



# DISASTER RESPONSE COLLABORATIVE

## Join a National Collaborative to Improve Disaster Response

The federally funded Pediatric Pandemic Network (PPN), which aims to improve outcomes for children in emergencies, disasters, and pandemics, is launching its next quality improvement initiative: the Disaster Response Collaborative (DRC).

The DRC is open to all children's hospitals in the United States and U.S. territories. The DRC will support hospital-based disaster preparedness teams to assess and expand their hospital's disaster response capabilities and will provide a forum for shared learning.

**The Disaster Response Collaborative will guide teams through the implementation of tabletop exercises and drills to assess and enhance disaster response capabilities in one of four focus areas.**



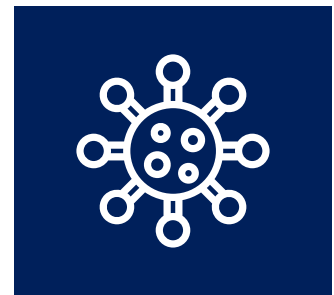
**Evacuation**



**Family Reunification**



**Surge Capacity**



**Triage/Decontamination**

Participating children's hospitals will form teams and attend collaborative educational and networking sessions, exchange ideas, collaborate with regional healthcare coalitions and other stakeholders, refine best practices, and learn from PPN experts.

**Topics:** Monthly virtual sessions will focus on critical topics, quality improvement strategies, and consensus-driven approaches. Participating teams will work with colleagues in their selected focus area and have opportunities to implement exercises to assess improvements.

**Timeframe:** This collaborative runs from September 2024 through June 2026. Participants can expect to dedicate approximately 5 to 8 hours per month to collaborative activities, including learning sessions, team project work, and a tabletop exercise and drills to test effectiveness of plans and project goals.

The DRC aims to support PPN in efforts to form a sustainable network of children's hospital leaders who strategically participate in pediatric disaster planning and response efforts. For more information, see the DRC website at <https://pedspandemicnetwork.org/disaster-response-collaborative>.



**To register for the DRC**

<https://redcap.seattlechildrens.org/surveys/?s=84ADH8M8KPKNM4AD>

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