

MassMAP LTC Coordinating Center Responder Recruitment

Background:

The last few years have been very active years for disasters affecting healthcare. We have seen rapid evacuations from the wildfires in California, flooding in Texas, as well as large-scale evacuations in Florida, Georgia, and Alabama. When Irma, a Category 4 hurricane, reached landfall on the west coast of Florida, it became very clear that if a hurricane of this magnitude struck the Commonwealth, MassMAP plan members would need to be supported for days. Realizing this would be a challenging task, the MassMAP response plan was revised in 2018.

To better operationalize MassMAP to support a long duration event, the plan was revised to:

- Expand response capabilities by developing Regional/Statewide Response Teams that:
 - Support a region response
 - Have the capability to function as a statewide team & support other states, if necessary, during a disaster.

Objectives of the MassMAP Response Team (RT):

- Support a MassMAP member in need of assistance by coordinating supplies, equipment, staffing, and supporting a facility evacuation (LTC Coordinating Center Operations) by finding appropriate open beds, available transportation resources, and tracking all resident movement.
- Maintain 100% accountability for all MassMAP facilities if they are experiencing operational issues from a community event such as a snowstorm, hurricane, or tornado.
- RT members are fluent in the use of the MassMAP website, specifically in the use of the Emergency Reporting Dashboard and the development of Operational Summary Reports for community partners.
- Attend (2) two of the (3) three annual training sessions and attend the annual exercise. The total commitment is (3) three onsite sessions per year.



BECOME PART OF THE TEAM!!

If you would like to become a MassMAP Responder, our next LTC Coordinating Center training sessions will take place in September. Please provide your contact information, to Kim Joyce at Jensen Hughes by email at: kim.joyce@jensenhughes.com. Kim will provide you with the date, time, and location of your regional meeting.

For questions, you may contact me at (860) 390-1947 or james.garrow@jensenhughes.com.