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ELEVATED THREAT LEVEL

CDC Announces Large Supply of Seasonal Flu Vaccine: **New**



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On September 19, 2007, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced that 132 million doses of this year's seasonal flu vaccine have been produced to protect America's population against the flu season that usually starts in November with a peak in February.

The government is urging everyone, including those at high risk, to get vaccinated as the seasonal flu infects up to 20% of the population every year, hospitalizing 200,000 and killing 36,000. People over the age of 50 or under 5 years old, anyone with asthma, heart disease, weakened immune systems or other chronic illnesses and pregnant women are considered high risk for seasonal flu. To read this article in full, please visit

http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/F/FLU_SHOTS?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT.

Anthrax Symptoms in Children: **New**



A recent study presents data suggesting that symptoms of anthrax in children may be more varied than previously believed. The study "Inhalational, Gastrointestinal, and Cutaneous Anthrax in

Children. A Systematic Review of Cases: 1900 to 2005" is published in the September issue of *Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine* and suggests that children may present a wider range of clinical symptoms not concurrent with symptoms in adult patients and that mortality rates may be higher than what is observed in adult patients. The study also emphasizes that more research is necessary in order to clarify optimized management and treatment of anthrax in children. To read this article in full and to access a link to the study, please visit

<http://www.upmc-cbn.org/>.

Avian Influenza: **New**

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), the cumulative number of confirmed cases of avian influenza H5N1 as of September 10, 2007 is 328 cases and 200 deaths.



Chinese Bird Flu Outbreak
Credit: REUTERS/Joe Tan (CHINA)

On September 18, 2007, authorities in the city of Guangzhou in southern China said that more than 36,000 ducks were destroyed following an outbreak of avian influenza H5N1 in the domestic fowls. The local government announced the suspension of trade at all live poultry markets within the surveillance zone of the outbreak and said the outbreak has been brought under control. To read this article in full, please visit <http://209.190.25.146/viewNews.php?id=1082>.

Pandemic Influenza Hospital Preparedness Drills: **New**

On September 7, 2007, ten hospitals in Louisiana participated in drills to test if hospitals in the state are ready to respond should an influenza pandemic occur. Nursing students played the roles of individuals presenting flu-like symptoms, while evaluators gathered information, observed and interviewed players and staff. Lessons learned from the drills will assist both the state and hospitals to adjust its emergency preparedness plans. To read more about these drills, please visit

<http://www.theadvertiser.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070908/NEWS01/709080312/1002>.

Nasal Influenza Vaccine for Children Approved by FDA: **New**



The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced on September 19, 2007, that it has approved expanded use of the nasal influenza vaccine FluMist to children between the ages of 2 and 5. The vaccine was previously approved for use in children 5 years or older (and to adults up to 49 years old). Three studies with about 6,400 children aged 6 to 59 months demonstrated effectiveness in preventing the flu while adverse events were reported to be mild in the form of runny nose and/or nasal congestion and slight fever in children between the age of 2 and 6 years. To read the FDA press release in full, please visit

<http://www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/NEWS/2007/NEW01705.html>.

DHS Awards Additional Grants for Radiological/Nuclear Detection: **New**

On September 14, 2007, the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced the award of 3.7 million to Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, North Carolina and the District of Columbia to deploy radiation detection systems at weigh stations throughout the Southeast Corridor. These funds and non-monetary support is part of the Southeast Transportation Corridor Pilot (SETCP) program designed to detect and interdict illicit nuclear and radiological materials on interstate highways and includes training and exercises for state and local participants. To read this release in full, please visit

http://www.dhs.gov/xnews/releases/pr_1189796880249.shtm.

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US DHHS Region I (New England) Emergency Planning Office (Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response – ASPR): **New**

Flu Stafford Act Reimbursement: A memorandum available on the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Web site describes FEMA's policy for Stafford Act reimbursement for pandemic influenza. The document, titled "Disaster Assistance Policy 9523.17: Emergency Assistance for Human Influenza Pandemic," is dated March 31, 2007, and outlines the legal mechanisms, triggers, and areas of eligibility for reimbursement following a pandemic. The Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) is currently examining the policy for its implications for state health agencies. To access the memorandum, please visit http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/pa/9523_17.shtm.

The following resources are identified to assist your preparedness activities:

New/Highlighted Resources:

A new, electronic newsletter focusing on emergency preparedness and response is now available for health educators. "Emergency Preparedness and Response News U Can Use" is produced biweekly by the Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE). If you are interested in receiving the newsletter list or learn more about what SOPHE is doing related to emergency preparedness and response, please contact Tanya Maslak at tmaslak@sophe.org.

Retention and Recruitment for the Volunteer Emergency Services Challenges and Solutions. U.S. Fire Administration, May 2007: <http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/downloads/pdf/publications/fa-310.pdf>

Planning for a Possible Influenza Pandemic – A Framework for Planners Preparing to Manage Deaths. United Kingdom: http://www.ukresilience.info/news/manage_deaths_guidance.aspx

Center for Domestic Preparedness Training Site, Anniston, Alabama, Medical Training Courses: <https://cdp.dhs.gov/resident/healthcare.html> (Courses offered and for the most part fully funded by the federal government)

ICS All Hazard Core Competencies, FEMA: http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nims/ics_comp_etencies.shtm

Disasters around the World: **New**



Typhoon Wipha CATEGORY 1
LOCATION MOVEMENT MAX WIND
27.8° N NW 16 mph 85 mph
119.5° E As of 8 p.m. EDT Tue.
SOURCES: Weather Underground; AP
ESRI

Typhoon Wipha crossed the eastern coast of China with wind gusts up to 185 mph on September 19, 2007, first coming ashore south of Shanghai with strong winds and heavy rain. The storm has killed 9 people, destroyed thousands of homes, disrupted power supplies and caused mudslides before weakening to a tropical storm. Chinese authorities evacuated 2.7 million people prior to the storm, ordered ships back to harbor and closed schools in an effort to minimize devastation from this storm. To read this article in full, please visit http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/A/ASIA_TYPHOON?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2007-09-20-02-03-24.



Thailand Plane Crash
Credit: AP Photo/Sakchai Lalit

On September 16, 2007, a Boeing MD-82 with 130 people aboard crashed while trying to land at Phuket Airport in southern Thailand. 89 people were killed, including 5 Americans and many other foreign nationals, and the cause of the crash is suspected to be bad weather as the area experienced high winds and heavy rains at the time of the crash. Officials from the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) in the United States are assisting in the crash investigation as the aircraft was manufactured in the United States. To read this article in full, please visit <http://www.cnn.com/2007/WORLD/asiapcf/09/18/thailand.crash/index.html?iref=newssearch>.

- Incident command can be used to provide management over various resources. The management of logistics over a large area is important to priority setting in a large-scale event. Use of incident command can help decide who to evacuate, what property to protect, what types of people and resources are required, healthcare concerns and more. Incident Command for Hospitals, HICS IV, was recently updated by the California Emergency Medical Services Authority. The update not only ensures compliance with the National Incident Management System (NIMS) but cross communication between multiple agencies and jurisdictions in the event of an emergency such as the Los Angeles wildfire. YNH-CEPDR has developed workshops that discuss the HICS IV organizational chart, job action sheets and forms as well as provide an overall context for implementation. For more information on how your hospital or healthcare organization can understand HICS IV, please contact Kimberly Spaulding at (203) 688-4482 or kimberly.spaulding@ynhh.org.

CDC Draft Guidelines for Population Monitoring During Radiation Emergencies



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has released a predecisional draft planning guide for state and local public health planners regarding population monitoring in radiation emergencies and is welcoming comments and suggestions. The guide is intended to introduce public health officials and emergency preparedness planners at state and local levels to the process of identifying, screening and monitoring people for exposure to radiation or contamination from radioactive materials and focuses on planning a public health response to radiological or nuclear terrorism incidents resulting in mass casualties. To read the draft guidelines and information about submitting comments and suggestions, please visit <http://www.bt.cdc.gov/radiation/pdf/population-monitoring-guide.pdf>.

Second-Generation Smallpox Vaccine Approved by FDA



On September 1, 2007, the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced the approval of ACAM2000™, a cell based smallpox vaccine that will be included in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) of medical supplies. Smallpox is considered a highly contagious disease and has the potential to be used as a deadly weapon during a bioterrorist attack. After the last reported case in Somalia in 1977, the disease was declared eradicated after a worldwide vaccination program. Only two approved laboratories in the United States and Russia keep known stockpiles of the virus, a Category A agent with one of the greatest potential for harming public health. To read the FDA press release in full, please visit <http://www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/NEWS/2007/NEW01693.html>.

Emergency

Credentialing Program

During National Preparedness Month, reports of dozens of earthquakes in Indonesia, two Category Five Hurricanes and other natural disasters continue to make daily headlines. It is easy for one to dismiss these events as they have occurred on foreign soil and make us complacent. The fact of the matter is that any of these events could have just as easily happened in North America or in one of our cities. We need to be prepared, both personally and professionally to respond. Professional healthcare providers remain a key resource for meeting these challenges and by enrolling in the State of Connecticut Emergency Credentialing Program for Healthcare Professionals can indicate their willingness to provide support in the event of a disaster. Volunteers in this program have the opportunity to participate in actual events and drills. These professionals have access to an extensive selection of online courses offered through our Learning Management System and most of these are available on line and without charge. If you would like to find out more about this exciting program, please visit us at www.ct-esar-vhp.org. You may also e-mail us at ecp@ynhh.org or contact Joseph Filakovsky, DNP, APRN, Emergency Credentialing Program Coordinator at (203) 688-4486.

GAO Recommendations for Pandemic Planning

The Government Accountability Office (GAO) issued a report on September 10, 2007, recommending that the US Departments of Health and Human Services (HHS) and Homeland Security (DHS) work together to conduct training, exercises and testing to make sure federal agencies are prepared to effectively respond to and deal with an influenza pandemic. The report also recommends the Homeland Security Council (HSC) establish a timeframe and process for updating the National Strategy for Pandemic Influenza, issued in 2005, to include clearly defined leadership roles and responsibilities during a pandemic as well as lessons learned from exercises and other sources. To read more about this report, please visit <http://www.cidrap.umn.edu/cidrap/content/influenza/panflu/news/sep1107gao.html>. To view the report in full, please visit <http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d07781.pdf>. The Yale New Haven Center for Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Response (YNH-CEPDR) has extensive experience in designing, developing, conducting and evaluating pandemic influenza exercises including Tabletop Exercises for health organization leadership and general staff that test various aspects of pandemic influenza preparedness including fatality management, mass vaccination and risk communications. For more information regarding YNH-CEPDR's exercise services, please contact Kimberly Spaulding at (203) 688-4482 or kimberly.spaulding@ynhh.org.



National Preparedness Month: **New**

September 2007 is the fourth annual National Preparedness Month. This nationwide initiative is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and is designed to encourage Americans to prepare for emergencies. The 2007 National Preparedness Month focuses on back-to-school planning, business preparedness, multicultural preparedness and home and family preparedness. For more information, please visit the DHS National Preparedness Month website at <http://www.ready.gov/america/npm07/index.html>.

The Yale New Haven Center for Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Response (YNH-CEPDR) continues to provide information and support to delivery network personnel related to National Preparedness Month and has been distributing information related to family and individual preparedness at Bridgeport Hospital, Greenwich Hospital and Yale-New Haven Hospital. For more information, please contact Samantha Kopp at (203) 688-2563 or samantha.kopp@ynhh.org.

Stay CALM in an emergency

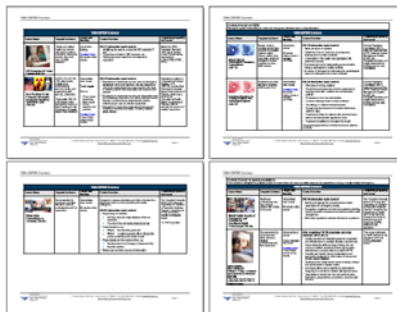


Healthcare workers play an important role in emergency response as healthcare organizations may receive victims of disasters and are perceived as areas of refuge for the general public. Do you know what to do if a disaster arises while you are at work? Remembering the acronym, CALM, can help you through the first few minutes of your disaster response and prepare you to assume your assigned response role in your organization.

- C** *CONTACT* your immediate supervisor for information and instructions
- A** *ASSESS* your personal needs (clothes, money, medications, etc.) and *ARRANGE* for the care of any dependents
- L** *LISTEN* to your immediate supervisor and follow his or her directions
- M** *MANAGE* your assigned response role to the best of your ability

YNH-CEPDR has developed a pocket card that you can carry with you so that, when a disaster strikes, you can remain CALM. For more information on the CALM card and its accompanying stress relief tool, please contact Samantha Kopp at (203) 688-2563 or samantha.kopp@ynhh.org.

Yale New Haven Center for Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Response: Fall 2007 Course Guide



The Yale New Haven Center for Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Response (YNH-CEPDR) develops, delivers and evaluates educational programs designed to prepare the healthcare delivery workforce for effective response to all types of disasters and emergencies. YNH-CEPDR creates and adapts courses for healthcare organizations based on the latest research and developments in emergency response, incorporating national standards and regulations relevant to healthcare emergency preparedness, adhering to industry standards for instructional design and considering the special needs of busy adult learners. To view the new Fall 2007 Course Guide, please visit http://www.ynhhs.org/emergency/YNH-CEPDR_Courses_Fall07.pdf. For more information, please contact please contact Mark Schneider at (203) 688-2577 or mark.schneider@ynhh.org.

Questions, Comments, Suggestions or to Subscribe

For questions, comments, suggestions or to subscribe to the Preparedness Report, please e-mail us at center@ynhh.org.
www.yalenewhavenhealth.org/emergency

Personal and Family Preparedness

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.

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.

Positions Available at YNH-CEPDR



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

Joint Commission Resources 3rd Annual Emergency Preparedness Conference



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 is 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 provides 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 or to register for this conference, please visit <http://www.jcrinc.com/24835/>, or call JCR Customer Service at (877) 223-6866.

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

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Education and Training Courses



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 were 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 supports 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 Mark Schneider at mark.schneider@ynhh.org.

Education and Training Courses (*continued*):



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 <https://www.healthstream.com/HLC/Login/Login.aspx?organizationID=6e27bcaa-71bd-db11-bf7b-000423d6b5c1>. 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 <https://www.healthstream.com/HLC/Login/Login.aspx?organizationID=6e27bcaa-71bd-db11-bf7b-000423d6b5c1>. 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 coordinate 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.



Best Practices for the Protection of Healthcare-Based First Receivers, Awareness-Level (EM 120) is available at <http://ynhhs.emergencyeducation.org/>. Yale New Haven Health System employees should access the course via the learning management system at <https://www.healthstream.com/HLC/Login/Login.aspx?organizationID=6e27bcaa-71bd-db11-bf7b-000423d6b5c1>. 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. 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" states 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 provides an in-depth look at the fit testing process used to test the seal of the N95 respirator and meets 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. The anticipated release is the fall of 2007. For more information, please contact Mark Schneider at (203) 688-2577 or mark.schneider@ynhh.org.



Best Practices for the Protection of Healthcare-Based First Receivers, Operations Level (EM 220) is a four-hour online course followed by a four-hour hands-on training. EM 220 is designed to advance healthcare workers from the awareness level to the operations level of training for healthcare-based decontamination teams. Prior to enrolling in this operations-level course, participants are required to have successfully completed the awareness-level course, EM 120. EM 220 is recommended for healthcare workers with roles in their facility's decontamination process including medical practitioners (MD/DO, PA, NP), nurses (RN, LPN), allied health (ED techs, nurses aides, etc.), maintenance staff, environmental services staff, facilities staff, engineering staff, security and outside contractors. This course prepares healthcare workers to identify possible risks associated with unannounced patients and fulfill specific roles in the decontamination process and trains healthcare workers to properly use protective equipment. It meets OSHA Standard 29 CFR 1910.120 and the Best Practices for Healthcare-Based First Receivers of Patients, which was a result of the OSHA revisions of February 2005 to address concerns of hospital responders. For more information, please contact Mark Schneider at (203) 688-2577 or mark.schneider@ynhh.org.

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UPCOMING

Upcoming Meetings and Events

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
9.27.07 and 9.28.07	<i>Save the Date</i>	5 th International Bird Flu Summit <i>Produced by New Fields Exhibitions</i>	Thomas & Mack Convention Center in Las Vegas, NV For more information, please contact Michelle Fernandez at New Fields Exhibitions (202)536-5525 or michelle.fernandez@new-fields.com
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.jcrinc.com/24835/ .
10.26.07 and 10.27.07	<i>Save the Date</i>	The New England MRC Leadership and Education Conference <i>Emergency Preparedness Conference Sponsored by Joint Commission Resources (JRC)</i>	For more information, please contact Jennifer Frenette at Jennifer.frenette@hhs.gov .
11.8.07	<i>Save the Date</i>	Regional Evacuation Summit focusing on cross-border evacuations and best practices <i>Sponsored by the I-95 Corridor Coalition</i>	Baltimore Convention Center in Baltimore, MD The I-95 Corridor Coalition website http://www.i95coalition.org will contain additional information as the event nears.
11.16.07	<i>Save the Date</i>	Public Health Law Symposium: "Limited Health Care Resources: Prioritizing Access In A Community Emergency - A Cross-Border Perspective" <i>Organized by the University of Buffalo Law School</i>	For more information, please contact the Baldy Center for Law & Social Policy at (716) 645-2102.

UPCOMING

Upcoming Training and Education

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
10.29.07 and 10.30.07	7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Emergency Triage Toolbelt: A 2 day Comprehensive Seminar <i>This continuing nursing education activity is offered by the Northeastern Maine Regional Resource Center</i>	Spectacular Event Center, Bangor, Maine For more information, please contact Lorraine Solomon at (207) 973-5756 or lsolomon@emh.org .

National Preparedness Month SUDOKU

Completely fill in the grid so that each of the nine emergency preparedness acronyms appears only once in each of the nine boxes and only once in each column and row. Good Luck!

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