# 2023 Statewide Medical And Health Exercise

# Chemical Fire with Burn & Pediatric Surge Scenario Long Term Care Facility Objectives

**How To Use This Document:** *The purpose of this document is to provide sample objectives and capabilities for exercise planners to select from in designing their Statewide Medical and Health Exercise (SWMHE). These capabilities and their supporting objectives were identified based on the Integrated Preparedness Plan (IPP) (formerly MYTEP) developed by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). To access this document, visit* [*https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/EPO/Pages/swmhe.aspx*](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/EPO/Pages/swmhe.aspx)

*To use this document, insert your agency/organization’s name in the bracketed text in the header that reads “Insert Name of Agency/Organization Here.” Review the suggested capabilities and objectives and* ***consider them as options to create an Exercise Plan that is customized to the unique characteristics of your organization and community****. According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA),* ***ten or fewer objectives are recommended for a functional exercise.***

## Applicable Capabilities

| **Type** | **Capability** | **Capability Goal** |
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| HPP | Health Care and Medical Response Coordination | Health care organizations, the Health Care Coalition (HCC), their jurisdiction(s), and the ESF-8 lead agency plan and collaborate to share and analyze information, manage and share resources, and coordinate strategies to deliver medical care to all populations during emergencies and planned events. |
| HPP | Continuity of Health Care Service Delivery | Health care organizations, with support from the HCC and the ESF-8 lead agency, provide uninterrupted, optimal medical care to all populations in the face of damaged or disabled health care infrastructure. Health care workers are well-trained, well-educated, and well-equipped to care for patients during emergencies.  |
| HPP | Medical Surge | Medical surge is the ability to evaluate and care for a markedly increased volume of patients thatexceeds normal operating capacity. |

# Proposed Objectives

## Objective One

Activate the Emergency Operation Plan (EOP) and policies related to the incident within thirty (30) minutes of notification of incident information that may affect normal operations. *Health Care Preparedness and Response Capability 2: Health Care and Medical Response Coordination*

Sample Task(s)

* Activate the EOP within thirty (30) minutes of incident notification and begin identifying staffing needs
* Activate staff members within thirty (30) minutes of notification of an incident/event, and begin call-down procedures
* Implement the facility’s process to request resources, if any, and coordinate with emergency management and other response partners

## Objective Two

Activate communication plan to gather, organize, and document incident situation and resource information to maintain situational awareness, and share information horizontally and vertically with stakeholders within sixty (60) minutes. *Health Care Preparedness and Response Capability 2: Health Care and Medical Response Coordination*

Sample Task(s):

* Implement information sharing processes that support ongoing communication to inform [insert agency/organization] partners of operational status and resource needs, including the state Licensing and Certification District Office, when necessary
* The [Long Term Care Facility (LTCF) Incident Commander/Administrator] submits a facility status report to [insert relevant local emergency management authorities] within sixty (60) minutes of the start of the emergency
* The facility, if appropriate, notifies local emergency authorities of available bed capacity within sixty (60) minutes of request

## Objective Three

If the decision is made to shelter in place and/or activate surge plans, provide patients with at least a minimum standard of care according to internal protocols and procedures within thirty (30) minutes of activation. *Health Care Preparedness and Response Capability 3: Continuity of Health Care Service Delivery*

Sample Task(s):

* Utilize the IAP process to assess the projected impact of the incident on the facility, and use this assessment to set immediate and long-term priorities for resident care and resource allocation
* Test channels of situational awareness and methods to receive alerts
* Identify impact of incident on physical plant and implement policies and procedures to minimize risk to residents sheltered in facility
* Identify impact of incident and implement policies and procedures to safely shelter during incident
* Identify and calculate critical resource needs based on anticipated duration of the incident within sixty (60) minutes

## Objective Four

Implement the Nursing Home Incident Command System (ICS) in response to a Ragiological/Hazmat Incident and effectively transition to a Incident Command within thirty (30) minutes of activation. *Health Care Preparedness and Response Capability 2: Health Care and Medical Response and Recovery Coordination; Health Care Preparedness and Response Capability 3: Continuity of Health Care Service Delivery*

Sample Task(s):

* Incident Commander (IC) receives appointment and opens the command center
* IC appoints command staff and assembles Incident Management Team (IMT)
* IC, IMT, and command staff develop Incident Action Plan (IAP) using NHICS 200 IAP quick start form or NHICS 201 Incident Briefing form
* IC and IMT set immediate operational objectives; Planning Chief captures info on Incident Briefing form
* IC directs command staff and IMT through the use of Job Action Sheets assigned during briefing meeting
* Operations Chief oversees completion of facility system status report in conjunction with Infrastructure Branch Director to be supplied to county MHOAC through County preferred method

## Objective Five

Consider and plan for the activation of mental and behavioral health services for all staff members as part of incident response and recovery planning as needed. *Health Care Capability 3: Continuity of Health Care Service Delivery*

Sample Task(s):

* Coordinate with the Medical Health Operational Area Coordination (MHOAC) and Health Care Coalition (HCC) partners to determine the need for additional behavioral and mental health services, partners, and volunteers to provide an appropriate level of care to staff, patients, and family members
* Coordinate with administration and leadership to facilitate access to and promote availability of mental and behavioral health services for staff, patients, and family members, including briefings for staff on educating patients and families on available resources

## Objective Six

If the decision is made to evacuation provide patients with at least a minimum standard of care according to internal protocols and procedures within [insert timeframe]. *Health Care Preparedness and Response Capability 3: Continuity of Health Care Service Delivery*

Sample Task(s):

* Implement plans to transfer residents to other facilities
* Triage resident transportation needs
* Utilize communication plan to coordinate transportation resources
* Utlilize communication plan to coordinate patient movement with MHOAC
* Determine staffing plan for staff accompanying residents to evacuation locations
* Organize equipment and personal effects to accompany each resident