

**Event Name:** [EXERCISE] MVP VHASS Communications Drill –January 8, 2020

**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, January 8, 2020 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**Facility Impacted:** Other: Central Region Medically Vulnerable Populations

**Region(s):** Central

**Immediate Impact and/or** At 9 a.m. today, Wednesday, January 8, 2020, the CVHC RHCC will create a VHASS Event called "Exercise-CVHC VHASS Regional Communications Drill – January 8, 2020" and send a

**Required Action:** text alert to all MVP users with an active profile. Participating facilities and organizations will have a 3 hour window to participate in the drill. Completing the communications drill takes approximately 2 minutes.

**Background:** CMS requires MVP organizations to conduct and exercise their communications plans 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 January 8, 2020. Dialysis and Long-Term Care organizations will also need to post an update to their respective VHASS Status Boards prior to 12 p.m. on January 8, 2020. (Please use the Dialysis job aid/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 [https://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/\\_static/resources/7289.docx](https://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/_static/resources/7289.docx) 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.
01/08/2020 07:52 AM	Event Activated	Svoboda, Peter	Central	Central RHCC	Events Region Administrator	(800) 276-0683

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