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Threat Level

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Due to the upcoming Democratic National Convention scheduled for July 26-29, 2004 in Boston and the Republican National Convention scheduled for August 30-September 2, 2004 in New York City, southern tier hospitals are encouraged to review their hazard vulnerability assessment checklists as a precautionary measure.

Hospital Smallpox Vaccination Template

- The Hospital Smallpox Vaccination Template will be presented at the next southern tier hospital meeting on July 8, 2004. The plan outlines the process to vaccinate hospital personnel and patients within 48 hours.

Stockpile Coordination

- Southern tier hospital contracts with the YNHHS Center of Excellence include a \$6,000 appropriation to develop or enhance each facility's emergency cache of pharmaceuticals. Recommendations for a coordinated statewide pharmaceutical stockpile approach will be disseminated shortly. The Medical Stockpile Coordinator will work with each facility to ensure that the August 31, 2004 purchase commitment deadline is met.

JCAHO Satellite Network

- YNHHS has been asked to participate in a Joint Commission satellite program on "Emergency Management: Developing Scaleable Strategies" scheduled for August 12, 2004. The program will highlight initiatives taken by YNHHS to improve emergency preparedness on a hospital and system level in coordination with community and state partners, and will feature interviews with many YNHHS staff involved with these emergency preparedness initiatives.

Drills & Exercises

- William W. Backus Hospital conducted a radiological tabletop exercise on June 28, 2004. The drill included local public health, emergency medical services, police and fire. The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) facilitated the drill and YNHHS Center of Excellence participated as evaluators for the exercise.
- The City of New Haven conducted a biological tabletop exercise on June 29, 2004 at the New Haven Fire Training Academy. Drill participants included Yale-New Haven Hospital, Hospital of St. Raphael's, VA Medical Center, Yale New Haven Health System Center of Excellence, City of New Haven, local public health, police, fire, EMS, State Police, FBI and other City of New Haven support agencies.
- A tabletop exercise has been scheduled for Yale-New Haven Hospital (Y-NHH) on July 28, 2004. OEP will facilitate the exercise and individuals will be invited to participate through Y-NHH administration.
- TOPOFF3, a state, national, and international drill originally slated for April 18-22, 2005 has been rescheduled to begin on April 5, 2005. Connecticut, New Jersey, the United Kingdom, and Canada will be involved in the exercise.

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Syndromic Surveillance

- A memo from the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health regarding participation in a statewide ED Syndromic Surveillance System has been sent to the acute care hospital Chief Executive Officers, ED Directors, Hospital Epidemiologists, Chief Information Officers and Hospital Disaster Coordinators. The YNHHS Center of Excellence encourages hospitals that collect ED Chief Complaint data electronically to participate in this initiative. Please contact Elaine Forte at 203-688-3391 or elaine.forte@ynhh.org if you have questions or would like more information.

Medical Reserve Corps

- The application for continuation support for the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) unit was submitted this week to the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Surgeon General.
- Medical Reserve Corps recruitment brochures have been produced and delivered to the Yale University Schools of Medicine, Public Health and Nursing and will be distributed to students enrolled in their programs. In addition, MRC student representatives will distribute brochures to new students during orientation.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Updates

Smallpox

- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has posted a smallpox diagnostic tool on their website to be used when there is no current release or circulation of smallpox. The 6-item questionnaire is available for download from <http://www.bt.cdc.gov/agent/smallpox/diagnosis/riskalgorithm/index.asp>.
- The *Smallpox Response Plan and Guidelines (version 3.0)* is available for download from the CDC website at <http://www.bt.cdc.gov/agents/smallpox/response-plan/files/guide-e.pdf>. The document outlines public health strategies that would guide the public health response to a smallpox emergency and many of the federal, state and local public health activities that must be undertaken in a smallpox outbreak.

Questions, comments or suggestions should be Forwarded by FAX to (203) 688-4618 or by e-mail to: OEPWEB@ynhh.org

CURRENT DISASTER & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT LITERATURE

DISASTERS AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:
(WWW.SAFETYLIT.ORG)

MERCURI A, ANGELIQUE HL. CHILDREN'S RESPONSES TO NATURAL, TECHNOLOGICAL, AND NATURAL-TECH DISASTERS. COMMUNITY MENT HEALTH J 2004; 40(2): 167-175.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
SEPC MEETING	7/7/04	8:30 AM	BPT HOSP ECR
SOUTHERN CT HOSP BT PLANNING COMMITTEE	7/8/04	8:30 AM	CHA
BT MEETING	7/19/04	1:00 PM	CHA

ONGOING TRAINING & EDUCATION

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
UNDERSTANDING AIR QUALITY IN THE AGE OF TERRORISM	7/12/04	5:30 PM	UCONN HEALTH CENTER CLASSROOM Q
RADIATION PREPAREDNESS	7/13/04	5:00 PM	UCONN HEALTH CENTER LINK ROOM
UNDERSTANDING AIR QUALITY IN THE AGE OF TERRORISM	7/14/04	5:30 PM	UCONN HEALTH CENTER CLASSROOM Q
NACCHO ANNUAL 2004 CONFERENCE	7/14-16/04		ST. PAUL, MN
WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION MASS CASUALTY PERSONNEL DECONTAMINATION ASSISTANT CHIEF GARY ALLYN GSALLYN@WESTHARDFORD.ORG (860) 570-3807	7/15-17/04	8:30 AM	CT FIRE ACADEMY
UNDERSTANDING AIR QUALITY IN THE AGE OF TERRORISM	7/19/04	5:30 PM	UCONN HEALTH CENTER CLASSROOM Q
RADIATION PREPAREDNESS	7/20/04	5:00 PM	UCONN HEALTH CENTER LINK ROOM
PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) TRAIN-THE-TRAINER TRAINING DONNA.CAMPBELL@UCONN.EDU (860) 566-1133	8/7-8/04	8:00 AM	CANTON, CT

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