CFDMC Evacuation Caches
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CFDMC conducted an assessment to identify the cost of equipping individual hospitals with needed evacuation equipment. The assessment revealed that this strategy would be cost prohibitive, and that storage of the equipment would be problematic for many hospitals. This was identified as a gap in the HVA.

To support the region's capability to effectively respond to an event which requires evacuation of a hospital or a long term care facility, the Coalition has purchased three evacuation coaches, located at hospitals in the north, central and southern portion of the region. Each cache includes 113 HMH sked rescue systems with belay straps on a 20-foot trailer. The caches are deployable to hospitals or nursing homes within the region within two hours. All caches are available across the region. The central cache is located at the Orlando Regional Medical Center warehouse in Orlando and should be the first cache requested by Orange, Osceola and Seminole Counties. The southern cache is located at Cleveland Clinic Tradition Hospital in Port St. Lucie and should be the first cache requested by Indian River, St. Lucie and Martin Counties. The third cache is located at AdventHealth Daytona Beach and should be the first cache requested by Volusia, Lake and Brevard Counties.

In September 2025, pediatric evacuation equipment was added to the Orlando cache. This includes four six-bed infant sleds, four six-infant evacuation baskets, and eight toddler inserts for med sleds.

Deployment Process:

Any hospital or nursing home within the region may request an evacuation cache in the event of a planned or unexpected evacuation. The initial request may be made by phone to 407/928-1288 or email at info@centralfladisaster.org. The requestor must also submit a mission request through the local ESF8 for tracking purposes. Upon receipt of the request, the Coalition will work with the requesting hospital or nursing home to deploy the cache, as follows:

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1. The Coalition will notify the cache custodian of the request:
   Orlando Health Duty Officer at 321-843-4357
   Cleveland Clinic Emergency Manager at 772-341-9816
   AdventHealth Daytona Beach Duty Officer 386-231 5007 or AHDN Emergency Manager at 386-316-1120 2

2. The requesting entity will arrange to pick up the cache at the closest location:
   Orlando Regional Medical Center warehouse at 1420 Sligh Boulevard, Orlando, FL 32806
   Cleveland Clinic Tradition Hospital at 10000 SW Innovation Way Port St. Lucie, FL 34987
   AdventHealth Daytona Beach 301 Memorial Medical Parkway Daytona Beach Florida 32117 in the Cancer Center Parking lot Southwest Corner

3. If the requesting entity is unable to pick up the cache, the following individuals will be contacted to pick up and deliver the cache to the requestor:

   First contact: Christopher Dorans, Region 5 RERA/Planner – 772-209-0397
   Second contact: Diane Hilliard, CFDMC Deputy Director – 352-409-819
   Third contact: Lynne Drawdy, CFDMC Executive Director – 407-928-1288 (for RMAT volunteer)

4. Once the evacuation event is completed, the requesting hospital or nursing home will work with the Coalition to return the trailer to the cache custodian. The requesting hospital/nursing home will ensure that the equipment is returned completely and in working condition.