

CHEROKEE HEALTH and WELFARE PREAMBLE
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[Read the Preamble as-is. Every time you see the proword "OUT". Unkey your mike, and let the repeater recycle. When you see the proword "OVER" wait on a response...

Self-ID is incorporated into the Preamble, and is more in line with other Directed Nets including SKYWARN, HEALTH & WELFARE, MARS, etc.]

Open NET

QST, QST, QST, **CHEROKEE HEALTH and WELFARE**, This is **<call-sign>**, I am Net Control of the Cherokee County **HEALTH AND WELFARE**, **OUT**.

Cherokee HEALTH and WELFARE, This is **<call-sign>**, This Net is being called to check on each of you licensed radio operators and our community. My name is **<your name>**, **Do I have someone who will volunteer to be Alternate Control Operator**, **OVER**.

INITIAL INSTRUCTIONS

Cherokee HEALTH and WELFARE, This is **<call-sign>**, **this is a directed NET**. ALL CONTACTS AND TRAFFIC MUST GO THROUGH NET CONTROL, If anyone has emergency traffic, please alert net control immediately by calling "**PRIORITY PRIORITY**" followed by your call sign. 911 should be your primary contact for Emergency Assistance.

< Be prepared to adjust the frequency of this NET based on Conditions>

This net will run as a minimum at **09:00am EST, 15:00 EST, and 20:00 EST** until conclusion of the operation.

This Net is being held on the WX4AUX Repeater which is located at 145.190 This repeater has a positive offset and a PL tone of 107.2 encode and decode. Should this repeater fail, we will move to the KG4VUB Repeater on 145.270 which has a minus offset and a PL tone of 100. This net is open to all licensed operators. You do not need to be a member of Cherokee County ARES to participate, **OUT**.

HEALTH and WELFARE INSTRUCTIONS every 15 minutes

Cherokee HEALTH and WELFARE, This is **<call-sign>**, this is a directed NET. ALL CONTACTS AND TRAFFIC MUST GO THROUGH NET CONTROL, If anyone has emergency traffic, please alert net control immediately by calling "break-break" followed by your call sign. If you need to check out of the net early, please request permission from Net Control to close. **NET Control is looking for reports that include:**

1. Confirmation that you are safe and secure.
2. Power Outages you are experiencing.
3. Power Lines Down (Location- Be Specific).
4. Water Supply issues you are experiencing.
5. Cell or Telephone Service Interruptions you are experiencing.
6. First-hand reports of vehicles needing emergency assistance that have not been reported to 911.
7. First-hand reports of damage to Critical Infrastructure including Government Buildings, Schools, Power Lines, etc.)

Cherokee HEALTH and WELFARE, This is **<call-sign>**, Are there any stations holding traffic or announcements? **OVER.**

<Make any pertinent announcements for the listeners including Current Weather Updates, and the next Scheduled Time to Check into the Cherokee Health and Welfare Net>

Cherokee HEALTH and WELFARE, This is **<call-sign>**, Do we have any additional stations wishing to check into the **Cherokee HEALTH AND WELFARE NET**? **OVER.**

[Repeat every 2-5 Minutes]

Cherokee HEALTH and WELFARE, This is **<call-sign>**, standing by for additional Health and Welfare Reports, please call Net Control if you have not checked in or to submit your report if it is critical in nature and meets the minimum reporting guidelines. There may be silence for several minutes if there is nothing to report. **OVER.** (Repeat every 2-5 minutes)

***Internal NCS Instructions:** Return to Top of Preamble every 15 Minutes, depending on situation and traffic flow. Every couple of minutes at least give brief update on this net example, key the net alive....:*

[CLOSE DOWN]

<Keep the Net open for at least 30 minutes to give individuals an opportunity to check-in>

This is **<call-sign>**, Do we have any additional stations wishing to check into the **Cherokee HEALTH AND WELFARE NET? OVER.**

[Take Check Ins]

This is **<call-sign>**, we are closing the **Cherokee Health and Welfare Net** at this time. Please continue to monitor the website Cherokee-ARES.ORG for additional details. **The next Cherokee Health and Welfare Net will be at : _____.**

The repeater is now returned to normal Operations.

This is **<call-sign>**, **CLOSE-DOWN, OUT.**

HEALTH AND WELFARE NET Instructions

1. Read the Script Exactly as laid out.
 - a. The Proword, **OVER**, signifies your waiting on a response from the NET/Station you are talking to.
 - b. The Proword, **OUT**, signifies that you do not want anyone to respond, and allows you to carry on with your script/net.
2. Before starting the net, Know the next Date/Time that the **Cherokee Health and Welfare** net will be performed so that it can be used during the script. Based on severity of the incident the frequency may be adjusted. A default expected time-line would be 09:00, 15:00, and 20:00 EST.
3. Consolidate any pertinent announcements for the listeners to be shared during the net.
4. Run the net for a minimum of 30 minutes to give operators time to log in to the net. Expect some members may need more time to join the net during an incident/weather event. – Be patient.
5. When closing down the net, Read and follow the instructions in the section: **CLOSURE of Health and Welfare NET** , ensuring to capture any late stations and traffic for the net.
6. All critical reports that require forwarding to EOC, will be sent by assigned Cherokee ARES AEC's that have WebEOC access. (Be sure to share that information with the EC and AEC's if they are not on the net).
7. Conserve your battery power if your primary source of power is offline.
8. Winlink may be used to send your Health and Welfare reports. Please send report to the following addresses to ensure we have ample coverage: **W1JKU; KD4KHO; KK4YQV; K9APD; KO4IFY; KJ4UC**
9. D-RATS may also be used to communicate within our district on the D-RATS Ratflector for the Northwest GA District.
10. Details will be communicated on our Cherokee-ARES.ORG website as necessary, as well as on our Primary Cherokee ARES Frequency **UHAM41**. In the event the repeater is offline, we will utilize our Alternate Frequency **VHAM11**.
11. Refer to Cherokee ARES Operations manual found on cherokee-ares.org
12. Shared Public Directory with SKYWARN Preamble, Check in Log, etc. By using this link during a HEALTH AND WELFARE the Alternate Net Control operator can view logins and when necessary, take over net. After NET is over the incident log will be removed from the public share, stored within our secure folders and then reset for the next SKYWARN/Activation event. [Public SKYWARN - Google Drive](#)