

Snapshot Report #4

HEALTHCARE EMERGENCY COORDINATION CENTER (HECC)

DATE: 08/05/2026

TIME: 17:00hrs

Distributed to the following types of organizations: All NWHRN Healthcare Contacts Statewide

Central & Eastern WA (CEW) Fire Healthcare Impacts and Updates

State Mission Number: 26-1349 2026 Wildfire Season

Background:

Widespread wildfires burning in central and eastern Washington are causing impacts to all sectors of healthcare. NWHRN fully activated our Healthcare Emergency Coordination Center (HECC) on August 2, 2026, to help provide facilitation, coordination and support in connecting partners and other emergency response entities to address the needs of healthcare during this incident.

Synopsis of Response Activities:

- The Network continues to host and facilitate calls with partners, either as general information-sharing or as targeted topic discussions with specific groups.
- From the information sharing opportunities, NWHRN continues to form and lead smaller, operationally focused task groups to solve emerging problems. The Network remains flexible to the needs of the moment.
- Weather forecasts for the region for Friday and Saturday have been elevated to [Critical Fire Weather for Central and Eastern WA](#).
- The Mann-Grandstaff VA Medical Center, a Skilled Nursing Facility and several Adult Family Homes are in evacuation areas and have evacuated patients and residents. These facilities are preparing to re-open and accept returning patients, if possible, once it is safe to do so.
- Several clinics or outpatient facilities are in evacuation areas and have temporarily shut down. They are reopening as allowed and it is safe to do so.
- Healthcare staffing has been impacted as some staff have been directly impacted by the fires either losing their homes or being in an evacuation zone. Most healthcare facilities report that staffing is manageable currently. Northern Idaho Healthcare Coalition said that staff from healthcare organizations in their coalition have voiced desire to lend their healthcare skills if they are needed.
- Numerous shelters are operating for people displaced from their homes due to impacts of fire or being in evacuation zones. See SEOC report linked below in the additional updates.
- EMS transportation, both ground and air, has been made more difficult with unpredictable road closures due to the impacts of fire and smoke.
- NWHRN is leading meetings with Spokane, area hospital leaders, social worker teams, and DSHS partners to coordinate placement non-acute care patients who have been displaced. There has been an incredible amount of collaborative work to decant this group of patients who do not need hospital care at this time. WA DOH states the Federal Public Health Disaster Declaration, which would open up 1135 waivers, is being worked though no timeline yet.
- Dialysis centers are working to manage the smoke and air quality issues at clinics that are open. For any closed centers, those patients have been rescheduled to other locations. Both organizations are willing to assist with any dialysis patient that arrives at the Emergency Department or other location needing dialysis treatment.



HECC Status: LEVEL 1 – **Fully Activated**
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- Behavioral Health Just in Time Training - Free leadership training and consultation are available for healthcare organizations supporting staff affected by this disaster. Designed for healthcare leaders, these services focus on mental and behavioral health support across all phases of the disaster cycle.

NWHRN Actions:

- Hosting daily operational information, sharing calls and utilizing information provided there to bring forward operationally
- Working closely with WA DOH, DSHS and WA EOC to provide healthcare situational awareness and request/asks to support healthcare needs. Continue to operate as a member of WA DOH ESF8 team and provide healthcare perspective for state solutions.
- Regular connections with partner agencies to share information, ground truth statements, and build operational solutions.
- Liaison Team is supporting local governmental and healthcare coordination calls throughout the State.
- Our 24/7 Duty Officer remains staffed to respond to healthcare needs. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact our Duty Officer at hecc@nwhrn.org or 425-988-2897.

Emergency Proclamations, Disaster Declarations and Other Regulatory Guidance:

- Governor's Emergency Proclamation - [26-03 Wildfires – Burn Ban](#)
- [Governor Ferguson announces federal emergency declaration for devastating wildfires](#)
- Washington State Pharmacy Association (WSPA) shared information for patient refills affected by the Governor's Emergency Proclamation.
 - [Spokane Area Wildfires & Continuity of Care When Governor Issues Emergency Proclamation](#)
 - [Specifics for refills as per WAC 246-945-332](#)
- [Okanogan Board of Health has declared a public health emergency by resolution](#)
- WSHA - [Wildfire Response | Washington State Hospital Association](#)

Additional Updates:

- [State Emergency Operations Center \(SEOC\) Situation Update and Media Summary - 08/04/2026](#)
- [State Emergency Operations Center \(SEOC\) Situation Update – 08/05/2026](#)

Weather Resources:

- NWS – [State & Vancouver BC Outlook](#)

Additional Resources:

- [Fire Outlook](#)
- [National Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook](#)
- WA Fire Map & Tracker - [WA Fire Map & Tracker](#)
- [WA Smoke Blog](#)
- [Smoke From Fires | Washington State Department of Health](#)
- [Wildfire smoke preparedness - King County, Washington](#)
- [EPA's AirNow mobile app](#)
- [Washington Children and Youth Activities Guide for Air Quality \(PDF\)](#)
- Cleaner Air Centers Extended & Free Rides - Sno-Isle and Everett libraries are now available as cleaner air centers through Thursday. Community Transit and Everett Transit are providing free rides when traveling to a designated cleaner air center. No special pass or permit is required. Please disseminate on [Facebook](#). See flyers attached on the WSB Events Page.
- [Puget Sound Clean Air Agency Forecast](#) | [Air Quality Map](#)
- [SnoCo Smoke Safety at Home](#) - tips on keeping your indoor air clean. Including [choosing a portable air cleaner](#), [creating a clean air room](#), and free portable HEPA filters for [eligible Medicaid enrollees](#).

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- [ASL YouTube video on making filters with box fans](#)
- [Portable Air Cleaner webpages](#)
- [Improving Ventilation and Indoor Air Quality During Wildfire Smoke Events \(PDF\)](#)
- [Extreme Heat Cooling Centers-211](#)
- [211 Basic Needs Resources - Crisis Connections](#)
- [Airbnb teaming up with Washington 211, offering free housing for displaced Washingtonians](#)
- [Operational Activities - Northwest Healthcare Response Network](#)
 - [Wildfire Smoke Tip Sheet](#)
 - [Extreme Heat Tip Sheet](#)
 - [Extreme Heat Toolkit](#)
 - [Comparison of Heat Stroke vs Heat Exhaustion](#)
- Ready.gov Preparedness Toolkit - [Social Media Preparedness Toolkits](#)
- American Red Cross - <https://www.redcross.org>
- WA DOH – [Power Outages](#)
- WA Hospital GIS Map - [WA Hospital GIS Map](#)
- Washington GeoPortal - [Washington State Geospatial Open Data Portal](#)
- WSDOT Travel Realtime Map - [Travel Center Map | WSDOT](#)
- The Partnership for Inclusive Disaster Strategies (PIDS), Disability and Disaster Hotline (800) 626-4959 call/text hotline@disasterstrategies.org <https://disasterstrategies.org/> If you do not connect, expect a call back within 48 hours. An ASL promo is being planned.
- RX Open is now live for communities impacted by wildfires across the West - [RX Open](#)
- City of Spokane - [Community Resources, Donations Support, and Wildfire Information](#)
- Donation sites
 - Yakama Nation - <https://yakama.com/programs/signal-peak-and-ransier-fire-updates/>
 - Colville Tribe - <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/donation-form/cedar-fund-wildfire-recovery-campaign>
 - Okanogan County - <https://occac.com/donate/>
- [Douglas, Chelan, Okanogan Washington VOAD](#)
- WA DOH - [Post-Fire Cleanup Guidance](#)
- PostFire LA Foundation - [Old Trails & Spokane Area Fires — What To Do First | PostFire](#)

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