

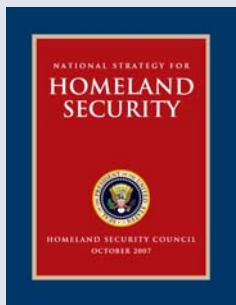
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ELEVATED THREAT LEVEL

National Strategy for Homeland Security Updated: **New**



On October 5, 2007, President George W. Bush announced and issued the updated National Strategy for Homeland Security. This Strategy is an update from the first National Strategy for Homeland Security that was issued in July 2002 and is designed to guide, organize and unify homeland security efforts among federal, state, local and tribal governments, private and nonprofit sector partners and

individuals. The updated Strategy focuses on protecting against and disrupting terror attacks, protecting citizens and critical infrastructure and responding to incidents and incorporates lessons learned from actual disasters and exercises. To read more, including an overview of the Strategy, please visit

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/infocus/homeland/nshs/2007/index.html>.

To access a copy of the Strategy, please visit

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/infocus/homeland/nshs/NSHS.pdf>.

ANA Altered Standard of Care Policy Document: **New**



The American Nurses Association (ANA) has made a document regarding adapting standards of care

during major natural or manmade disasters open for public comment until October 24, 2007. The document **Adapting Standards of Care under Altered Conditions** discusses the sometimes difficult decisions registered nurses and other health professionals must make about patient care during disasters that may differ from the established scopes and standards of care, professional ethics and other legal and regulatory frameworks that are applied in non-emergency situations. To read more about this document, access a link to the draft and submit your comments, please visit <http://www.nursingworld.org/HomepageCategory/Announcements/PublicCommentsAdaptingStandardsOfCareUnderAlteredConditions.aspx>.

Avian Influenza: **New**

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), the cumulative number of confirmed cases of avian influenza H5N1 as of October 8, 2007, is 330 cases and 202 deaths.



Pekanbaru City, Indonesia
Credit: MSN/Encarta

On October 8, 2007, WHO confirmed the death of a 44-year old woman from Pekanbaru City in the Riau Province from avian influenza H5N1 after she developed symptoms on October 1 and died October 6. The source of exposure to the virus is under investigation. To read this update in full, please visit http://www.who.int/csr/don/2007_10_08/en/index.html.

- On October 9, 2007, a Vietnamese local newspaper Pioneer quoted the country's Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development in stating that the avian influenza H5N1 virus has mutated but that the mutation is not large enough for the virus to transmit between humans. To read this release in full, please visit <http://209.190.25.146/viewNews.php?id=1208>.

- In related news on avian influenza H5N1 virus mutation, a University of Wisconsin at Madison press release on October 5, 2007, announced that a key mutation of the H5N1 virus has been identified by an international research team. This mutation would improve the virus' ability to establish in the upper respiratory tract of mammals through infected cells that may be easily spread through coughing and sneezing. To read this release in full, please visit <http://www.cidrap.umn.edu/cidrap/content/influenza/panflu/news/oct0507avian.html>.

- On October 11, 2007, Indonesian health officials said a 12-year old boy from Tangerang City in West Java has tested positive for avian influenza H5N1 and is being treated at a hospital in Jakarta. The source of the infection has not been identified. To read this release in full, please visit <http://africa.reuters.com/commodities/news/usnJAK196146.html?rpc=401&>.

Preparedness Tools for Families and Individuals: **New**

A California-based on-line disaster planning portal, AxcessPoints, offers a checklist that outlines how individuals and families can prepare for a disaster and expedite the recovery process utilizing technologies such as the Internet, laptops and cell phones among others. The portal recommends using the Internet to stay informed about what natural disasters are most likely to affect your location and to register to receive real-time weather and homeland security updates. Other recommendations include signing up for identity theft protection services, storing video of personal possessions electronically, utilizing surge protectors, micro chipping pets and updating cell phone address books including contact information for supervisors at work. To access the website, please visit https://www.axcesspoints.com/for_individuals_and_families.php.

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

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 collection of resources for emergency management and specifically medical issues: http://www.ynhhs.org/emergency/US_DHHS_web_sites.pdf

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 to learn more about what SOPHE is doing related to emergency preparedness and response, please contact Tanya Maslak at tmaslak@sophe.org

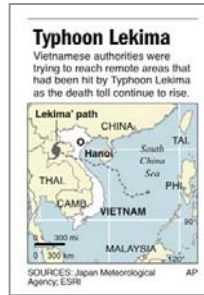
Retention and Recruitment for the Volunteer Emergency Services, Challenges and Solutions. U.S. Fire Administration, May 2007: <http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/downloads/pdf/publications/fa-310.pdf>

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_competencies.shtm

Disasters around the World: **New**



On October 10, 2007, an appeal was made by the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) for emergency funds to help approximately 193,000 people affected by flooding in Vietnam triggered by Typhoon Lekima, which came ashore on October 3. An estimated 88 people have died in the floods while 11 are missing, more than 134,400 houses were destroyed or damaged and food shortages and water-borne diseases are a major concern. To read this article in full, please visit http://coe-dmha.org/apdr/index.cfm?action=process3&Sub_ID=232&news=23209&pubDate=10/10/2007.

- 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 receive HICS IV training, please contact Kimberly Spaulding at (203) 688-4482 or kimberly.spaulding@ynhh.org.

DHS Announces \$113 Million in Funding for National Preparedness Training Initiatives



On September 28, 2007, the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced the awarding of over \$113 million in grants to strengthen coordinated training efforts of homeland security preparedness. \$84 million are being awarded to design, develop and deliver training in accordance with DHS guidance and strategies to state and local emergency management and other personnel. This is in addition to over \$98 million awarded earlier this year in Homeland Security National Training Program (HSNTP) grants. Another \$29.1 million is being awarded for innovative training programs addressing high-priority national homeland security training needs as part of the Competitive Training Grant Program (CTGP). For more information and access to a listing of grant award recipients, please visit http://www.dhs.gov/xnews/releases/pr_1191003660041.shtm.

Radiological/Biodosimetry

Accurate radiation dose measurements in persons overexposed to ionizing radiation are important for effective medical management of radiation injury. To date, the dicentric assay, a laboratory test based on chromosome analysis, is the internationally recognized method of choice for assessing radiation injury. While robust, this "gold standard" methodology is time consuming (i.e., requiring 4 to 5 days) and resource intense. In a publication in this month's issue of Radiation Measurements (Radiat Meas 42:1138-1142), Dr. Joseph Albanese, CT Biodosimetry Laboratory director and YNH-CEPDR staff member, and colleagues describe on-going efforts by the State of Connecticut, in collaboration with YNH-CEPDR, to build clinical laboratory surge capacity in the event of a radiological disaster where hundreds of individuals may require testing. The article entitled "Building Connecticut's clinical biodosimetry laboratory surge capacity to mitigate the health consequences of radiological and nuclear disasters: A collaborative approach between the state biodosimetry laboratory and Connecticut's medical infrastructure" may be accessed through <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.radmeas.2007.05.002>. For more information on the Biodosimetry Laboratory or its training programs, please contact Dr. Albanese at (203) 688-3316 or Joseph.Albanese@ynhh.org or Virginia Kristie at (860) 545-1213 or vkristie@harthosp.org.

Emergency Credentialing Program: **New**

A few good men and women

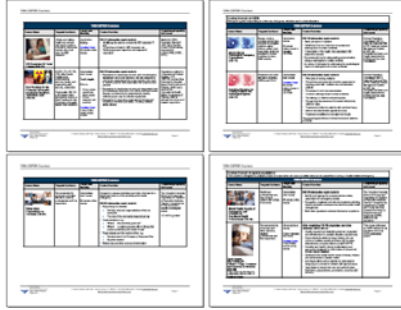
Just like the Marine Corps, we are looking for a "few good men and women" to become volunteers in the State of Connecticut Emergency Credentialing Program for Health Care Professionals. Professionals in Medicine, Nursing, Radiology, Physical Therapy, Behavioral Health, Respiratory Therapy as well as many others are needed. This is a program of both pre-credentialed and credentialed hospital disaster volunteers from many disciplines who have offered to respond when a natural or manmade event overwhelms a facility, region or state. Volunteers who agree to assist are given facility and event specific "just-in time" training to assist them to function in their new setting, and volunteers are covered for liability and workers' compensation. Please check out our web site at www.ct-esar-vhp.org to see if this program is for you. Enrollment is completed on-line, and basic disaster related education is provided. If you have any questions, please contact us at ecp@ynhh.org, or call Joseph Filakovsky, DNP, APRN, Emergency Credentialing Program Coordinator at (203) 688-4468.



Institute of Medicine Committee Recommends Strategies to Improve Pandemic Preparedness

Following a study on Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) use in a pandemic flu, the Institute of Medicine (IOM) has recommended three key steps to improve the safety of healthcare workers during a pandemic. In a peer reviewed report, the committee concluded that more research on influenza transmission, increased use of PPE by healthcare workers and improvements in PPE design, testing and certification would result in significant improvements to the nation's pandemic readiness. Specific recommendations included having the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) lead a global research effort to understand the transmission and prevention of seasonal and avian influenza, having institutions promote a "culture of safety" regarding PPE use by their employees and improving the design, testing and certification process for PPE products. Although not the focus of their study, the committee also addressed family protection, noting that designing respirators that do not require fit testing and making them available to the public would also be beneficial. Read the full article from CIDRAP at: <http://www.cidrap.umn.edu/cidrap/content/influenza/panflu/news/sep2607ppe.html>.

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



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 Mark Schneider at (203) 688-2577 or mark.schneider@ynhh.org.



National Preparedness Month a Success: **New**

DHS announced on October 5, 2007, that a record number of national, regional, state and local organizations participated in the 2007 National Preparedness Month reaching a broad audience of individuals, families and communities with the message of emergency preparedness. The 2007 National Preparedness Month was broken into four theme areas that included preparedness for kids, business preparedness, multicultural preparedness and home and family preparedness and featured events and activities throughout the country. To read the DHS press release, please visit

http://www.dhs.gov/xnews/releases/pr_1191616786962.shtm. The Yale New Haven Center for YNH-CEPDR provided information and support to delivery network personnel related to National Preparedness Month and distributed 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.

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

October Edition of the CT-LRN Newsletter

The Connecticut Laboratory Response Network (CT-LRN) has published a new edition of their newsletter urging microbiologists to be prepared for the October 2007 Laboratory Preparedness Survey (LPS) and describes the LPS reporting procedure to the State Laboratory. Further information about this can be found in the CT-LRN newsletter by visiting

http://www.ynhhs.org/emergency/CT_LRN_October_2007.pdf.

Positions Available at YNH-CEPDR



YNH-CEPDR has openings for Deputy Director, National Network Development and Contracting; 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.yalenehavenhealth.org/info/jobs.html>.

Additional Flu Vaccine Approved by FDA



On September 28, 2007, the US Food and Drug

Administration (FDA) announced the approval of Afluria, which is a seasonal influenza vaccine intended to protect against influenza type A and B flu viruses and can be used for immunization of people 18 years and older. 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 the FDA press release in full, please visit <http://www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/NEWS/2007/NEW01714.html>.

Massachusetts Unveils Unified Emergency Response Strategy



MA Governor Deval Patrick
Credit: AP Photo/Charles Krupa

On September 24, 2007, Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick released a new homeland security plan for the state outlining the need for improved communication among first responders. The plan also stresses the need to streamline the response by cities and towns to emergencies by identifying and organizing resources. The plan also calls for a rapid-response unit that will handle chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive incidents. To read this article in full, please visit

http://www.salemnews.com/punews/local_story_268093952.

Not All US Labs with Biohazards are Tracked

Most toxin incidents at Maryland labs

More than 100 accidents and missing shipments involving anthrax, botulism virus and other poisons occurred at 44 labs since 2003.



SOURCE: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. AP

In a Government Accountability Office (GAO) report prepared for the US Congress and made public during a congressional hearing on October 4, 2007, investigators said the US Government is not able to identify every research laboratory that handles dangerous organisms across the United States. 409 monitored laboratories are approved to work with some of the world's deadliest organisms and poisons such as anthrax, avian influenza virus and monkeypox, but laboratories working with organisms such as tuberculosis, meningitis, hepatitis, rabies, SARS, HIV and

others are not monitored. The GAO recommends that all laboratories that may be vulnerable to terrorism should be tracked but could not identify any federal agency that would be responsible for monitoring all laboratories. To read this article in full, please visit

http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/D/DANGEROUS_GERMS?SITE=FLMYR&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT.

National Response Framework: Updated

On October 9, 2007, DHS announced that the deadline for public comment for the draft of the National Response Framework (NRF) has been extended to October 22, 2007. The NRF will replace the current National Response Plan that was released in 2005. The NRF focuses on providing all-hazard disaster responders with a user-friendly operating structure and details roles and responsibilities across all levels of government and all sectors of communities and includes recommendations from federal, state, local and tribal governments, non-governmental agencies and associations and the private sector. Supporting documents such as Emergency Support Functions and Support and Incident Annexes have been updated and remain an integral part of the NRF. To read more about the NRF, please visit http://www.dhs.gov/xnews/releases/pr_1189450382144.shtm. You may also want to visit the NRF Resource Center at <http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nrf/>.

DHS Awards Grants for Stand-Off Radiation Detector System (SORDS) Demonstrations

On October 1, 2007, DHS announced the award of approximately \$33 million to General Electric Global Research, Science Applications International Corporation and the Naval Research Laboratory related to the Stand-Off Radiation Detector System (SORDS) demonstrations. The SORDS program objective is to develop vehicle-sized advanced nuclear detectors with the ability to determine type and location of radiation sources at much greater distances than can be done with current technologies. A second objective is to minimize false alarms in order to reduce daily security operation interruptions. To read this release in full, please visit http://www.dhs.gov/xnews/releases/pr_1191270633797.shtm.

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 Kimberly Spaulding at kimberly.spaulding@ynhh.org or (203) 688-4482.

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_CompetencyCrosswalk.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.



HealthStream

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 (203) 688-2577 or mark.schneider@ynhh.org.



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 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.

Education and Training Courses *(continued)*:



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 who 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.

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 .

Upcoming Meetings and Events

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
10.23.07	1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Seasonal Influenza Vaccination – Now is the Time! <i>Conference call sponsored by CDC Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity (COCA)</i>	For Dial-in Number, Passcode and more information, please visit http://www.bt.cdc.gov/coca/callinfo.asp .
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.

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