

# Healthcare and Public Health Sector



## Healthcare and Public Health Sector Update to Orlando Florida Incident

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Good afternoon, Healthcare and Public Health Sector partners-

Sector leadership participated in several calls with DHS and cross-Sector partners regarding the mass casualty incident that occurred at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando, FL. The incident serves as a grim reminder of the need for continual vigilance and situational awareness. Please review the information below to assist your organization's ongoing efforts in this regard. We will share any additional information or updates as we receive.

Sincerely-

HPH Sector Leadership

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**Current Situation:** At approximately 0200 yesterday morning, a shooter opened fire at the Pulse Club and Bar in Orlando, FL. Interactions with security personnel compelled the suspect to barricade himself in the nightclub and take hostages. The situation resolved once the suspect was killed and it was determined there were no additional shooters or explosive devices at the scene. At this time, there are 50 reported fatalities including the shooter and 53 injured persons. Media reports of blood shortages are incorrect—at this time, there are no unmet needs reported by Orlando; however, there are usually fewer blood donations in the summer months, donations are requested to help replenish the supply over the next few days.

**Threat Awareness:** At this time, there are no specific, credible threats to the U.S., including healthcare or public health. The Islamic State (ISIL) claimed responsibility on Sunday for the shooting, but U.S. officials said they had seen no immediate evidence linking the militant group to today's incident. There is also no information to suggest that the LGBT community is a current target of terrorist activity in the U.S.; however, this will continue to be monitored as we are in the middle of LGBT Pride Month and on-going mass gatherings may be attractive targets.

**Security Posture of Sector:** If your facility is taking any additional precautions to protect against mass casualty events, please let us know so we can highlight best practices for the Sector. Email [cip@hhs.gov](mailto:cip@hhs.gov) or post to the [Homeland Security Information Network-Healthcare and Public Health Lessons Learned Repository](#). Registration required for posting to HSIN. Email [cip@hhs.gov](mailto:cip@hhs.gov) if you do not have access.

### Relevant Resources for HPH Sector Partners:

- **\*\*NEW\*\*** [Security Starts Here: Connect, Plan, Train, Report](#): DHS Tools and Resources to Help Businesses Plan, Prepare, and Protect from an Attack
- ASPR-TRACIE topic collections on [Explosives and Mass Shooting](#), [Workplace Violence](#) and [Hospital Surge Capacity and Immediate Bed Availability](#)
- Resources to promote the [“If you see something, say something”](#) campaign
- Training for personnel on recognizing and reporting suspicious behavior in healthcare settings
- [Healthcare and Public Health Suspicious Activity Training](#)
- Quick [list of indicators](#)
- For updated threat briefs, see the Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN) [Critical Infrastructure page](#) and look to “Latest Documents” for FOUO threat briefs. Registration required to access HSIN. Email [cip@hhs.gov](mailto:cip@hhs.gov) if you do not have access.

### Healthcare and Public Health Resources for Active Shooter:

- [2015 Healthcare and Public Health Sector Coordinating Council Guidance on Active Shooter Planning and Response in a Healthcare Setting](#): This document was developed by the HPH SCC to provide specific guidance to healthcare providers, incorporating the unique aspects of the healthcare setting, such as special considerations for operating rooms, neonatal units, and medical gases and resources for coordinating medical and behavioral health responses after the incident.
- [Incorporating Active Shooter Incident Planning into Health Care Facility Emergency Operations Plans](#): This document, produced by HHS- ASPR, DOJ, and DHS-FEMA encourages healthcare facilities to consider how to better prepare for an active shooter incident in their emergency operations plan. The document is geared toward emergency planners, disaster committees, executive leadership, and others. Information sharing, coordination with law enforcement, and psychological first aid information is provided.
- [MESH Coalition Active Shooter Training Video](#): This video, produced by the MESH Coalition, a non-profit public-private healthcare coalition in Marion County, Indiana and the Indianapolis Coalition for Patient Safety, Inc., a collaboration of the six major Indianapolis health systems, shares with viewers the unique considerations for those responding to an active shooter in healthcare settings. The video is cited by the HPH SCC as embodying the goals of their Guidance document.
- [FBI Active Shooter Resources](#): Additional active shooter planning resources from the FBI.

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