

Office of Emergency Preparedness Southern Tier Briefing

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Please remember the MEDSAT communication system continues to be tested every Thursday at 10:00 a.m. as well as the twice daily capacity reporting for the following areas: bed availability, clean water and electricity, pharmacy and medical supplies, blood supply, staffing, security, and equipment (e.g., monitors, ventilators, IV pumps, etc.). Participation is critical to the success of this emergency preparedness process.

Training/Education

- Currently 17,069 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.
- Emergency Management 102 (EM 102), an enhancement of the EM 101 introductory course, will replace EM 101. With the addition of a psychological first aid component, EM 102 will prepare healthcare workers to address the emotional needs of the worried well, victims, families and other healthcare professionals. Employees have the ability to test out of EM 102 through a pre-test process. As with EM 101, EM 102 will be shared with all of Connecticut's healthcare delivery facilities to assist them with providing awareness level emergency preparedness training for their staff. EM 102 is in the process of being added to HealthStream at Yale-New Haven Hospital, Bridgeport Hospital, Greenwich Hospital and the System.

Questions & Answers: 2004-05 Flu Season

- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have made available updated questions and answers pertaining to the 2004-05 flu season at <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/qu/0405season.htm>.

Patient Education Materials: Vaccine Shortage Flyers

- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have made available two printable flyers on the 2004-2005 vaccine shortage that can be posted in clinician waiting rooms and healthcare facilities. The two flyers are called *Who Should Get a Flu Vaccination* and *Vaccination is Not the Only Way to Help Prevent the Flu*. Both flyers come with alternate versions and can be downloaded from <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/flugallery/shortageflyers>.

DPH Weekly Conference Calls

- The State of Connecticut Department of Public Health will be conducting weekly conference calls every Friday until further notice at 1:00 p.m. to discuss the current influenza season with acute care hospital and local health partners. The telephone number to call is (800) 857-7419 and the passcode to join the conference call is 78406; this information will remain consistent. For further information, please contact Mary Duley, Hospital Preparedness Coordinator, State of Connecticut Department of Public Health Office of Public Health Preparedness at (860) 509-7152. In addition, DPH has set up an Influenza Updates hotline at (800) 830-9426.

Statewide Influenza Vaccine Distribution Recommendations Forthcoming

- The State of Connecticut Department of Public Health is working with the acute care hospitals to develop recommendations for distribution of influenza vaccine for hospital-based healthcare workers as well as tracking vaccine needs, availability and distribution of vaccine at the acute care hospitals statewide. Additional information will be forthcoming by early next week. The Yale New Haven Health System and Hartford Hospital Centers of Excellence will provide assistance in coordinating and supporting the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health in providing data related to vaccine needs and availability.

Influenza Antiviral Medications: 2004-2005 Interim Chemoprophylaxis and Treatment Guidelines

- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued interim Chemoprophylaxis and treatment guidelines in conjunction with previously issued recommendations on the use of the vaccine to reduce the impact of influenza on persons at high risk for developing severe complications secondary to infection. The guidelines can be downloaded from the CDC website at: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/treatment/0405antiviralguid.htm>.


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Personal/Family Preparedness Plan

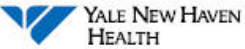
- To encourage and assist individuals and families with the development of their own preparedness plans, YNHHS OEP has developed a checklist "tool" and an informational brochure that guide the individual through the planning process. Contact OEP at (203) 688-3224 to obtain the YNHHS "PEACE of Mind" Preparedness Plan checklist and brochure which are now available for distribution. Bridgeport Hospital will distribute the kits to employees at the upcoming JCAHO Fair. Information is available on the Yale-New Haven Hospital, Bridgeport Hospital and Greenwich Hospital Intranet websites.



Personal/Family Preparedness Plan: "PEACE" of Mind

P Prepare your plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Prepare and review my personal/family preparedness plan	Review Date
E Emergency disaster kits	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Home Kit	Expiration Date
		Travel Kit	
		Work Kit	
A Arrange for the care of others	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Caretaker:	Phone:
		Children	
		Parents	
		Pets	
C Contact numbers and locations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Contact Person and Location:	Phone:
		Primary Contact	
		Alternate Contact	
		Family Meeting Spot	
E Exercise and evaluate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Every 6 months:	Dates
		Exercise my plan	
		Review contact information	
		Update my supplies	

For more information, please contact the Yale New Haven Health System Office of Emergency Preparedness at (203) 688-3224 or OEPWEB@ynhh.org



Learning Management System/Website Development

- In November, 2004, the OEP Internet website and Learning Management System (LMS) will be launched. Major sections include What's New, Education & Training, Programs & Services, Partnerships, Community Preparedness and About with Center and a link back to the YNHHS homepage. The Education and Training section will link users to online courses which at launch will include Emergency Management 102 (EM 102), an introductory course designed to help healthcare workers understand their roles and responsibilities in the event of an emergency or disaster. Enhancements will be made to the OEP Intranet website in the coming months and will continue to focus on System-related activities and topics of interest.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
MASH MTG	10/29/04	9:00 AM	CHA
STATE DPH WEEKLY CONFERENCE CALL	1/29/04	1:00 PM	1-800-857-7419 PASSCODE: 78406
BH EM COMMITTEE	11/02/04	8:00 AM	ACR
MASH MTG	11/05/04	9:00 AM	CHA
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SOUTHERN CT HOSP BT PLANNING COMMITTEE	11/19/04	8:30 AM	CHA

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

ONGOING TRAINING & EDUCATION

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
WMD RADIOLOGICAL/NUCLEAR AWARENESS (ARW-140) BOB MCGARRY (203) 805-6331	10/25/04	8:00 AM	OAKVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY OAKVILLE, CT
COMPUTER-AIDED MANAGEMENT OF EMERGENCY OPERATIONS (CAMEO) TRAINING WORKSHOP KAREN GRANDCHAMP (860) 862-6194	10/26-28/04	8:00 AM DAILY	MOHEGAN TRIBAL FIRE DEPARTMENT

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