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ELEVATED THREAT LEVEL

Secretary Chertoff Discusses Increased Risk/Threat Situation: **New**

On July 10, 2007, Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Michael Chertoff spoke to the editorial board of the *Chicago Tribune*: "I believe we're entering a period this summer of increased risk. We've seen a lot more public statements from Al Qaeda. There are a lot of reasons to speculate about that but one reason that occurs to me is that they're feeling more comfortable and raising expectations. In last August, and in prior summers, we've had attacks against the West, which suggests that summer seems to be appealing to them. I think we do see increased activity in South Asia, so we do worry about whether they are rebuilding their capabilities. We've struck at them and degraded them, but they rebuild. All these things have given me kind of a gut feeling that we are in a period of increased vulnerability." To read this article in full, please visit <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/nationworld/chopped0711chertoffjul11.1.7742749.story?coll=chi-newsnationworld-hed>.

Students Pandemic Hotline Plan Interests Health Agency: **New**



The Santa Clara County Public Health Department in San Jose, California, is helping Stanford University students develop a plan model for a local influenza pandemic information hotline. The hotline will be staffed by home-based volunteers with general knowledge and would also offer the ability to route emergency calls directly to experts. Volunteers would use

computer programs to obtain local pandemic information, including information about hygiene, school closures and how to stay healthy during a pandemic. This service would be a source of information for vulnerable populations, including those who do not have a computer and those who prefer person-to-person interaction. Plans calls for the pandemic hotline model to be made available to anyone interested at no cost. To read more about the hotline plan, please visit <http://www.cidrap.umn.edu/cidrap/content/influenza/panflu/news/jul0607stanford.html>.

Avian Influenza: **New**

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), the cumulative number of confirmed cases of avian influenza H5N1 as of July 11, 2007, is 318 cases and 192 deaths.

- The Indonesian agriculture ministry is currently investigating the death of a six-year old boy from the Banten Province due to infection with avian influenza H5N1. The boy developed symptoms on July 1 and died on July 8 following a brief hospitalization. The ongoing investigation involving UN's health and agriculture agencies will probe the source of infection as it is not clear if this infection followed the most common form of transmission from infected birds to humans. This is Indonesia's 102 case of H5N1, where 81 cases have been fatal. To read this article in full, please visit <http://www.news.com.au/dailytelegraph/story/0,22049,22056048-5012773,00.html>.
- American adults are waning in their concern about the presence of avian influenza in the United States. Down eight points from last year, only 27% describe themselves as concerned about bird flu. A significant percentage, 41%, stated they are not concerned about the issue of bird flu in the United States, while 34% were moderately concerned. The survey did not use terms referring to pandemic flu. This apparent decline in concern coincides with the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) efforts to urge Americans to prepare for a pandemic. To read this article in full, please visit <http://www.cidrap.umn.edu/cidrap/content/influenza/panflu/news/jul0607ipsos.html>.
- June 18 2007: The Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals Office of Public Health announced a mass public distribution of 1.6 million handbooks designed to inform the public how to guard against the danger of pandemic flu. State Health Officer Dr. Jimmy Guidry said "It's not a matter of 'if' a pandemic flu will strike, but a matter of 'when.' That's why we're arming the public now with the knowledge of how to prepare and protect themselves against a pandemic event that could quickly sweep the world." A news conference was held where Dr. Guidry spoke about the importance of preparing for a pandemic flu event. The pandemic flu handbooks contain information about vaccines and antiviral medications, learning how to change routines when it becomes necessary, travel precautions, what preparations are already underway, the importance of hygiene and general education about pandemic flu. To read this article in full, please visit <http://www.dhh.state.la.us/news.asp?ID=1&Detail=1124>.
- Authorities in the United Kingdom now believe a second strain of avian flu that was previously considered of little human risk does indeed pose a real danger to people. A lesser-known relative of the H5N1 virus may be emerging as an equally formidable threat, based on recent encounters by the health authorities with a handful of small chicken farms in Wales and northern England. When birds began dying, health authorities tested the sick birds and determined that the birds had H7N2 disease. Health officials also found ill residents with influenza-like illnesses who later tested positive for H7 disease. Further testing is underway to determine if there was spread of the disease. Investigation was difficult because the outbreaks occurred during the normal seasonal influenza outbreak, making it difficult to determine if the patients were infected by the seasonal bug or by avian flu. To read this article in full, please visit http://www.redorbit.com/news/health/973528/analysis_bird_flu_fears_reignited/index.html.

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Jonathan Best of YNH-CEPDR Leads North Dakota Hospitals in Preparing for the Worst:

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On July 9 and 10, 2007, Jonathan Best, Emergency Management Specialist at the Yale New Haven Center for Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Response (YNH-CEPDR), led a two-day training session at St. Alexius Medical Center in North

Dakota. This was the first training of its kind in the state that helps hospitals better respond to emergencies. CEOs, ER nurses, and emergency managers from twenty institutions around the state participated in Hospital Incident Command System (HICS IV) training and learned how to use the system for a fast, organized and appropriate response to both natural and manmade disasters. YNH-CEPDR provides training that makes people understand the nature of disasters and how they can best be managed. To read more coverage of the training in North Dakota, please visit http://www.kfyrtv.com/News_Stories.asp?news=8585 and <http://www.bismarcktribune.com/articles/2007/07/11/news/local/136010.txt>. For more information, please contact Jonathan Best at (203) 688-2535 or jonathan.best@ynhh.org. To schedule HICS IV training for your facility, please contact Kimberly Spaulding at (203) 688-4482 or kimberly.spaulding@ynhh.org.

HHS to Give States \$430 Million for Hospital Preparedness: New

On June 28, 2007, the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced that this year's federal grants to states to help healthcare facilities prepare for public health emergencies has been reduced by \$20 million compared to last year. The grants, totalling \$430 million, are intended to help healthcare facilities, including hospitals, cope with mass casualties related to bioterrorist attacks, infectious disease outbreaks and natural disasters. According to HHS, this year's funds are to be designated towards improving interoperable communications, systems to track available hospital beds, advance registration of volunteer health professionals and planning for fatality management and hospital evacuation. Connecticut's funding from this grant totals \$4,943,121 while New York will receive \$10,913,604 as a major metropolitan area. To read further, please visit <http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2007pres/06/pr20070628a.html>.

Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) 2007



On June 28, 2007, the CDC posted the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) 2007. This report updates the 2006 recommendations by this group regarding the use of influenza vaccine and antiviral agents. The groups of persons for whom vaccination is recommended and the antiviral medications recommended for chemoprophylaxis or treatment (oseltamivir or zanamivir) have not changed. Estimated vaccination coverage remains <50% among certain groups for whom routine annual vaccination is recommended, including young children and adults with risk factors for influenza complications, healthcare personnel, and pregnant women.

Strategies to improve vaccination coverage, including use of reminder/recall systems and standing orders programs, should be implemented or expanded. The 2007 recommendations include new and updated information. Principal updates and changes include:

- Reemphasizing the importance of administering 2 doses of vaccine to all children aged 6 months-8 years if they have not been vaccinated previously at any time with either live, attenuated influenza vaccine (doses separated by ≥ 6 weeks) or trivalent inactivated influenza vaccine (doses separated by ≥ 4 weeks), with single annual doses in subsequent years
- Recommending that children aged 6 months-8 years who received only 1 dose in their first year of vaccination receive 2 doses the following year, with single annual doses in subsequent years
- Highlighting a previous recommendation that all persons, including school-aged children, who want to reduce the risk of becoming ill with influenza or of transmitting influenza to others should be vaccinated
- Emphasizing that immunization providers should offer influenza vaccine and schedule immunization clinics throughout the influenza season
- Recommending that healthcare facilities consider the level of vaccination coverage among healthcare workers be one measure of a patient safety quality program and implement policies to encourage vaccination

To read the entire report, please visit <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr56e629a1.htm>.

Homeland Security and Medical Response (HOSMER) Repository

Work is continuing on a plan for implementation of an Integrated Advanced Information Management System (IAIMS) for Homeland Security and Medical Response (HOSMER). This project is in collaboration with the Yale New Haven Health System (YNHHS) through the Yale New Haven Center for Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Response (YNH-CEPDR), US Northern Command (USNORTHCOM), the Yale University School of Medicine (YSM), the YSM Cushing/Whitney Medical Library, the Dartmouth Medical School (DMS) and its New England Center for Emergency Preparedness (NECEP) and the World Association for Disaster and Emergency Medicine (WADEM). Once fully implemented, HOSMER will provide:

- A secure electronic repository of homeland security and medical response information and best practices, which are defined as techniques or methodologies that, through experience and research, have proven to reliably lead to a desired result.
- A secure web site to provide access to the repository and to other data sources from trusted partners.
- Analytical services to maximize utilization of the repository by target audiences such as first responders (emergency medical services providers), healthcare professionals (in acute care hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, community health centers, home health agencies, urgent care centers and private medical practices), governmental agencies and academics.
- *Delivery of actionable programs including education and training that address emergency preparedness and medical response needs in areas such as surge capacity.*

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Importante en Caso de Emergencia (ICE) – Spanish Version: **New**



The In Case of Emergency (ICE) program enables first responders to identify an individual's emergency contact to obtain important

medical information, especially if the person is unable to communicate. People are encouraged to enter their emergency contact information in their cell phone under the listing "ICE", then list the name(s) and relationship (parents, spouse, child, etc.) and telephone number(s). YNH-CEPDR enthusiastically supports this program and offers "ICE" decals to be placed on cell phones to let emergency personnel know that this valuable information has been programmed into the phone. Now available in Spanish too, you may order "ICE" decals by sending an e-mail to center@ynhh.org.

Special Edition of the CT-LRN Newsletter: **New**



The Connecticut Laboratory Response Network (CT-LRN) has published a special edition of their newsletter discussing the possible return of reference testing at the State Department of Public Health Laboratory, and CT-LRN is

requesting feedback regarding interest in having this service available once again. Further information about this and details regarding the State Laboratory's annual bioterrorism (BT) functional drill set of microbiology samples and BT drill reporting procedure to the State Laboratory can be found in the CT-LRN newsletter by visiting http://www.yalenehavenhealth.org/emergency/CT-LRN_July2007.pdf.

Positions Available at YNH-CEPDR

YNH-CEPDR has openings for Exercise Specialists, Regional Education Specialists, Grant Reporting Specialist and a Courseware Development Intern. Please contact Mark Schneider at (203) 688-2577 or mark.schneider@ynhh.org for more information, or apply online at <http://www.yalenehavenhealth.org/info/jobs.html>.

Flood Preparedness



Miami, OK
July 3, 2007
Photo Credit: AP

In the event of a flood, ready.gov urges personal and family preparedness. During an event, it is important to stay informed, by listening to NOAA Weather Radio, watching TV, listening to the radio or checking the Internet often for official news and instructions as they become available. If it has been raining hard for several hours or if it has been raining steadily for days there may be the potential for flooding. If water is rising quickly or you see a moving wall of mud or debris, immediately move to higher ground. Stay out of flood waters, if possible as the water may be contaminated or electrically charged. However,

should you find yourself trapped in your vehicle in rising water, get out immediately and seek higher ground. Stay away from downed power lines to avoid the risk of electric shock or electrocution. Do not return to your home until local authorities say it is safe. Even after flood waters recede, roads may be weakened and could collapse. Buildings may be unstable, and drinking water may be contaminated. Use common sense, exercise caution and seek out reliable sources of information. For more information on flood preparedness, please visit <http://www.ready.gov/america/beinformed/floods.html>.

Storms, Flooding and Reconstruction:

- The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) announced that new elevations for more than 340 benchmarks in southern Louisiana have been published. The newly published values will provide official elevations in 27 parishes across the southern part of Louisiana that experienced damage from hurricanes Katrina and Rita. This network of elevation benchmarks, with additional Global Positioning Station Continuously Operated Reference Station, establishes an essential new network of vertical control to serve as benchmarks for south Louisiana. A large portion of the funding for this project was provided through a cooperative agreement between NOAA and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and included the cooperation of the Louisiana Spatial Reference Center at Louisiana State University located in Baton Rouge, La. These new heights are considerably more accurate than those measured previously. Use of the new elevations and vertical control network continues to be paramount in supporting hurricane recovery, repair and reconstruction efforts. For more information, please visit <http://www.publicaffairs.noaa.gov/releases2007/jun07/noaa07-r421.html>.
- Federal funds for gulf coast recovery currently exceed \$8 billion. Four states devastated by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita are rebuilding with more than \$8 billion in Public Assistance grants provided by FEMA. State and local governments in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas are using the funds for projects ranging from repair and reconstruction of hurricane-damaged schools, roads, utilities and other public infrastructure to removal of storm debris. To read this article in full, please visit <http://www.fema.gov/news/newsrelease.fema?id=37571>.



News Around the World: **New**

- July 11, 2007: In Perth, Australia, health officials advised parents to quickly seek medical care for young children with respiratory symptoms. This follows the death of three children under age 5 from pneumonia as a complication of "mild" influenza A infections. Western Australia health officials were surprised how rapid the illness developed in the children and warned parents to be aware that the disease can cause serious illness within 24 hours after a mild influenza A infection. To read this article in full, please visit <http://www.cidrap.umn.edu/cidrap/content/influenza/panflu/news/jul1107pneumonia.html>.
- During a Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (CSIRO) Australian Animal Health Laboratory lecture in Geelong, Australia, the director general of the World Organization for Animal Health, Dr Bernard Vallat, said Indonesia was struggling to control bird flu and had become a reservoir from which the disease could spread to neighboring countries. He went on to say that the situation in Indonesia lacks a national chain of command and that small, independent regions are not favorable for a strong political decision to save the entire country. Dr. Vallat's lecture also contained good news about avian influenza H5N1, including that fewer people and fewer domestic poultry has been infected this year than in 2006. To read this article in full, please visit http://www.geelongadvertiser.com.au/article/2007/07/12/5352_news.html.

Abstracts Welcomed

- Earthquakes, tornados, heat waves, floods, oil spills, fires, nuclear accidents, dirty bombs, pandemic flu, terrorism threats, hurricanes, blackouts, blizzards; the list of disasters is endless – and continues to grow. On average, natural disasters cause 185 deaths per day. The loss of human life, the physical and environmental damages, the disruption to school, homes, business and productivity and the financial impact can be devastating to any community or country. But the impact of many disasters can be sharply reduced if an effort is made to assess risk and develop and test contingency plans for disaster response before it happens, rather than after the damage has been done.

Joint Commission Resources (JCR) will present its third annual emergency preparedness conference at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center in Alexandria, Virginia, on October 10 and 11, 2007. This outstanding program will provide attendees with new ideas, concrete tools, tips, checklists and strategies to help them prepare their organizations and jurisdictions for peak performance, self-sufficiency and constant readiness. Once again, JCR is partnering with the Yale New Haven Center for Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Response (YNH-CEPDR) on the scientific abstract session for the conference. Providing a forum for attendees to share their experience and expertise with colleagues from around the country, the abstract session will be even bigger and better than last year, with 25 submissions being selected for poster presentation and two selected for platform presentation during the conference plenary sessions on October 10, 2007. For more information on the abstract submission process, please go to <http://yalenewhavenhealth.org/emergency/disasterconference/>. For more information or to register for this conference, please visit <http://www.jcrinc.com/24835/>, or call JCR Customer Service at (877) 223-6866.



Personal and Family Preparedness: **New**

• **Top Five Reasons to Become a MRC Volunteer:**

1. Do it for yourself - Do it for your family - Do it for your community
 2. Increases your personal and family emergency planning efforts
 3. Training is free
 4. Provides you with rewarding experiences that fit your schedule
 5. Feels good to help others
- Do you know how to prepare yourself and your family for a natural or man-made emergency? Whether you're a medical professional, community member, student, or someone who has a question, turn to the Medical Reserve Corps for reliable and current resources on personal and emergency preparedness. The Medical Reserve Corps at Yale New Haven Center for Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Response (MRC-YNH CEPDR) is proud to be known as "**the source**" for accurate and current information and education and training on emergency preparedness. The MRC-YNH CEPDR has an expert staff that will provide effective education and training resources to audiences around the state. Find out how to set up training and access other resources by contacting Eugenie Schwartz at Eugenie.schwartz@ynhh.org or at (203) 688-2659.
 - As the hazy days of summer approach and we celebrate our summer holidays with family and friends, we usually feel prepared for anything....mosquitoes, sun burn, crowded beaches, traffic....It is easy in this fun season to forget that we still need to be prepared just in case we are faced with a major disaster in our state or region. It could be weather; it could be any number of manmade events, both accidental and intentional. To be ready for this, we need to build a strong cadre of dedicated professional volunteers who are willing to step forward and say "I will." One way to do this is to volunteer to be part of the State of Connecticut Emergency Credentialing Program for Healthcare Professionals. This database contains the names of approximately 3700 volunteers in a variety of medical and allied health fields as well as their skills. Members of this group could be asked to volunteer at the site of disaster should the need arise. If you are interested in joining or just finding more information on this dedicated group of volunteers, please go to <http://www.ct-esar-vhp.org> or contact Joseph Filakovsky, DNP, APRN, Emergency Credentialing Coordinator at (203) 688-3224 or at ecp@ynhh.org.

Education and Training Services

YNH-CEPDR is committed to developing and delivering effective and scaleable services that advance healthcare planning, preparedness and response for emergencies and disasters. YNH-CEPDR offers the following services to hospitals, other healthcare delivery organizations, emergency management professionals, the business community and others.

- **ASSESSMENTS:** Hazard Vulnerability Analysis, Business Impact Analysis and Gap Analysis
- **PLANNING:** Emergency management plans, emergency operations plans and business continuity plans
- **EDUCATION and TRAINING:** Course development and course delivery in various modalities (including web-based)
- **DRILLS and EXERCISES:** Design, development, facilitation and evaluation

For additional information about these services, please contact Scott Selig at scott.selig@ynhh.org or (203) 688-2587 or Kimberly Spaulding at kimberly.spaulding@ynhh.org or (203) 688-4482.

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www.yalenewhavenhealth.org/emergency

Education and Training Courses

- **Best Practices for the Protection of Healthcare-Based First Receivers (EM 120)** is available at <http://ynhhs.emergencyeducation.org/>. EM 120 is aligned with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) required awareness-level competencies for first receivers. Sample job classifications that may be required to complete EM 120 in order to ensure compliance with OSHA standards include: (1) All employees who work in the emergency department (such as clinicians, housekeeping, security, patient registration, etc.); (2) All employees who are regularly scheduled to be on call for the emergency department; (3) Volunteers and residents assigned to the emergency department; (4) Employees involved in setting up, taking down or maintaining decontamination facilities, regardless of their primary job role and location; (5) Nursing leadership who function as potential nursing administrators on call; (6) All members of the hospital decontamination team. This course is a prerequisite to a series of operations-level courses currently under development and planned for release in the fall of 2007. For more information, please contact Mark Schneider at (203) 688-2577 or mark.schneider@ynhh.org.
- The online publication *Emerging Infectious Diseases* article entitled "Respirator Donning in Post-Hurricane New Orleans" makes the observation that "An observational study of 62 healthcare workers in three California hospitals found that 40 (65%) improperly put on N95 FF respirators before entering the room of a patient in isolation for tuberculosis." <http://www.cdc.gov/eid/content/13/5/700.htm>. Properly fit personal protective equipment can help control the spread of airborne infections including pandemic influenza. YNH-CEPDR is currently developing **N95 Respirator Fit Tester Training (EM 122)**. This 20-minute online course will provide an in-depth look at the fit testing process used to test the seal of the N95 respirator and will meet OSHA fit-testing requirements. The N95 respirator is worn by healthcare workers treating patients with infectious airborne diseases, including pandemic influenza. This course is designed to provide just-in-time training to healthcare workers that must perform fit tests. The use of text and video combined with a cue card, available to print, gives fit testers a more robust learning experience and a useful job aid. This course is anticipated to be released in the summer of 2007. For more information, please contact Mark Schneider at (203) 688-2577 or mark.schneider@ynhh.org.

NIMS Compliance



At the request of the Bioterrorism Training and Curriculum Development Program of the HHS, the YNH-CEPDR EM 103 w/NIMS and EM 140 w/NIMS courses were reviewed by the NIMS Integration Center. These courses provide a solution to address elements 9 through 11 of the NIMS Implementation Activities for Hospitals and Healthcare Systems. **These courses meet all of the required objectives defined by the NIMS National Standard Curriculum Training Guidance as demonstrated on the YNH-CEPDR NIMS Competency Crosswalk, which may be accessed at http://www.ynhhs.com/emergency/YNH_CEPDR_NIMS_CompencyCrosswalk.pdf.** EM 103 w/NIMS and EM 140 w/NIMS have also been approved as being NIMS compliant for healthcare education and training requirements by the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health and the State of

Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security. To download a brochure, please visit http://www.ynhhs.org/emergency/NIMS_Brochure-Final.pdf. For more information, please contact Mark Schneider at (203) 688-2577 or mark.schneider@ynhh.org.

- YNH-CEPDR has developed a strategic partnership with HealthStream to distribute EM 103 w/NIMS and EM 140 w/NIMS. This partnership will support a broader dissemination of these courses as a strategy for hospitals and healthcare systems to become compliant with NIMS education and training requirements. For more information, please contact Scott Selig at scott.selig@ynhh.org.

Education and Training Courses

- **Introduction to Emergency Management with NIMS (EM 103 w/NIMS)** is available at <http://ynhhs.emergencyeducation.org/>. Yale New Haven Health System employees should access the course via the learning management system at <http://cmecourses.com/ynhh/>. EM 103 w/NIMS meets the required objectives of IS 100, IS 700 and IS 800 for healthcare organizations and provides awareness-level emergency preparedness training for the healthcare delivery workforce. EM 103 w/NIMS is designed to assist healthcare workers in understanding their role in providing continuous care for existing patients and additional patients in the event of an emergency or a terrorist event. For more information, please contact Mark Schneider at (203) 688-2577 or mark.schneider@ynhh.org.
- **Incident Command Systems (ICS) for Healthcare with NIMS (EM 140 w/NIMS)** is a 50-minute course which offers an introduction to ICS for healthcare workers and is available at <http://ynhhs.emergencyeducation.org/>. Yale New Haven Health System employees should access the course via the learning management system at <http://cmecourses.com/ynhh/>. EM 140 w/NIMS meets the required objectives of IS 200, IS 700 and IS 800 for healthcare organizations. This course describes the ways an ICS can provide a consistent approach to command, control and coordination of all efforts aimed at protecting life, preserving property, supporting the emergency response and stabilizing the operations of a healthcare site during an emergency or disaster. For more information, please contact Mark Schneider at (203) 688-2577 or mark.schneider@ynhh.org.
- **Introduction to Radiological Response (EM 110)** is a 30-minute narrated CD-ROM course which provides the learner with the basic principles of radiation, definitions of terms commonly encountered in radiological and nuclear incidents, a description of the health risks associated with radioactive material, recommendations for safeguarding personal safety during a radiological or nuclear incident and an outline of the strategies for addressing the psychological impact of radiological and nuclear incidents. This introductory course has been designed for nurses, doctors, radiology technicians, radiation oncologists, radiation safety officers, patient care associates, technical assistants, nuclear medicine workers, EMS workers and mental health professionals. An online version of EM 110 is scheduled for release in the summer of 2007. A more advanced radiological preparedness course is under development and planned for release in the fall of 2007. EM 110 CD-ROM is available for a fee and can be obtained by contacting Mark Schneider at (203) 688-2577 or mark.schneider@ynhh.org.

UPCOMING Training and Education

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
7.16.07	1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	New England Region Webinar: EM 103 w/NIMS Train-the-Trainer, Community Health Centers	For more information, please contact Ella Holst at: Ella.holst@ynhh.org .
7.17.07 and 8.14.07	11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	New England Region Webinar: EM 103 w/NIMS Train-the-Trainer, Home Health Agencies	For more information, please contact Ella Holst at: Ella.holst@ynhh.org .
7.18.07 7.26.07	11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	New England Region Webinar: EM 103 w/NIMS Train-the-Trainer, Residential Care	For more information, please contact Ella Holst at: Ella.holst@ynhh.org .
7.19.07	11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Pandemic Influenza for First Receivers <i>Sponsored by the Alabama Department of Public Health</i>	For more information, please visit https://www.adph.org/alphnt/vcomm.asp?action=conflistone&templatnbr=3&depid=143&templateid=1252 .
7.16.07 and 7.21.07		All Hazard Incident Management Teams (AHIMT) Training <i>Sponsored by the Connecticut Fire Academy</i>	Windsor Locks, CT For more information, please visit http://www.ynhhs.org/emergency/AHIMTClass.pdf or contact Jackie Kilby-Richards at (860) 627-6363 x 285 jacklyn.kilby-richards@po.state.ct.us .
7.24.07, 7.25.07 and 7.26.07	10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.	Teaching Psychosocial Aspects of Terrorism and Disasters Train-the-Trainer Course	The New York Academy of Medicine Fifth Avenue at 103 rd Street New York, New York For more information, please visit http://chip.med.nyu.edu/file.php/1/Psychosocial_Brochure_53007_FINAL.pdf .
7.25.07	8:00 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.	Diagnosing and Managing Psychosocial Aspects of Terrorism and Disasters One-Day Workshop	The New York Academy of Medicine Fifth Avenue at 103 rd Street New York, New York For more information, please visit http://chip.med.nyu.edu/file.php/1/NYAM_60507_Colored.pdf .
8.22.07 and 9.19.07	1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	New England Region Webinar: EM 103 w/NIMS Train-the-Trainer, Hospitals	For more information, please contact Ella Holst at: Ella.holst@ynhh.org .

Upcoming Meetings and Events

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
7.19.07	12:00-1:30 p.m. (Central Daylight Saving Time)	Webcast: Pandemic Influenza for First Responders: The Basics <i>Sponsored by Alabama Department of Public Health</i>	For more information, please visit http://www.adph.org/alphnt/ .
7.26.07 and 7.27.07	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	4 th Annual Arkansas Statewide Preparedness Conference <i>Sponsored by Arkansas Medical Services, UAMS Regional Programs, Arkansas Children's Hospital, AR DHHS, AR Hospital Association, AR Dept. of Emergency Management, Arkansas Office of the FBI</i>	For more information, please visit http://www.ynhhs.org/emergency/AKStatewidePreparednessConf.pdf .
8.3.07	<i>More Information to Come</i>	State of Connecticut Biodosimetry Laboratory 2007 Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA) Industry Day <i>Sponsored by HHS</i>	For more information and registration, please visit http://www.hhs.gov/aspr/ophec/barda/ .
9.19.07	<i>Save the Date</i>	2007 National Summit <i>Sponsored by the New York Primary Care Development Corporation</i>	For more information, please visit http://www.pcdcn.org/ .
10.10.07 and 10.11.07	<i>Save the Date</i>	Preparing for the Unknown: "Are You Ready?" <i>Emergency Preparedness Conference Sponsored by Joint Commission Resources (JRC)</i>	For more information, please visit http://www.icrinc.com/24835/ .

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