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HEALTHCARE COALITION OF MAINE

STATEWIDE CONFERENCE 2026



*Strengthening Preparedness Through
Planning, Coordination and Action.*



SEPTEMBER 9, 2026

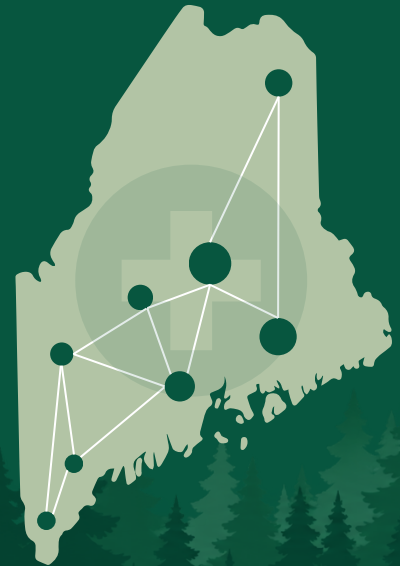


Hilton Garden Inn
Bangor, Maine



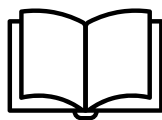
8:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Bringing together healthcare organizations, emergency management partners, and public safety professional from across Maine to strengthen preparedness, build connections, and advance our collective readiness.



CONNECT

Build relationships across healthcare and emergency preparedness partners.



LEARN

Gain practical insights from subject matter experts and real-world experiences.



PLAN

Strengthen plans, identify gaps, and enhance your organization's readiness.



COLLABORATE

Share ideas and strategies that build a more resilient healthcare system across Maine.



ACT

Turn knowledge into action to better prepare for today and tomorrow.

CONNECT. LEARN. PLAN. ACT.

WELCOME TO THE STATEWIDE CONFERENCE

Thank you for joining the Healthcare Coalition of Maine for our Statewide Conference 2026.

Today we come together to strengthen our preparedness through learning, collaboration, and shared commitment to the health and safety of Maine communities.

Your participation advances our collective ability to prepare for, respond to, and recover from today's challenges and those ahead.



CONFERENCE AT A GLANCE

- 8:00 - 9:00 AM

Registration and Networking
 Check in, pick up your materials, and connect with colleagues.
- 9:00 - 9:30 AM

Welcome, Coalition Business Updates, and Statewide HCC Update
 Opening remarks; updated bylaws review; updated membership agreements; statewide priorities and opportunities.

David Crowell
Steering Committee Chair
- 9:30 - 10:30AM

Morning Keynote
Cybersecurity Under Pressure: Lessons from Real-World Ransomware Incidents

Kurtis Minder
*Ransomware negotiator
Co-founder of GroupSense*
- 10:30-10:45AM

Networking Break
 Refreshments and transition to breakout rooms.
- 10:45-11:45AM

Breakout Sessions - Round 1
 Choose one session: A, B, or C

See page 3 for details
- 11:45AM-12:45PM

Lunch and District Networking
 Lunch provided, district-level and cross-district discussion
- 12:45-1:45PM

Afternoon Featured Session
Coalition Leadership in Action: Lessons from Real-World Healthcare Response

Dawn Lewis, RN, MBA, PhD
*Healthcare Emergency Management Director
Hospital Association of Rhode Island*
- 1:45-2:00PM

Networking Break
 Refreshments and transition to breakout rooms.
- 2:00-3:00PM

Breakout Sessions - Round 2
 Repeat of Sessions A, B and C. Select a different session from Round 1.

See page 3 for details
- 3:00-3:30PM

Closing Remarks and Next Steps
 Looking ahead and wrapping up the day/

Hannah Dieterich
Healthcare Coalition Liaison

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FEATURED SESSIONS



9:30 - 10:30 AM

MORNING KEYNOTE

Cybersecurity Under Pressure: Lessons from Real-World Ransomware Incidents

Kurtis Minder

Drawing from experience with real-world ransomware incidents, this keynote examines the decisions, challenges, and impact healthcare organizations face when cyberattacks disrupt systems, operations, and communications.

KEY THEMES:

- ✓ Decision-making during rapidly evolving cyber incidents
- ✓ Operational impacts of ransomware
- ✓ Communication challenges during system disruption
- ✓ Leadership under pressure
- ✓ Lessons that strengthen healthcare continuity and response planning

12:45 - 1:45 PM

AFTERNOON FEATURED SESSION

Coalition Leadership in Action: Lessons from Real-World Healthcare Response

Dawn Lewis, RN, MBA, PhD

Explore leadership, communication, and coordination lessons from real-world healthcare response and the critical role that healthcare coalitions and preparedness partners play during complex incidents.

KEY THEMES:

- ✓ Leadership during healthcare emergencies
- ✓ Healthcare coalition coordination
- ✓ Communication across organizations
- ✓ Building relationships before an emergency
- ✓ Turning response experience into stronger future preparedness



TWO ROUNDS. THREE TOPICS. CHOOSE TWO.

Attend one breakout from Round 1 and a different breakout in Round 2.

BREAKOUT SESSION GUIDE

A BEHIND THE INSPECTION: Fire and Life Safety

Go behind the inspection process to understand what inspectors look for, why findings occur, and how organizations can strengthen safety preparedness every day.

YOU WILL EXPLORE:

- Common fire and life safety concerns
- What inspectors evaluate and why
- Preventive actions before an inspection
- Corrective action and follow-through
- How life and safety connects with emergency preparedness

Presented By:
Timothy Chamot, State Fire Marshal Office

B WHEN SYSTEMS GO DARK: Cybersecurity, Physical Security and Extended Downtime

Examine the intersection of cybersecurity, physical security, and operations when technology fails and normal systems are unavailable.

YOU WILL EXPLORE:

- Operational impacts of technology disruption
- Extended downtime preparedness
- Maintaining essential functions without normal systems
- Cybersecurity and physical security considerations

Presented By:
Daisy Mueller and Talis Jordan, CISA (Cybersecurity Infrastructure and Security Agency)

C FROM RISK TO READINESS: Using HVAs to Strengthen Emergency Plans

Learn how to move beyond the HVA report and use risk information to guide planning, training, exercises, and preparedness priorities.

YOU WILL EXPLORE:

- Identifying and prioritizing hazards
- Understanding vulnerability and risk
- Connecting HVA findings to emergency planning
- Identifying capability and preparedness gaps
- Using HVA results to inform training

Presented By:
Andrew Sankey and Christopher Fox, Hancock EMA and Penobscot EMA



FROM CONFERENCE TO ACTION

Take key ideas, new connections, and next steps back to your organization.

1



ONE THING I LEARNED

What insight or idea stood out most today?

2



ONE PREPAREDNESS GAP TO ADDRESS

What issue should receive greater attention at my organization?

3



ONE CONNECTION TO FOLLOW UP WITH

Who should I reconnect with after the conference?

4



ONE ACTION FOR THE NEXT 30 DAYS

What concrete step will I take when I return?

UPCOMING TRAININGS AND EXERCISES

Stay engaged with HCC-ME through upcoming learning, planning and exercise opportunities.



Cybersecurity Preparedness Workshop

University of Maine Augusta, Capital Center
October 21, 2026
9AM - 2PM



HCC-ME Statewide Hazard Vulnerability Assessment

Virtual
November 18, 2026
9AM - 12PM



HCC-ME Statewide Webinar Series

Virtual
Third Wednesday of every month
12PM - 1PM



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