After the limited festivities of 2020, warmer weather and increasing vaccination rates mean that Hoosiers will finally have an opportunity to enjoy fairs and events this summer.

As we begin to return to normalcy, please remember that these events are important to include in the Special Events Assessment Rating (SEAR). The SEAR tool is available throughout the year within WebEOC, and I encourage you to begin documenting your county events sooner, rather than later. This data can help the county, district and state, as well as federal emergency management, best allocate resources where they’re needed.

Mary Moran
IDHS Director of Emergency Management

NWS Hazard Messaging Changes

The National Weather Service is adjusting the Watch, Warning and Advisory system. Partners are invited to attend a webinar on 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. EDT, May 19, to provide feedback on proposed options.

IPPW Participant Feedback Form

The participation and engagement from this week's 2021 IPPW was appreciated. Individuals that attended were asked to complete a feedback form. If you have not yet provided feedback, the Exercise Section requests that you complete it at this time.
For other upcoming dates, visit the [IDHS Calendar of Events](#).

**COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility**

The Indiana Department of Health has announced eligibility for all Indiana residents 12 and older. *Note: Individuals under 18 are limited to the Pfizer vaccine.* The [ourshot.in.gov](#) website continues to be the best source for answers to frequently asked questions and scheduling vaccination appointments.

**Public Assistance Program**

The Request for Public Assistance deadline remains open. A specific deadline for RPAs will be announced when a disaster end date for the COVID-19 pandemic is established by FEMA.

Continue checking the [IDHS Public Assistance Program webpage](#) for updates on guidance, trainings and other vital information.

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**Unable to Attend the IPPW?**

Contact [exercise@dhs.IN.gov](mailto:exercise@dhs.IN.gov) for the recording, read ahead materials and participant feedback form. Individuals have until the end of the month to watch the recording, answer the knowledge checks questions and submit the participant feedback form to Exercise. The recorded IPPW also qualifies as an HSEEP exercise for EMPG compliance.

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**Planning Section Updates**

**District - Planning Section Representatives**

As a reminder, the IDHS Planning Section has assigned a planner to each district to allow a direct point of contact for any planning questions, feedback or concerns. Planners will be in attendance at DPC meetings and other district events, if invited. Below is the contact information for respective district planning responsibilities:

- District 1 – [Joshua Kiilu](mailto:joshua.kiilu@idhs.in.gov)
- District 2 – [Felicia Wolfe](mailto:felicia.wolfe@idhs.in.gov)
- Districts 3 and 4 – [Peri Rogowski](mailto:peri.rogowski@idhs.in.gov)
- Districts 5 and 6 – [Janice Lee](mailto:janice.lee@idhs.in.gov)
- Districts 7 and 8 – [Scott Huffman](mailto:scott.huffman@idhs.in.gov)
- District 9 – [Krystal White](mailto:krystal.white@idhs.in.gov)
- District 10 – [Allison Curry](mailto:allison.curry@idhs.in.gov)

Emergency management staff may also utilize [planning@dhs.in.gov](mailto:planning@dhs.in.gov) to ask questions, address concerns or share information with the Planning Section. The email address is monitored daily.

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**Plans and County Templates**

As plans and county templates are revised and written, these versions are being saved in the States Plan Library board within WebEOC.

**State of Indiana Emergency Operations Plan**

IDHS is in the final review stage of the 2021 State of Indiana Emergency Operations Plan, formerly known as the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP). A County Emergency Operations Plan template is being developed and will be shared with EMAs for feedback and posted in WebEOC in the States Plan Library.
Exercise Quick Hits

- The State and Local Aviation tabletop exercise after action conference will be on June 25, 2021.
- The Civil Unrest tabletop exercise with the north districts will be on June 29, 2021, from 9:30 a.m. Eastern (8:30 a.m. Central) to 12:30 p.m. Eastern (11:30 a.m. Central).
- The combined central and south LSA/C-POD tabletop/functional hybrid initial planning meeting will be on May 19, 2021.

A Day to Remember: Telling the Stories of Hoosiers During 9/11

This September marks 20 years since the 9/11 terrorist attacks on the United States. The IDHS Public Affairs staff currently is working on media projects to help tell the stories of Hoosier first responders and emergency management personnel who played an important role during September 2001.

If you have a story to share, please go to Remembering 9/11 and let IDHS know.

NCDP Training Opportunities

The National Center for Disaster Preparedness has released two new web-based courses on housing disaster recovery:

- Conducting Impact Assessments (AWR 370-W)
- Post-Disaster Planning for Housing

Available Training

CISA Virtual Tabletop Exercises

TMAC Engagement Survey

The Technical Mapping Advisory Council (TMAC) is seeking input from a wide range of stakeholders regarding graduated approaches to flood hazard and risk communication and a greater understanding of flood risk. Take the survey here.

Public Feedback Requested

FEMA is seeking public comments for programs that deal with climate change and underserved populations. The feedback will assist FEMA in identifying specific action that will better address climate change and underserved communities and populations. The comment period will be open through June 21.
NCBRT/ACE Training Opportunities

The National Center for Biomedical Research and Training/Academy of Counter-Terrorist Education have announced six virtual courses for spring and summer 2021:

- **MGT-324-C: Campus Emergencies Prevention, Response and Recovery**
- **AWR-122-C: Law Enforcement Prevention and Deterrence of Terrorist Acts**
- **AWR-324: Biological Incidents Awareness: COVID-19**
- **AWR-219-C: Site Protection Through Observational Techniques**
- **AWR-315: Fundamentals of Criminal Intelligence**
- **MGT-323: Instructor Development Workshop**

This event, held June 15-17, presents a scenario designed for emergency management organizations interested in raising awareness of the consequences of cyber incidents.

Organizations interested in participating should submit an email request to carl.wertman@fema.dhs.gov.

### 2021 EMI Virtual Tabletop Schedule Available

EMI conducts a series of VTTXs to provide a virtual forum for disaster training. The VTTX program is designed for a "community-based" group (not individual participation) of at least five or more personnel from state, local, tribal or territorial emergency management organizations with representation from all emergency management disciplines — public safety, public works, public health, health care, government, administrative, communications, military, private sector and non-governmental organizations.

Learn more in [Training Bulletin 1645](#).

### FEMA Hosts Exercise Starter Kit Webinars

FEMA’s National Exercise Division has developed exercise starter kits to assist organizations in planning and conducting tabletop exercises aligning with the updated National Exercise Program [2021-2022 Principal's Strategic Priorities](#).

FEMA will host six webinars next month to introduce the new exercise starter kits and provide stakeholders with an overview of how to use them. For more information, visit the [Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program Webinar webpage](#).

### Virtual All-Hazards Type 3 Communications Unit Leader Course

The Integrated Public Safety Commission will be hosting a virtual All-Hazards Type 3 Communications Unit Leader Course on June 28-July 1. Students must complete ICS 100, 200, 300, 700 and 800 prior to the end of registration on June 4.

Click [here](#) to register for the course.