**August 7, 2019 VHASS Communications Drill Summary:**

The Regional Healthcare Coordination Center (RHCC) conducted a regional emergency communications drill with all healthcare organizations that serve medically vulnerable populations (Long Term Care, Dialysis, Hospice/Home Health, Ambulatory Surgery Centers, ICF/IID, etc.) from 9AM-12PM on Wednesday, August 7, 2019.

At 9AM on July 3, 2019 RHCC created a VHASS Event called “*Regional Communications Drill – August 7”* and sent a text message alert to all users with an active VHASS alerting profile. Participating organizations had a 3-hour window to participate in the drill. Completion of the communications drill took participants approximately 2 minutes each.

To assist with regulatory and accreditation documentation, organizations who completed the below steps are receiving this written certification of their participation in the emergency communications drill from CVHC.

**Participation in the drill:**

* [Posted a message acknowledging the drill](https://central-region.org/resources/hurricane-watch-warning-collective/vhass-event-log-just-in-time-training-2/) in the VHASS Event Log by 12PM on August 7, 2019.
* Long Term Care and Dialysis Organizations were also required to post an update to their respective VHASS status boards ([Dialysis job aid](https://vhass.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Updating-the-Dialysis-Status-Board-in-VHASS-20200109.pdf) / [LTC job aid](https://vhass.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Updating-the-LTC-Status-Board-in-VHASS-20200109.pdf)).

**VHASS Account Assistance:**

* [How to register for a VHASS Account](http://vhass.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/How-to-Register-for-the-Virginia-Healthcare-Alerting-and-Status-System-VHASS.pdf)
* [How to setup your VHASS Alerting Profile to receive text message alerts from the RHCC](http://vhass.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/How-to-setup-text-alerts-in-VHASS.pdf)