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The Ventura County Emergency Medical Service Agency (EMSA), Ventura County Public Health Emergency Preparedness Office (EPO), and Ventura County Health Care Coalition (VCHCC) would like to welcome you to participate in the 2019 community-based, Full-Scale Exercise (FSE). This year, the VCHCC partners voted for the scenario that they would like to exercise by selecting their hazard of choice from the 2019 Medical and Health Hazard Vulnerability Analysis (HVA). The top ten threats from the 2019 Medical and Health HVA are as follows:

1. Electrical Failure/Outage
2. Emerging Infectious Disease
3. Medical Shelter Failure
4. Supply Chain Shortage/Failure
5. Epidemic
6. Landslide/Mudslide
7. Fire
8. Road Closure/Isolation
9. Transportation Failure
10. Earthquake

As a result of the VCHCC partners' vote, **Earthquake** will be the hazard utilized in the 2019 FSE. Therefore, Ventura County has elected to move the date of the exercise to be in alignment with Great ShakeOut on October 17<sup>th</sup>. The Statewide Medical and Health Exercise (SWMHE) components will be utilized; however, Ventura County's participation will occur one month in advance of the November, SWMHE week. Modified Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) documents will be used to ensure compliance with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Emergency Preparedness Rule FSE components.

This year, the Site Handbook will only be provided in electronic format. Each participating site is responsible for downloading and printing documents from the exercise webpage to compile their site's exercise binder. The Site Handbook [binder] is intended to help sites with tracking of submitted requirements, record keeping, and documentation of participation in the exercise.

Thank you for joining us on the journey to raise the level of preparedness for our community in Ventura County.

Sincerely,



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