

**Event Name:** [EXERCISE] EXERCISE, EXERCISE, EXERCISE Central Region - MVP VHASS  
Communications Drill - March 6, 2019

**Event Type:** EXERCISE

**Public Health Category:** Other

**Distribution Category:** Release outside of organization as needed

**Situation:** The CVHC Regional Healthcare Coordination Center (RHCC) will be conducting a regional emergency communications drill with all healthcare organizations that serve medically vulnerable populations (Long Term Care, Dialysis, Home Health, Hospice, Ambulatory Surgery Centers, ICF//IID, etc.) today Wednesday, March 6, 2019 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. (noon).

**Facility Impacted:** Other: EXERCISE, EXERCISE, EXERCISE - Central Region Medically Vulnerable Populations Facilities and Organizations VHASS Communications Drill - March 6, 2019

**Region(s):** Central

**Immediate Impact and/or** At 9 a.m. today, Wednesday, March 6, 2019, the CVHC RHCC will create a VHASS Event called "Exercise-CVHC MVP VHASS Communications Drill-March 6, 2019" and send a text

**Required Action:** alert to all MVP users with an active alerting profile. Participating facilities and organizations will have a 3 hour window to participate in the drill. Organizations need to post acknowledgement to the event log and update the operational status board if applicable. Completing the communications drill takes approximately 2 minute

**Background:** CMS requires MVP organizations to conduct and exercise their communications plan and resources. The CVHC RHCC provides a regional communications drill as an opportunity for the member organizations to document and meet these annual CMS requirements.

**Discussion:** MVP organizations need to establish and maintain a current VHASS account, establish essential and key personnel with individual VHASS accounts to include a verified text alert phone number and engage the regional communications drills, exercises and training opportunities throughout the year.

**Recommended Action:** Log into VHASS and post a message acknowledging the drill in the VHASS Event Log by 12 p.m. on March 6, 2019. Dialysis and Long Term Care organizations will also need to post an update to their respective VHASS Operational Status Boards prior to 12 p.m. on March 6, 2019. (Please use the Dialysis job aid and/ LTC job aid links on the CVHC website if needed).

**Action Taken:** CVHC RHCC will send out a VHASS text alert that the communications drill has begun. CVHC RHCC will activate the event in VHASS, monitor the VHASS Event Log, and advise when the communications drill is completed. CVHC will also follow up with all the essential deliverables so member organizations can document participation in the regional communications drill.

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## Event Update History

Date/Time	Status	Name	Region	Organization	EN Access	Contact No.
03/06/2019 08:42 AM	Event Activated	Svoboda, Peter	Central	Central RHCC	Events Region Administrator	(800) 276-0683
03/06/2019 06:30 AM	Event Notification	Parrott, Steve	Central	Central Region Long Term Care Organization (TEST)	Organization Contact	(804) 347-7852

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