

KCER National Exercise Week: Ensuring Disaster Preparedness, Response, and Recovery for the Kidney Community

Annual KCER National Exercise Week

Each year, KCER hosts a National Exercise Week to help End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Networks test and evaluate the effectiveness of their preparedness policies, plans, and procedures, and improve the overall response to emergencies and disasters impacting the kidney community. Stakeholders—including dialysis patients and representatives from emergency management, public health, healthcare coalitions, dialysis facilities, and state survey agencies—are invited to participate in the exercise. The table-top exercises are conducted using scenarios that impact dialysis facility operations and patient access to care, including:



**Winter
Storms**



Wildfires

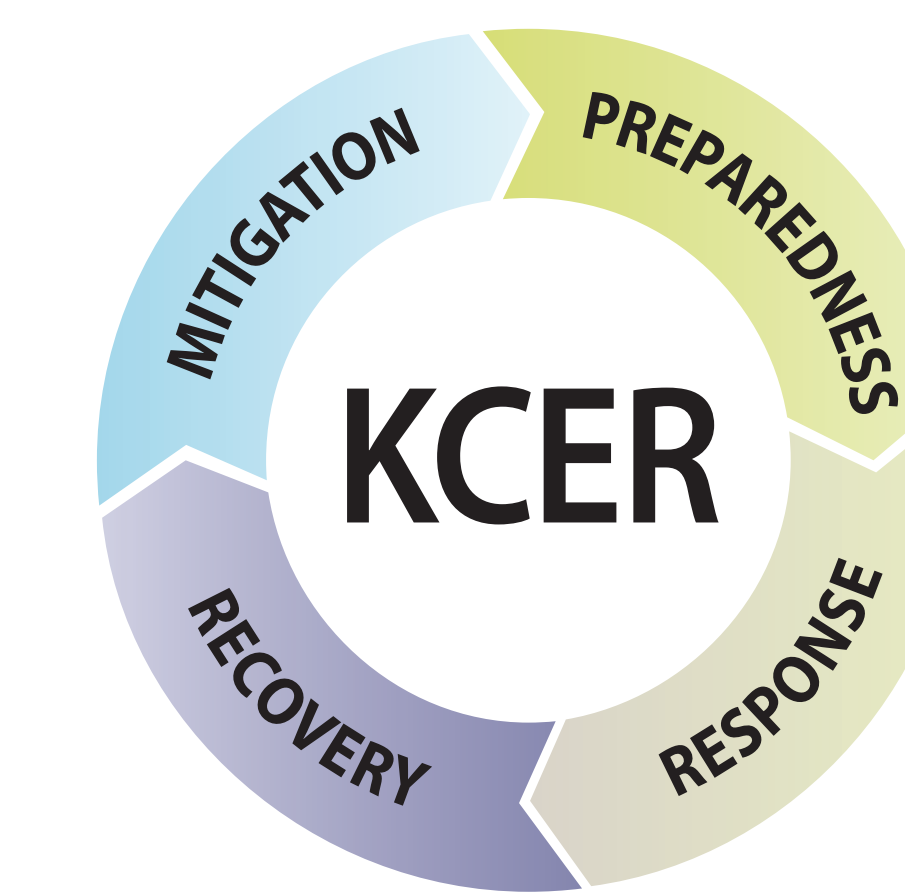


**Bioterrorism
Attacks**



**Tropical
Cyclones**

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**Kidney Community
Emergency Response**

Major successes identified include:

- Strong collaboration with community partners, including patients, which helped identify roles, responsibilities, and resources.
- Identification of additional partners in the renal community to support preparedness planning, response, and recovery.
- Implementation of well-developed communication plans with state and local emergency management agencies, public health authorities, and utility companies.
- Developing an automated process for collecting and sharing Emergency Situational Status Report (ESSR) data.

