

Region F Healthcare Coalition

Supporting Emergency Preparedness in the Healthcare Community regionfcoalition@gmail.com

What is the Region F Healthcare Coalition?

The Region F Coalition includes the following counties:

Butts	Houston	Macon-Bibb	Pike
Crawford	Jones	Monroe	Spalding
Henry	Lamar	Peach	Upson

Region F hospitals have been meeting together since 2007 with the goal of becoming better prepared to respond to disasters. The hospitals have developed strong relationships and have plans to support each other during emergencies.

Recognizing that hospitals alone are not sufficient to take care of the healthcare needs after a disaster, the Region F Healthcare Coalition was established in August 2012 to include all healthcare organizations including, but not limited to:

- Hospitals
- Community Health Centers
- Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC)
- Emergency Management Agency (EMA)
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
- Nursing Homes
- Public Health

- Home Health
- Mental/Behavioral Health Providers
- Dialysis Centers
- Hospice
- Amateur Radio Emergency Services
- Assisted Living Facilities
- Personal Care Homes
- Law Enforcement/Fire

Why is the Region F Healthcare Coalition important?

When a disaster hits a community or a region, the entire healthcare system will be impacted and will have to respond. All healthcare organizations, from the largest hospital to a small community health center, will need to work together in a coordinated fashion to effectively respond to the disaster and work towards recovery. Planning together saves lives!

During all healthcare emergencies, decisions made by one healthcare organization will impact others. Healthcare organizations planning together will create a more prepared and resilient healthcare system.



Supporting Butts, Crawford, Henry, Houston, Jones, Lamar, Macon-Bibb, Monroe, Peach, Pike, Spalding and Upson Counties

What are the benefits of membership in the Region F Healthcare Coalition?

As a member organization, your agency will

- Build relationships with other healthcare organizations and emergency management
- Learn about available resources in the Region
- Collaborate with partners in the planning process to address regional preparedness gaps
- Gain access to education, training, exercises and grant funding

By planning collaboratively, all members of the coalition will be strengthened and will be better prepared. Your organization will learn from the experiences of others. By participating in the coalition, your organization may be able to meet some of your requirements related to emergency plans and exercises.

How can my organization join the Region F Healthcare Preparedness Coalition?

All healthcare organizations in Region F are invited to join the coalition. Membership is available at no cost to you. Members attend quarterly Coalition meetings, participate in planning, training and exercises, and agree to work with and support other members during disaster response and recovery. You can join the Coalition by contacting us or attending a meeting.

How can I learn more about the Region F Healthcare Preparedness Coalition?

For more information, contact us directly at <u>regionfcoalition@gmail.com</u> or reach out to the Coalition Coordinator or Facilitator.

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