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Public Health Preparedness and Local Health Section

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To: Directors of Health

Connecticut Healthcare Coalition

Cities Readiness Initiative Coordinators, Hospital Preparedness Directors

Connecticut Association of Healthcare Facilities Connecticut Association for Healthcare at Home

Leading Age Connecticut

Connecticut Assisted Living Association

Community Health Center Association of Connecticut

Certified and Licensed EMS Organizations

EMS-C Program

Connecticut Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security

Connecticut Department of Aging and Disability Services

Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services

FROM: William Gerrish

Health Program Supervisor

RE: Jurisdictional Risk Assessment

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (HHS ASPR) requires Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) program, and Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) recipients to complete a hazard vulnerability assessment (HVA)/jurisdictional risk analysis (JRA), at least once every five years, and once every year, respectively, to inform planning priorities for public health and healthcare emergency preparedness and response. The results of the HVA/JRA are referenced by DPH and HHS ASPR to prioritize preparedness and response-related activities.

In the two previous years, to meet the annual HVA/JRA requirement, DPH - in collaboration with the Yale New Haven Health System - administered an online survey to members of the Connecticut Health Care Coalition (HCC) including to ESF8 representatives from the state's five planning regions, to identify and rank hazards in Connecticut.







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On-line Survey

This year, to meet the PHEP and HPP grant requirements, DPH seeks to survey ESF8 partners as well as HCC members. To this end, please visit the survey link below to review the list of hazards and their current ranking/assigned priority based on their likelihood of occurrence, impact on human wellbeing, impact on healthcare services, impact on behavioral health, as well as planning implication. Consider each hazard's ranking in the context of the preparedness sector you represent (i.e., healthcare, emergency management, emergency medical services, public health, etc.), rather than in the context of your individual facility. If you believe the current ranking of a hazard no longer holds for this year, assign a new ranking to reflect the hazard's priority.

The online survey link is: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2022_CTDPH_HVA_JRA. We expect the survey to require 15-20 minutes to complete. We encourage you to share the survey with members of your network and ESF-8 partners.

Please complete the survey by May 13th, 2022.

If you have any questions regarding the survey or its methodology, please contact Noelle Frye at: Noelle.Gallant@ynhh.org

Thank you for your time and ongoing support.

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