



## Arizona Coalition for Healthcare Emergency Response – Central Region

### Participation Agreement

The Arizona Coalition for Healthcare Emergency Response – Central Region (AzCHER-Central) is a health care coalition serving Gila, Maricopa, and Pinal Counties with the mission of unifying the health care system and its partners to strengthen community resilience. Its purpose is to enhance coordination, communication, and information sharing pertaining to emergency mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery.

This Participation Agreement is a voluntary and non-binding agreement among Central Region (1) health care provider organizations, including (a) hospitals, (b) long-term care, (c) behavioral health care, (d) ambulatory care and (e) other facilities, and (2) its critical partners in the delivery of health care, including (a) public health, (b) emergency management, and (c) emergency medical services, to aid and support each other in the event of a disaster or large-scale emergency.

Any signatory to this Participation Agreement may withdraw from it by providing 90 days' written notice to the AzCHER-Central Administrative Coordinator, 2800 N. Central Ave., Suite 1450, Phoenix, Arizona 85004.

By signing this Participation Agreement, the organization agrees to engage with the coalition in the following manners, as personnel and resources allow:

- A. Identify at least one representative to attend quarterly General Body meetings
- B. Identify one representative to vote on coalition matters on behalf of the organization
- C. Participate in coalition-led trainings and community exercises
- D. Participate in communication drills, such as those occurring through the Arizona Health Alert Network (AZHAN), and in the annual Coalition Surge Test
- E. Participate in periodic surveys and requests for information in a timely manner, including requests for training and exercise needs that assist the organization in developing essential emergency management capabilities and requests for inventory
- F. Participate in the sharing of information that will lead to the region's optimal emergency preparedness and response capabilities, in a manner that 1) is in alignment with the organization's policies and procedures, 2) does not present a conflict of interest to the organization, and 3) is not proprietarily protected
- G. To be listed on the coalition's website and in promotional materials, with the encouraged option of sharing the organization's logo
- H. Participate in other various and miscellaneous ways, such as in providing a venue for meetings, to the best of the organization's individual ability



Benefits of submitting this Participation Agreement include, but are not limited to:

- A. The opportunity to vote on coalition matters, as presented to the General Body
- B. Access to coalition funds when the coalition issues a call for funding requests pertaining to a specific topic
- C. Access to the password-protected portion of the AzCHER-Central website, which includes the coalition roster, proprietary documents (does not include those sourced with federal funds), after action reports, and other documents of a sensitive nature
- D. The opportunity to participate in coalition work groups to the best of an organization's individual ability
- E. The opportunity to engage in planning and executing coalition trainings and exercises
- F. The opportunity to engage in coaching and mentoring relationships as either a mentor or a mentee
- G. Assistance in meeting regulatory and accreditation requirements.

Nothing in this Participation Agreement is legally binding upon its signatories or their organizations. Any participation, including the degree of participation, with respect to this Agreement is strictly voluntary on the part of the participating organization.

Authorized Signatory

Designated Voting Representative  
& Contact Person

Name of Organization	
Signature	Name
Name	Title
Title	Email Address
Date	Phone (office and mobile)