

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EP NEWS & VIEWS

February 2025



Spring Weather Preparedness



Training Dates:
EMM Groups: 4/22-24/2025
Preparedness Summit: 5/13/2025
Annual Meeting & BMSB: 6/11/2025



EP trailer is repaired and back in service!



Ethics In Healthcare
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PREVENT

PROTECT

MITIGATE

RESPOND

RECOVER

BLAST FROM THE PAST



COMMUNITY EVENTS



Emergency Support Function 8 Meeting 1/8/25- 1/9/25 | Augusta Marriott

The EP team attended the statewide meeting in which different speakers across Georgia shared their expertise on various topics in Public Health. Greg Kelsoe presented "Why Do We Plan" and Mark Palen presented "Ethics in Healthcare" from District 2.

Community Resource Fair 1/31/25 | Lanier Technical College

The Resource Fair hosted by Family Connection was a wonderful opportunity to meet community members and connect with other health organizations. Several departments of District 2 collaborated to distribute COVID-19 test kits to the community.



District 2 has given over \$1 million worth Covid-19 test kits to the community since 2020 for free.



Business Expo 2/13/25 | Lanier Technical College

The EP department participated in the Business Expo hosted by the Chamber of Commerce. The mission of EP was shared to local businesses, and over-the-counter Covid-19 test kits were shared to community members.

Region B Healthcare Coalition Meeting 2/14/25 | North Hall Community Center

Our Healthcare Coalition unites several health entities across 10 counties, known as Region B. Health and emergency response partners coordinate before, during, and after an incident. The speakers were from Kate's Club and Grady's Burn Unit. They shed light on the importance of a whole community approach during disasters.





Tornadoes

Tornadoes can occur alongside severe thunderstorms, especially between March and May (NOAA). Risks include violent winds and dangerous flying objects (CDC). Tornadoes can strike without warning, so it's crucial to know the signs!



Thunderstorms

Spring in the Southeast can bring severe thunderstorms, which are characterized by at least one of the following: high winds, large hail, or tornadoes (NOAA). Flash flooding is also an associated risk. (NOAA). Prepare in advance to stay safe!

Signs of a Tornado (CDC)



**Funnel shaped
Cloud**



**Approaching
debris cloud**



Green/dark sky



Large hail



Know Where to Go

Full image, visit: https://www.weather.gov/wrn/tornado_infographics
When Sheltering from a Tornado



➤➤➤ Tornado Prep Checklist (CDC)

- Know the tornado siren system in your area.
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- Identify shelter areas in your home. See picture above!
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- Make a tornado plan: locate first aid kit in home, identify alternate exit from each room, etc.
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- Note any specific functional needs and medications, and keep within reach such as in your wallet.
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- Keep an emergency supply kit: first aid kit, nonperishable food, pet essentials, medications, & vital documents.
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- Learn how to turn off utilities.
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<p>Tornado WATCH:</p> <p>“A tornado is possible” (CDC). Watch weather updates.</p>	VS	<p>Tornado WARNING:</p> <p>“A tornado has been sighted” (CDC). Find shelter immediately</p>
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