

Butte and Glenn County Public Health Emergency Preparedness teams are excited to present the first ever HCC Newsletter!



First and foremost...

Welcome! This newsletter's goal is to provide a quarterly update on what is happening in the Butte-Glenn Emergency Preparedness Healthcare Coalition. This will be a space to promote trainings, highlight topics of interest, and celebrate partners on a job well done!

The Butte-Glenn EP HCC would also like everyone to stay tuned for the Access and Functional Needs Sub-Committee. The goal of the AFN Sub-Committee is to promote community partner engagement with the HCC in order to better care for AFN populations.

If you have any ideas for content you'd like to see in future editions, please contact Hannah Bergen Ziyadinova at hziyadinova@countyofglenn.net.



September Meeting Highlights

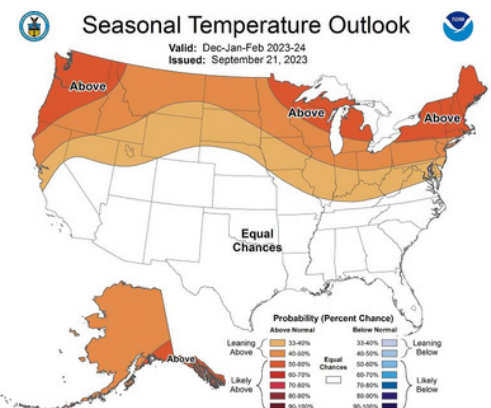
What did you Miss? Key Takeaways from the September EP HCC Meeting:

The Butte County Public Health Lab seeks to expand this season's respiratory outlook by analyzing Flu, RSV, and COVID-19 lab samples. Please reach out to the Butte Lab to work with providing specimens so community surveillance can be conducted. The lab will provide test kits, limited courier services, and accept samples from both Butte and Glenn County facilities. It is in the community's best interest to know what is circulating out there!

Orchard Hospital is now part of American Advanced Management (AAM) and their CEO is Steve Stark, who is managing Orchard along with Glenn and Colusa Medical Centers. Welcome to the Butte-Glenn EP HCC!

The Butte County Ground Ambulance EOA Agreement with Butte County EMS is effective October 1st. SSV-EMS is working with Glenn County to increase ground services in Glenn County.

WestHaven Senior Living in Orland is now a part of CiminoCare, an organization with a network of senior care facilities throughout Northern CA, including Sunshine Assisted Living in Paradise.



Weather Outlook

The North American Multi-Model Ensemble (NMME) is predicting for October, November, and December that the average temperature will be 0.45 to 3.6°F (0.25 to 2°C) above normal. The NMME integrates multiple forecasts of the next 90 days to build the best estimate of temperatures and precipitation over the time frame.

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) there is an 84% chance of greater than a moderate strength El Niño, and a 56% chance of a strong El Niño developing. This means we should all be prepared for another wet winter! Fall is the perfect time for every facility to be working on getting "Winter Ready". If your facility needs any help winterizing please let either Butte or Glenn Public Health Departments know!

NEXT BUTTE GLENN EP HCC MEETING: DECEMBER 20TH 2:00PM @ ENLOE CONFERENCE CENTER

Feather River Tribal Health



Tribal Art: Traditional Dolls made from Corn Husks

Feather River Tribal Health (FRTH) provides comprehensive care to Native American and non-native registered patients. FRTH has a holistic healthcare approach that minimizes the need for patient referrals by offering a comprehensive range of services. During a recent interview with incoming CEO Eric Lyon, retiring CEO Maria Hunzeker, and Dean Strait, RN, Wellness Director they discussed furthering patient well-being with their expanded services and dedication to accessible healthcare. FRTH serves approximately 5,800 patients across Butte, Yuba, and Sutter counties.

An exciting new addition to FRTH's services is the drive-thru prescription option for patients. FRTH has also begun a low-dose induction program using Suboxone to address vital substance abuse treatment needs within our community. Another addition is the provision of holistic specialty care services in their Wellness Center, which focuses on preventative patient services such as chiropractic, yoga, nutrition, and physical therapy. These new services truly underscore FRTH's commitment to an all-encompassing approach to healthcare.



FRTH & Strategic Preparedness

FRTH endorses strategic preparedness by maintaining an inventory of medical supplies, surge tents, and a mobile medical unit for future emergencies and disasters. The Wellness Center has played a crucial role in providing temporary housing for staff during the 2018 Camp Fire. FRTH expresses a community-centric approach in sustainability initiatives and training events with the HCC to promote staff safety and preparedness. Their dedication to accessible, holistic healthcare and community well-being sets a strong foundation for continued success.



Winter Weather

Be prepared for winter weather at home, work, and in your car. Create an emergency supply kit for your car. Include jumper cables, sand, a flashlight, warm clothes, blankets, bottled water, and non-perishable snacks. Keep a full tank of gas.

Prepare your facility to keep out the cold with insulation, caulking, and weather stripping. Learn how to keep pipes from freezing. Install and test smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors with battery backups. Gather supplies in case you need to shelter in place for several days without power.



PREPAREDNESS TIP: HAVE AN ALTERNATIVE PLAN FOR REFRIGERATING MEDICINES IF YOU LOSE POWER.

Preparing for a Flood

Make a plan for your facility, including any animals, so that you know what to do, where to go, and what you will need to protect yourselves from flooding. Learn and practice evacuation routes, shelter plans, and flash flood response. Gather supplies, including non-perishable foods, cleaning supplies, and water for several days in case you must leave immediately or if services are cut off in your area.

Other preparedness efforts you can make; keep important documents in a waterproof container, create password-protected digital copies, move valuables to higher levels, declutter drains and gutters, install check valves, and consider a sump pump with a battery.

You can find Flood Safety Checklists at redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/types-of-emergencies/flood.

Remember to enroll in community emergency alerting programs like NIXLE and CodeRED.

AFN Corner

When preparing for disaster, considerations for the whole community should include accessible transportation options, medical needs, and keeping individuals connected with their families, personal care providers, essential equipment and technologies, and service animals are important. Proper planning is essential to successful disaster response.

In an effort to better communicate what services are available to the local AFN populations, the HCC is in the beginning stages of establishing an AFN sub-committee. The hope is that by creating a space to meet and get to know each other organization of response efforts during times of disaster will be more efficient.

Stay tuned for more updates as the Butte-Glenn Emergency Preparedness Healthcare Coalition Access & Functional Needs Sub-Committee gets started.