

Who's Afraid of the Dark

Tabletop Exercise

Exercise Overview

- Tabletop Exercises are an opportunity to test and evaluate current plans, procedures, and policies in a discussion-based environment.
- Our main focus today will be strategy and planning.
- We will walk through a scenario of three modules, followed by group discussion questions for each module, and a report out from each group to share each group's key ideas and concerns.

Rules

- We are testing the plan NOT the person. This is a no-fault environment.
- Do not fight the scenario. For the purpose of time and exercise objectives some assumptions and artificialities are necessary to drive exercise play.
- This is the time to be innovate and think outside the box. Any ideas and actions are not binding.
- The more you participate the more everyone will benefit from this exercise.
- This is an opportunity to learn from each other and share ideas and planning concerns.

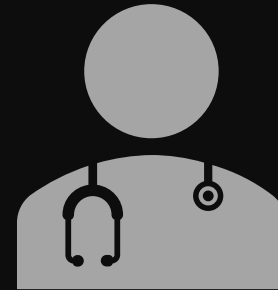
Breakout Groups

Group	Facilitator
Group A	Roggie Norman
Group B	Cliff Mix
Group C	Briana Eason
Group D	Candy Alvarez
Group E	Chris Niswonger

Objectives



Move past the preparedness phase to the last part of response and into the recovery phase.



Identify avenues to continue medical services for the community during an extended power outage that could last for days or weeks.

Scenario

Wildfires are raging up and down the state forcing power companies to conduct planned power outages. They are advising communities these outages may last for hours to days and may occur multiple times in a week. These power outages are necessary as deadly fires have ignited along power lines, forcing power companies to reduce the potential for ignition in these dry and windy conditions.



Module 1: Power Outage Day 2

Your facility is currently on day 2 of a planned power outage. There is no ETA to restoration, and you are being asked to brace for 4 to 5 more days of no power. It is the beginning of August with typical temperatures for this time of year and no chance of rain in the forecast.

Module 1 – Power Outage Day 2

Key issues to consider:

- How would your facility have prepared for the power outage and activated your Emergency Operations Plan? Do you have a POC for your power company?
- What alternative sources of power, if any are available to your facility?
- What patient care are you able to provide when you have been without power for two days?
- What resources, equipment, and supplies would be affected? How would you mitigate damage or find alternative power sources for equipment?
- What downtime procedures do you have available? How are they activated? Are staff trained on downtime procedures?

Module 1

Power Outage Day 2

Group Discussion

Please identify a spokesperson for your group. This person will take notes and report out to the larger group following the group discussions

You will have 15 minutes to discuss key planning ideas and concerns based on the current situation.



Module 1

Group Report Out



Module 2: Power Outage Day 5

Your facility has been without power now for 5 days. ETA for power restoration is currently within the next 48 hours. You have activated all appropriate plans and pivoted response operations where needed.

Module 2 – Power Outage Day 5

Key issues to consider:

- If you have not already addressed situation updates, how are you communicating the situational updates and ETA to restoration to your staff, patients, and the community/media?
- At this point, what business continuity strategies did you activate?
- At day 5, what equipment, resources, and patient care would need to be shut down or discontinued?
- What external support such as city and county EOCs are available to you to assist you with continuing operations?

Module 2

Power Outage Day 5

Group Discussion

You will have 15 minutes to discuss key planning ideas and concerns based on the current situation.



Module 2

Group Report Out



Module 3: Restoration of Power

It is the evening of Day 6 and power was restored to your facility 20 minutes ago. Power companies are not expecting any further outages at this time.

Module 3 – Restoration of Power

Key issues to consider:

- How will you rectify all downtime forms and important information for patient records and insurance claims if needed?
- Does your facility have a procedure for bringing all equipment and operations back to a normal operating environment?
- What major damages are likely given 6 days without power to your facility?
- What other key strategies would be needed to return to normal operations?

Module 3

Restoration of Power

Group Discussion

You will have 15 minutes to discuss key planning ideas and concerns based on the current situation.



Module 2

Group Report Out

Hotwash



WHAT DID YOU LEARN FROM TODAY'S EXERCISE?



WHAT WILL YOU DO NEXT WITH THE IDEAS AND PLANNING CONCERNS YOU IDENTIFIED FROM TODAY'S EXERCISE?

Closing Remarks

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