TAB 1. Alternative Care Site Selection Matrix Tool

What facility characteristics do you consider in selecting an alternative care site?

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Possible Alternative Care Sites

Hotel

Recreation Center

School

Church

The following pages provide a detailed description of three possible alternative care sites that will serve as an example for practicing with the tool. Once you open the Site Selection Matrix on the computer in front of you, please notice all site options listed across the top of the page. Based on the scale below, place a rating in each cell. The columns will automatically total. The site with the highest score is your selection as the most suitable alternative care site.

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High School

Ability to lock down facility	**Unknown**
Adequate building security personnel	**No**
Adequate Lighting	**Yes**
Air Conditioning	**No**
Area for clean and dirty supplies	**No**
Area for equipment storage	**Yes**
Biohazard/Other waste disposal area	**No**
Communications (Local and Long Distance)	**6 local lines, 2 long distance lines**
Door Sizes adequate for gurney/beds	**Yes, normal doors**
Electrical Power	**Yes**
Family Areas	**Unknown**
Floor/Walls	**Yes**
Food Supply/Food Prep areas	**Yes**
Heating	**Yes**
Labs/Specimen Handling areas	**No**
Laundry	**Unknown**
Loading Dock	**No**
Mortuary holding area	**No**
Oxygen Delivery Capability	**No**
Parking for staff/visitors	**Yes, 2 large lots**
Patient Decontamination area	**Unknown**
Pharmacy area	**No**
Proximity to main hospital	**1/2 MILE**
Roof	**Yes**
Space for Auxillary Services (Rx, counselors, chapel)	**Yes**
Staff Areas	**Yes**
Toilet/Bathing Facilities	**Yes, 4 large restroom facilities, separate men and women's**
Two way radio capability to main facility	**Unknown**
Water	**Yes**
Wired for IT and Internet	**Yes**

Church

Ability to lock down facility	**Unknown**
Adequate building security personnel	**No**
Adequate Lighting	**Yes**
Air Conditioning	**Yes**
Area for clean and dirty supplies	**Yes, small**
Area for equipment storage	**Yes**
Biohazard/Other waste disposal area	**No**
Communications (Local and Long Distance)	**3 telephones**
Door Sizes adequate for gurney/beds	**Yes, large doors**
Electrical Power	**Yes**
Family Areas	**Yes**
Floor/Walls	**Yes**
Food Supply/Food Prep areas	**Yes**
Heating	**Yes**
Labs/Specimen Handling areas	**No**
Laundry	**Yes**
Loading Dock	**No**
Mortuary holding area	**No**
Oxygen Delivery Capability	**No**
Parking for staff/visitors	**Yes, 2 medium lots**
Patient Decontamination area	**No**
Pharmacy area	**No**
Proximity to main hospital	**¼ MILE**
Roof	**Yes**
Space for Auxillary Services (Rx, counselors, chapel)	**Yes**
Staff Areas	**Yes**
Toilet/Bathing Facilities	**Yes, 2 medium restroom facilities, separate men and women's**
Two way radio capability to main facility	**Unknown**
Water	**Yes**
Wired for IT and Internet Access	**No**

Recreation Center

Ability to lock down facility	**Yes**
Adequate building security personnel	**Unknown, possibly can be called in**
Adequate Lighting	**Yes**
Air Conditioning	**Yes**
Area for clean and dirty supplies	**Yes**
Area for equipment storage	**Yes**
Biohazard/Other waste disposal area	**No**
Communications (Local and Long Distance)	**Unknown**
Door Sizes adequate for gurney/beds	**Yes, large doors**
Electrical Power	**Yes**
Family Areas	**Unknown**
Floor/Walls	**Yes**
Food Supply/Food Prep areas	**No**
Heating	**Yes**
Labs/Specimen Handling areas	**No**
Laundry	**No**
Loading Dock	**No**
Mortuary holding area	**No**
Oxygen Delivery Capability	**No**
Parking for staff/visitors	**Yes, 2 large lots**
Patient Decontamination area	**No**
Pharmacy area	**No**
Proximity to main hospital	**2 MILES**
Roof	**Yes**
Space for Auxillary Services (Rx, counselors, chapel)	**Yes**
Staff Areas	**Unknown**
Toilet/Bathing Facilities	**Yes, 4 large restroom facilities, separate men and women's**
Two way radio capability to main facility	**Unknown**
Water	**Yes**
Wired for IT and Internet Access	**Yes**

RMBT ALTERNATIVE MEDICAL CARE SITE SELECTION MATRIX

Potential Sites:	Aircraft Hangers	Churches	Community or Recreation Centers	Convalescent Care Facilities	Convention Facilities	Fairgrounds	Government Buildings	Hotels/Motels	Meeting Halls	Military Facilities	National Guard Armories	Same Day Surgical Centers/Clinics	Schools	Sports Facilities/Stadiums	Trailers/Tents (Military and other)	Other
Factors:																
Infrastructure																
Doors/corridors adequate size for gurneys																
Floors																
Loading dock																
Parking for staff and visitors																
Roof																
Toilet facilities/showers (#)																
Ventilation																
Walls																
Total Space and Layout																
Auxiliary spaces (Rx, counselors, chapel)																
Equipment/supply storage area																
Family area																
Food supply and prep area																
Lab specimen handling area																
Mortuary holding area																

Patient decontamination areas																
Pharmacy area																
Staff areas																
Utilities																
Air conditioning																
Electrical power (backup?)																
Heating																
Lighting																
Refrigeration																
Water (hot?)																
Communication																
Communication (# phones, local/long distance, intercom)																
Two-way radio capability to main hospital																
Wired for IT and internet access																
Other Services																
Ability to lock down facility																
Accessibility/proximity to public transportation																
Biohazard and other waste disposal																
Laundry																
Ownership/other uses during disaster																
Oxygen delivery capability																
Proximity to main hospital																
TOTAL RATING/RANKING (Largest number indicates best site)																

Rating System

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