Preparedness through partnerships: Become a member of a healthcare coalition to improve our communities’ preparedness.

A healthcare coalition is a network of key representatives from public and private health and safety organizations that help communities prepare, respond, and recover from events impacting Kansas.

The activities undertaken by a coalition include but are not limited to planning, organizing, equipping, training, exercising, evaluating and networking.

Benefits of coalition participation:

- Develop relationships with partners.
- Participate in coordinated regional trainings and exercises that test organizational and regional capabilities.
- Receive additional resources and/or support.
- Expand regional planning and agreements.
- Bridge the gaps between public and private partners.
- Improve communication and/or information sharing by participating in meetings.
- Assist in building community resilience.
- Access to situational awareness.
- Access to communication systems.
- Participate and/or develop educational opportunities.
- Share best practices and lessons learned.

How to become a member

There are seven healthcare coalitions in Kansas. Please contact your healthcare coalition coordinator today to become a member! For more information, please see page 2.
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