Severe Weather Preparedness Week is an important time in Indiana, especially with our state’s history of flooding and severe weather disasters.

Thank you to all who took the time to participate in the Statewide Tornado Drill. These events are key to raising awareness, and continuing to empower Hoosiers to live and react safely.

IDHS Director of Emergency Management

COVID-19 Update

Vaccine Eligibility

The Department of Health has announced eligibility for Indiana residents 45 and over. Additionally, teachers, school support staff and childcare providers may schedule an appointment.

Individuals with specific comorbidities should coordinate with their physicians to facilitate scheduling their vaccine.

The OurShot.in.gov website continues to be the best source for current information. A detailed breakdown of the groups currently eligible can be found here.

CISA Report on Vaccination Hesitancy Released

The COVID-19 Vaccination Hesitancy Within the Critical Infrastructure Workforce Insight, released by CISA provides an overview of COVID-19 vaccination hesitancy and steps that critical infrastructure owners and operators can take to reduce the risk and encourage vaccine acceptance across their critical sectors’ workforce. Find this and more insights on CISA’s website.
May 1 - LEPC exercise proposals due

For other upcoming dates, visit the IDHS Calendar of Events.

Public Assistance Program

Due to the long-term nature of the COVID-19 response, the Request for Public Assistance deadline is remaining open. A specific deadline for RPAs will be announced when an end date for this disaster event is established by FEMA.

Continue checking the IDHS Public Assistance Program webpage for updates on guidance, trainings and other vital information.

CISA Virtual Tabletop Exercises

This event presents a scenario applicable to the organizations’ entire emergency management team, and is designed for organizations interested in raising awareness of the consequences of cyber incidents. Dates available include April 20-22 and June 15-17.

Locations interested in participating in the VTTX series should submit an email request to participate in the exercise to Carl.Wertman@fema.dhs.gov. Please provide a central point of contact (POC) from your organization to work all VTTX issues.

FBI's 2020 Internet Crime Report Released

The FBI’s Internet Crime Complaint Center has released the 2020 Internet Crime Report, which includes information from 791,790 complaints of suspected internet crime—an increase of more than 300,000 complaints from 2019—and reported losses exceeding $4.2 billion. State-specific statistics have also been released and can be found within the 2020 Internet Crime Report and in the accompanying 2020 State Reports.

Grants Update

EMPG Compliance Update

The compliance module for EMPG funded positions is now available in IntelliGrants. Read the Feb. 26 bulletin for more information.

NSGP and SHSP are Open

The Nonprofit Security Grant Program and the State Homeland Security Program are open through April 23, 2021. More information is available on the IDHS website

Available Training
K210 Recovery from Disaster Local Community Roles

This course addresses newly updated content about concepts in disaster recovery and the latest guidance on recovery planning. Learn more here.

FirstNet Brings Internet to the Woods: Command & Control During Wildfires

Join the FirstNet Emergency Management Webinar Series on April 8 for a webinar focused on how public safety has utilized the FirstNet Network to support wildfire response operations. Learn more and register.

National Exercise Program Nominations

FEMA is accepting nominations for exercise support as part of the National Exercise Program (NEP) Spring Nomination Round, with nominations due by April 1.

K202 Debris Management Planning

FEMA will offer a virtual delivery of this course, designed for state, tribal and local officials responsible for planning, managing and/or implementing debris removal and disposal activities from all types of disasters. Learn more about the March 23-25 opportunity.

Quantifying Flood Risk

This open-source HAZUS walkthrough on March 24 will allow attendees to watch a live flood analysis and hear from project leaders who have leveraged the tool for risk assessment initiatives in Hawaii, North Carolina, and West Virginia. Learn more and register.

Webinar: IPAWS in Exercises

EXERCISE, EXERCISE, exercise...your IPAWS capabilities! The IPAWS Program Management Office, in collaboration with FEMA’s National Exercise Division, presents a webinar exclusively focused on exercise integration and planning on March 24. Learn more.