NEW HERC Public Health PHEP Committee Meeting	December 16, 2019	9:00am – 11:00am	De Pere City Hall 2nd floor - Nicolet Conference Room
NEW HERC Highly Infectious Disease Task Group	December 16, 2019	1:00pm – 2:30pm	De Pere City Hall 2nd floor - Nicolet Conference Room
NEW HERC Monthly Coalition Meeting	December 18, **3rd Weds before the two holidays	8:30am –11:30am	St. Vincent's Hospital Heritage Conference Rm C 3rd Floor
NEW HERC Monthly Coalition Meeting	January 22, 2020 – Hospital Mtg – Last half of Coalition Mtg	8:30am –11:30am	<i>St. Clare's Memorial Hospital Oconto Falls, Assisi Rm A</i>
NEW HERC Monthly Coalition Meeting	February 26, 2020 – Medically Vulnerable Populations – Last half of the Coalition Mtg.	8:30am –11:30am	St. Vincent's Hospital Heritage Conference Rm C 3rd Floor



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### Upcoming Training & Exercises

Course Name	Course Dates	Location
Patient Decontamination Awareness Training for Hospitals	Currently Open - Online	Please contact Shawn for more details <a href="mailto:coordinator@newherc.com">coordinator@newherc.com</a>
<a href="#">Advanced Burn Life Support Provider Course</a>	Wednesday December 4, 2019	Aurora Bay Care Sports Medicine - Green Bay
NEW HERC Multi Year Training and Exercise Seminar	Wednesday December 18, 2019 – Last half of Coalition Mtg.	St. Vincent's Hospital Heritage Conference Rm C 3rd Floor



*We wish everyone a bountiful hunt and Thanksgiving. We hope you enjoy quality time with family and friends.*



# **Advanced Burn Life Support { ABLIS } Provider Course**

**December 4, 2020**

**8:00am – 5:00pm**

**Green Bay**

**Register at Eventbrite**

**<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/advanced-burn-life-support-ablis-provider-tickets-77196880949>**