

## Office of Emergency Preparedness Southern Tier Briefing

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Threat Level

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**Due to the elevated threat level in New York City, southern tier hospitals are encouraged to review their hazard vulnerability assessment checklists as a precautionary measure. Thank you for your continued support of the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health's request for twice daily bed capacity reporting as well as daily MEDSAT phone testing.**

### Training & Education

- Currently 13,284 healthcare personnel have completed EM 101 as part of their emergency preparedness efforts. YNHHS continues to work with the southern tier hospitals, Hartford Hospital, and other healthcare delivery agencies such as nursing homes, home health, and others to expand the program statewide.
- YNHHS OEP is working with the Connecticut Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) to develop training modules on incident command systems, biological agents, behavioral health, and personal protective equipment for Connecticut's community health centers. To receive this training, each center must have 100% of its staff trained on EM 101. For more information, please contact Scott Selig at (203) 688-2587 or [scott.selig@ynhh.org](mailto:scott.selig@ynhh.org) or Elizabeth Rivera at (203) 688-2656 or [elizabeth.rivera@ynhh.org](mailto:elizabeth.rivera@ynhh.org).
- Connecticut's inaugural National Disaster Life Support training program will be held from September 28 – October 1, 2004. The program will include Basic Disaster Life Support (BDLS), Advanced Disaster Life Support (ADLS), and the ADLS Instructor course. Physicians, nurses, and paramedics will be selected from hospitals and EMS agencies throughout the state. The entire cost of this 4-day program will be funded by a grant from HRSA, and brochures will be distributed during the next few weeks. For additional information, please contact David Burich at (203) 688-3721 or [david.burich@ynhh.org](mailto:david.burich@ynhh.org).
- Selected presentations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) First National Congress on Public Health Readiness are available for download from: <http://www.bt.cdc.gov/training/ncphr/>.

### Syndromic Surveillance

- A letter from the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health regarding participation in a statewide ED Syndromic Surveillance System was 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](mailto:elaine.forte@ynhh.org) if you have questions or would like more information.

### CDC Satellite Broadcast

- The South Central Center for Public Health Preparedness satellite broadcast of *Chemical Agents of Opportunity for Terrorism: The Medical and Psychological Consequences of Toxic Industrial Chemicals and Toxic Industrial Materials* sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and scheduled for August 12, 2004 at 1:00 PM Eastern can be viewed at the YNHHS Office of Emergency Preparedness conference room at 1 Church Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, New Haven. Attendance is limited to 20 participants. If interested in attending, please contact Scott Selig at [scott.selig@ynhh.org](mailto:scott.selig@ynhh.org) or (203) 688-2587.

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### Smallpox Planning Template

- The *Hospital Smallpox Vaccination Template* has been sent to each acute care hospital CEO accompanied by a letter from State of Connecticut Department of Public Health Commissioner Galvin. The plan outlines the process to vaccinate hospital personnel and patients within 48 hours. The completed template and appendices A through D should be sent by August 19, 2004 to Christopher Cannon, OEP, 1 Church Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, New Haven, CT 06510.

### Smallpox Vaccine Storage & Handling Web Course

- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has posted a Smallpox Vaccine Storage and Handling web course on its website at: <http://www2.cdc.gov/nip/isd/spoxvsh/launch1.html> and is available for continuing education credit. The purpose of the course is to ensure that healthcare providers properly store, handle, and ship smallpox vaccine.

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

#### UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
BT MEETING	8/16/04	1:00 PM	CHA

#### ONGOING TRAINING & EDUCATION

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PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) TRAIN-THE-TRAINER TRAINING <a href="mailto:DONNA.CAMPBELL@UCONN.EDU">DONNA.CAMPBELL@UCONN.EDU</a> (860) 566-1133	8/7-8/04	8:00 AM	CANTON, CT
INCIDENT MANAGEMENT UNIFIED COMMAND FOR WMD/TERRORISM INCIDENTS TRAINING WORKSHOP ▪ KAREN GRANDCHAMP (860) 862-6194	8/9-12/04	8:00 AM	MOHEGAN TRIBAL PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING, UNCASVILLE

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