

the **checkup**

your pulse on preparedness

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Thanks to each one who took the time to complete the Hazard Vulnerability Top 10 Assessment for NCKHCC!

Based on your assessments, the NCK HCC Executive Committee combined like hazards and reordered hazards for the following results for our region:

Pandemic / Infectious Disease

Severe Thunderstorm (Hail & Wind)

Tornado

Winter Blizzard (Ice & Snow)

Mass Casualty

External Flooding

Communications / Information Systems Failure

Drought / Wildfires

Temperature Extremes

Earthquakes

(You will want to prepare for hazardous spills on the highway or railway as well.)

In the spotlight...

Clay County

NCK HCC members from Clay County include:

Clay County Medical Center, Austin Gillard, CEO and Dianne Smith, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator (CCMC is one of our Co-Lead Hospitals)

Dr. John Kelley, NCK HCC's Clinical Advisor

CCMC Rural Health Clinics, Melissa Spellman

Meadowlark Hospice, Amy Burr

Clay County EMS, Rocky Cramer

Clay County Public Health Department, Dana Rickley

Clay County Emergency Management, Pam Kemp

Presbyterian Manor, Bill Cumberland & Craig Easterberg



It's time again for the Great Central U.S. Shake-Out! For tools and exercise resources and to register your organization to participate in the exercise, link to:

<https://www.shakeout.org/centralus/>

As of 9/23/20, Kansas has had M1.5 or greater:

- 3 earthquakes in the past 24 hours
- 7 earthquakes in the past 7 days
- 44 earthquakes in the past 30 days
- 729 earthquakes in the past 365 days (the largest being a 4.5 earthquake near South Hutchinson, KS on January 19, 2020)

(<https://earthquaketrack.com/p/united-states/kansas/recent>)



Thanks to all who contributed to the **Annual Hazard Vulnerability Assessment!** Special thanks to our Executive Committee for their work on the HVA and a select group of members who finished the entire assessment as representatives for the coalition.

Be looking for the final HVA for your approval by Monday September 28th.

Congratulations to Carol Ross winner of the
Fun Fall Basket for completing the HVA Top 10 Assessment!



Winners of the quiz,
“How do you fix a broken pumpkin?”
Answer: With a pumpkin patch!

LeRoy Dickinson, Gerilyn Dieterich,
Sam Finegan and Teresa McHenry



Our newest member to the NCK HCC
Teresa McHenry, Materials Mgmt. at
Ellsworth County Medical Ctr.



Use the following link to access pre-planning wildfire tips:
https://www.usfa.fema.gov/current_events/092220.html



Crisis Leadership in an Active Threat

This virtual seminar will be conducted: Monday, October 12, 2020; 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. *The Crisis Leadership in an Active Threat Seminar* has been specifically designed for elected and appointed officials to learn about their role in leading the community through the response and recovery following an active threat event. Additionally, this seminar will highlight lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic and discussions on rebuilding public trust. To Register: https://www.marc2.org/iEBMS/reg/reg_pl_form.aspx?



Register today on KS Train for these free classes through the KDHE:

- 10/14/20, 10:00—11:00 AM Psychological First Aid, #1092227
- 10/21/20, 10:00—11:00 AM EMResource, Beginners Guide, #1093047



Remember that DQE's Online HazMat Education will cease at the end of December 2020. Beth Vallier (nc@hccpkansas.com or 785-472-1247) has a list of the seats left for each hospital in the NCK HCC region. This is a great resource that has already been paid for and works great in getting your staff ready for a hazmat emergency.



Thursday, September 24th 2:00 to 3:00 pm. Topic: Join experts in the field of infectious disease as they identify gaps and lessons learned surrounding the pandemic. Hastings Fire will share their experiences both in responding to and transporting COVID positive patients with limited PPE and while working around HIPPA rules. Zoom link to register:

https://unmc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_VAPwsOZpTtylMR1AliSbZg

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