ASPR TRACIE Technical Assistance Request

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Request:

The requestor asked for technical assistance in identifying exercise templates for a small, outpatient ambulatory care clinic (e.g., tornado, wildfire, and evacuation/shelter in place).

Response:

The ASPR TRACIE Team reviewed our Ambulatory Care and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) and Exercise Program Topic Collections. Please refer to the Plans, Tools, and Templates sections in both Collections for additional resources. We also reviewed our Select ASPR TRACIE TA Responses, specifically the Ambulatory Care and FQHC and Exercise and Training sections.

A list of comprehensively developed Topic Collections can be found here: https://asprtracie.hhs.gov/technical-resources/topic-collection.

I. Exercise Examples


This Situation Manual (SitMan) is intended for participants of a tabletop exercise that focuses on emergency response plans, policies, and procedures as they pertain to an active shooter event at a community health center.


This presentation addresses the purpose of the tabletop exercise, describes the wildfire scenario that impacts the community health center, and provides discussion questions for participants.


This Situation Manual includes exercise materials from Michigan, where exercise participants were given the tools to implement and evaluate the Long Term Care Facility (LTC) tabletop exercise. The purpose of this exercise was to provide a forum for LTCs and other organization to participate in a facilitated discussion regarding their roles and
responsibilities during shelter-in-place and evacuation emergencies. (Note: while specific to LTCs, this template could be tailored to different types of facilities.)


This website provides links to examples of tabletop exercises that organizations can utilize and adapt in preparation for emergencies. (Note: you may wish to review the “Critical Power Failure” and “National Level Exercise 2011: Earthquake” exercises.)


This template provides exercise leaders and participants with the tools to implement and evaluate a tabletop exercise related to a tornado scenario. The purpose of this exercise was to provide facility leaders with a useful exercise to address tornado threats, issues, and concerns. It also allowed participants to address key issues through a series of self-facilitated discussions, including the evacuation of healthcare facilities. These materials can be replicated by others interested in carrying out similar exercises.