

MNTrac Overview

What is it?

MNTrac (Minnesota system for Tracking Resources, Alerts, and Communication) is a database-driven, password protected web application. The application has been designed specifically to track bed capacity, pharmaceuticals and resources (e.g., ventilators, personal protective and decontamination equipment) from all hospitals within the state to support surge capacity needs. Hospital bed diversion status, emergency event planning, emergency communication, and alert notifications are supported in real time.

The system provides:

- Hospital diversion status tracking
- Hospital bed availability
- Resource tracking (e.g., ventilators, personal protective equipment)
- Pharmaceutical tracking
- Emergency alert and advisory notifications
- Aggregate information from all hospitals statewide
- Electronic reports
- Scalability to conform to local, regional and state needs
- Ability to match patients to bed availability
- Resource Library
- Emergency Communication and on-line conferences

What does the system do in an incident?

The system allows for inter-facility notification of mass casualty incidents and notification of alerts and hospital diversion status during an incident. Resource requests and resource matching can occur on-line during an incident. In addition, tracking of available beds automates the process for obtaining National Disaster Medical System bed counts requested by the Department of Homeland Security.

Real time communication through emergency chat and on-line conferencing will assist in improving collaboration and response times during an incident, bringing the appropriate partners (e.g., hospitals, EMS, local public health, and emergency management) together.

What is the role of MDH?

The Minnesota Department of Health will administer and maintain MNTrac, providing support to users. Implementation of MNTrac began January 2006 and will continue until all hospitals are trained on and using the system.

Who can I contact for more information?

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