DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

MN*Trac*

What is it?

MN*Trac* (Minnesota system for Tracking Resources, Alerts and Communication) is a database-driven, password-protected web application designed to track bed capacity including National Disaster Medical System (NDMS) responses and pharmaceuticals and resources from all hospitals within the state to support surge capacity needs. Additionally, hospital diversion status, emergency incident planning, emergency communication, and emergency alert notifications are supported in real time.

An expandable system, MN*Trac* currently includes: Hospitals, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Local Public Health (LPH), Emergency Management (EM), regional caches, Medical Resource Control Centers (MRCC), Poison Control, Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board (EMSRB) and Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF). Additional agencies may be added to MN*Trac* based on need and system capabilities.

The system provides:

- Hospital and Skilled Nursing Bed tracking
- Patient tracking and family reunification
- Emergency and advisory alerts
- Hospital diversion status reporting
- Emergency communication tools
- Report writing
- Facility information

What does the system do in an incident?

The system allows for inter-facility virtual communication and tracking of patients, bed capacity, pharmaceuticals and resources (e.g., ventilators, personal protective and decontamination equipment). Hospital bed diversion status, emergency event planning, emergency chat, and alert notifications are supported in real time. Information is aggregated from all facilities and can be transported to other systems and agencies to improve communications and share pertinent information. Standard and ad hoc reports can also be generated to turn data into useful information.

What is the role of MDH?

The Minnesota Department of Health will administer and maintain MN*Trac*, providing support to users throughout emergency preparedness and response sector including hospitals, EMS, Emergency Managers, public health, skilled nursing facilities.

Who can I contact for more information?

- Regional Health Care Preparedness Coordinators (RHPCs)
- Public Health Preparedness Consultants (PHPCs)

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