

Healthcare Coalition of Maine

Downeast Chapter

Hazard Vulnerability Assessment Action Plan

2025

OVERALL Chapter Preparedness Table

District Rank	Preparedness Rank	Event	Hazard Cluster	Preparedness	Preplanning	Staff Supplies and Material Resources Time	Community Agencies Mutual Aid Personnel Supplies
1	1	Major Communications Disruption	Technology Hazards	9	✖	✖	✖
2	2	Information Systems Failure	Technology Hazards	9	✖	✖	✖
3	3	Supply Disruption / Shortage	Technology Hazards	9	✖	✖	✖
4	4	Major Infrastructure Damage	Technology Hazards	9	✖	✖	✖
5	5	Cyber Attack	Technology Hazards	9	✖	✖	✖
9	6	Major Power Outage	Technology Hazards	9	✖	✖	✖
10	7	Major Transportation Disruption	Technology Hazards	9	✖	✖	✖
6	8	Wild Fire	Other Weather	7	✖	!	!
7	9	Zoonotic Disease Outbreak	Infect. Disease	7	!	!	✖
8	10	Large Public Events	Human Hazards	7	!	✖	!

PRIORITIZED Chapter event of focus

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6	8	Wildfire	Other Weather	7	X	!	!
		Air Quality	Other Weather		X	X	X

PRIORITIZED Chapter area of focus within prioritized event

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Justification of Prioritized Event

- Wildfire is a physical risk that impacts buildings, roads, people, staffing, and typical organizational work. There is a history in both counties of wildfires causing infrastructure damage and due to a recent history being free of this event, preparedness is important.
- Air Quality is a risk associated with wildfires and with movement of ozone and particulate matter from coal burning electric generating plants in the Midwest as well as wildfires in Canada. Air Quality impacts the population's health, including increased asthma, COPD, cardiovascular disease, and the support needed for individual's health that Downeast Chapter Members must react to. Preparedness for our chapter members' staffing as well as the population they serve is important.

Event One: Wildfires

District Rank	Preparedness Rank	Event	Hazard Cluster	Preparedness	Preplanning	Staff Supplies and Material Resources Time	Community Agencies Mutual Aid Personnel Supplies
6	8	Wildfire	Other Weather	9	✗	!	!

OVERALL Goal related to area of focus

Event	Hazard Cluster	Preplanning	Goal:
Wildfire	Other Weather	✗	ME-HCC Downeast Chapter will plan, prepare and mitigate wildfire and infrastructure impacts.

OBJECTIVE

Event	Wildfire
Goal	ME-HCC Downeast Chapter will plan, prepare and mitigate wildfire and infrastructure impacts.
Objective	By June 30, 2026, 25 % of Downeast Chapter Members will incorporate wildfire event into their emergency operation plans to increase preparedness and resiliency.

ACTION STEPS:

1. Prepare and conduct tabletop exercise on wildfire preparedness and increasing awareness of risks and impacts.
2. Provide guidance and technical support in improving existing emergency operations plans to address appropriate wildfire risks and mitigation.
3. Review plans and make appropriate updates on an annual basis.

Event Two: Air Quality

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		Air Quality	Other Weather		✗	!	!

OVERALL Goal related to area of focus

Event	Hazard Cluster	Preplanning	Goal:
Air Quality	Other Weather	✗	ME-HCC Downeast Chapter will plan, prepare and mitigate wildfire-induced and national air quality events.

OBJECTIVE

Event	Air Quality
Goal	ME-HCC Downeast Chapter will plan, prepare and mitigate health impacts of wildfires and air quality alerts.
Objective	By June 30, 2026, 25% of Downeast Chapter Members will incorporate responses to wildfire-induced and national air quality events into their emergency operation plans to increase preparedness and resiliency.

ACTION STEPS:

1. Host subject matter experts to educate and discuss health impacts of poor air quality on the Downeast populations.
2. Prepare and conduct tabletop exercise on health impacts and response by chapter members to poor air quality.
3. Provide guidance and technical support in improving existing emergency operations plans to address appropriate air quality risks and mitigation.

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Hazard Vulnerability Assessment Action Plan Report: 2025-2026

HCC-ME Chapter	Downeast	Reporting Period	July 1 – September 30, 2025
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Action Step 1		HCC-ME Chapter Partner(s) Responsible	Timeline
Prepare and conduct tabletop exercise on wildfire preparedness and increasing awareness of risks and impacts.		Maine CDC, Hancock and Washington County EMA	12/30/2025
Task Accomplished X = Complete X = In Progress X = Not Started		If task is not started or partially complete, please comment on progress:	
Action Step 2		HCC-ME Chapter Partner(s) Responsible	Timeline
Provide guidance and technical support in improving existing emergency operations plans to address appropriate wildfire risks and mitigation.		Maine CDC, Hancock and Washington County EMA, Members who participated in tabletop exercise.	3/30/2026
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Action Step 3		HCC-ME Chapter Partner(s) Responsible	Timeline
Review plans and make appropriate updates on an annual basis.		Maine CDC, Hancock and Washington County EMA, Members who participated in tabletop exercise.	6/30/2026

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