

## Office of Emergency Preparedness Southern Tier Briefing

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### Preparing for the Next Pandemic

- Dr. Michael T. Osterholm, Director of the Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy, associate director of the National Center for Food Protection and Defense and a professor of public health at the University of Minnesota published an article in the May 5, 2005 edition of the New England Journal of Medicine entitled, "Preparing for the Next Pandemic." Dr. Osterholm noted, "An influenza pandemic has always been a great global infectious-disease threat" and that "a detailed operational blueprint of the best way to get through 12 to 24 months of a pandemic" is needed. The article is attached to this briefing. YNHHS delivery network hospitals have begun a process to identify policies, procedures and resources required to address a pandemic influenza situation.

### International Congress on Disaster Medicine and Emergency Management

- Registration is now open for the Yale New Haven International Congress on Disaster Medicine and Emergency Management will be held September 12-13, 2005 at the Omni New Haven Hotel, 155 Temple St., New Haven, CT. A pre-conference workshop, *Health Disaster Management Guidelines for Evaluation and Research*, and a post-conference National Disaster Life Support (NDLS) course will also be offered. Registration forms can be accessed at <http://yalenewhavenhealth.org/emergency/commu/natlconf.html>. Abstracts are being accepted until June 15, 2005 at [http://yalenewhavenhealth.org/emergency/commu/call\\_abstracts.html](http://yalenewhavenhealth.org/emergency/commu/call_abstracts.html). Connecticut healthcare personnel are encouraged to submit relevant abstracts for inclusion in the conference. The conference is co-sponsored by the Yale New Haven Health System Center of Excellence for Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response, Yale University School of Medicine, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) and the World Association for Disaster and Emergency Medicine (WADEM).

### MEDSAT Phone Check

- Acute care hospitals still receiving a "Check 13" error message when conducting the weekly MEDSAT roll call are asked to take the following steps to reset the phone: Push the power (PWR) button on the "Push to talk" microphone which will power the unit off. Wait a minute and push the power button again to power the unit back up. Please check the status of the MEDSAT phone at your facility and report any issues to Dave Hunt at DPH (Office: 860-509-7270 or Cell: 860-250-5677) or Rick Kleindienst, Sr., at YNHHS CoE at (Cell: 203-650-5973).

### HRSA Visit

- The State of Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) and the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Region I Projects Officer made a site visit to Connecticut on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. The visit provided an opportunity for DPH and its HRSA partners to highlight emergency preparedness program successes. The visit included both hospital Centers of Excellence, the Poison Control Center and other healthcare delivery organizations. YNHHS CoE provided an update on several emergency preparedness programs and activities.

### National Response Plan Rollout

- The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) held a regional rollout conference in New York on Thursday to orient nation stakeholders to the Interim Goal and Guidance of the National Response Plan (NRP) and National Incident Management System (NIMS). The event introduced the NRP, a key component of the Nation's new approach to domestic incident management. The NRP, along with the NIMS, provides a comprehensive approach for integrating the efforts of Federal, State, local, tribal and private sector partners to prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from the full spectrum of complex 21<sup>st</sup> century threats. The intent of the event was to educate incident managers on the key provisions of the NRP, the concept of operations, the operational framework, and how this new approach will improve domestic incident management and response capabilities in the future. Please contact Scott Dilley at (203) 688-2665 or [scott.dilley@ynhh.org](mailto:scott.dilley@ynhh.org) for further information.

### ChemPack Program Update

- Twenty-five strategically located ChemPack sites have been identified across the state of Connecticut, 23 of which will be located in acute care hospitals. A state advisory group is being assembled to identify space allocation for the caches and the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) is committed to providing funding to offset setup costs.

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### Training/Education

- The narrated version of EM 102 on CD is now available. Please contact Scott Selig at [scott.selig@ynhh.org](mailto:scott.selig@ynhh.org) or (203) 688-2587 for more information.
- On May 17, 2005, Yale University is sponsoring a one-day symposium on "Ethical Aspects of Avian Influenza Pandemic Preparedness." The symposium flyer is attached to this briefing. To register, please contact Jonathan Moser at (203) 432-5680 or [jonathan.moser@yale.edu](mailto:jonathan.moser@yale.edu).

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### ONLINE EDUCATION AND TRAINING



### Statewide Laboratory Conference

- One or two members of hospital laboratory staff are requested to attend a day-long statewide laboratory conference, *Emergency Preparedness: A Conference for Laboratory Professionals*, has been scheduled for June 23, 2005 at CHA in Wallingford. Presentations will include: *The Role of the Sentinel Laboratory in a WMD Response*, *Safety in the BSL-2,3 Laboratory*, *Chemical Terror and the Poison Control Center*, *Food Safety*, and *A Hospital's Perspective on Emergency Planning*. As with last year, there will be no charge to attendees. Please contact Virginia Kristie, Laboratory Program Advisor, for more information at (203) 688-2594 or [virginia.kristie@ynhh.org](mailto:virginia.kristie@ynhh.org).



### Recent Avian Influenza Outbreaks in Asia

- As of May 4, 2005, there have been 89 human cases of avian influenza A (H5N1) in Vietnam (68), Thailand (17), and Cambodia (4) resulting in 52 deaths. For more information about H5N1 infections in humans, visit the World Health Organization (WHO) website at: <http://www.who.int/en/> or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website at: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/avian/outbreaks/asia.htm>.

### Emergency Credentialing Program

- One thousand one hundred ninety three (1,193) new volunteers representing all disciplines throughout the state have been recruited for the Emergency Credentialing Program (ECP), bringing the total number of healthcare volunteers, which includes physicians, dentists and midlevel practitioners to 3,244. Hospitals are encouraged to use part of their surge capacity budget to support the minimal resources needed at their institution for program recruitment and maintenance. In cooperation with JCAHO, a "Just In Time" training program template for hospital disaster volunteers is under development. The online training, "EM102: Introductory Course for Hospital Disaster Volunteers" is now available. Brief meetings are being scheduled with the designated ECP contact person at each participating hospital to explain more about the program. If your facility has not already done so, please forward the name and contact information for your hospital designated ECP contact person to Carol Luddy, RN at (203) 688-5544 or [carol.luddy@ynhh.org](mailto:carol.luddy@ynhh.org).

### Laboratory Shipping & Packaging Seminar

- David Shortt from the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health Laboratory will be providing updated 2005 shipping and packaging seminars in June, 2005 at Manchester Memorial and Norwalk Hospitals. This day long training will include regulatory changes that were made this year. Laboratory directors and managers should take advantage of this opportunity for their staff to receive this training. Please remember that documentation of this training is now a College of American Pathologists (CAP) requirement for individuals involved in the shipping and packaging of infectious and diagnostic clinical specimens. Please contact Virginia Kristie, Laboratory Program Advisor, at (203) 688-2594 or [virginia.kristie@ynhh.org](mailto:virginia.kristie@ynhh.org) for more information.

Questions, comments or suggestions should be forwarded by FAX to (203) 688-4618 or by e-mail to:

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**UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS**

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
CHERET	5/25/05	8:30 AM	CHA
OEP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	5/26/05	11:30 AM	OEP
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: A CONFERENCE FOR LABORATORY PROFESSIONALS	6/23/05	8:30 AM	CHA
YALE NEW HAVEN INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON DISASTER MEDICINE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	9/12-13/05		OMNI HOTEL, NEW HAVEN

**ONGOING TRAINING & EDUCATION**

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
ETHICAL ASPECTS OF AVIAN INFLUENZA PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS JONATHAN MOSER (203) 432-5680 <a href="mailto:JONATHAN.MOSER@YALE.EDU">JONATHAN.MOSER@YALE.EDU</a>	5/17/05	8:30 AM	YALE UNIVERSITY, HORCHOW HALL
EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO DOMESTIC BIOLOGICAL INCIDENTS-OPS LEVEL (PER-220) DONNA LEE CAMPBELL (860) 566-1133	5/17-19/05	8:00 AM	REGIONAL FIRE TRAINING ACADEMY, NEW HAVEN
LIVE RESPONSE-THE NATIONAL RESPONSE PLAN NATIONAL TERRORISM PREPAREDNESS INSTITUTE <a href="http://DLNETS.COM/NTPI_25MAY05.HTM">HTTP://DLNETS.COM/NTPI_25MAY05.HTM</a> ED KRONHOLM (877) 820-0395	5/25/05	2:00 PM EDT	SATELLITE BROADCAST
BASIC DISASTER LIFE SUPPORT DAVID BURICH (203) 688-3721 <a href="mailto:DAVID.BURICH@YNHH.ORG">DAVID.BURICH@YNHH.ORG</a>	5/25/05	8:00 AM	NEW HAVEN AREA
ADVANCED DISASTER LIFE SUPPORT DAVID BURICH (203) 688-3721 <a href="mailto:DAVID.BURICH@YNHH.ORG">DAVID.BURICH@YNHH.ORG</a>	5/26-27/05	8:00 AM	NEW HAVEN AREA
NDLS INSTRUCTORS' COURSE DAVID BURICH (203) 688-3721 <a href="mailto:DAVID.BURICH@YNHH.ORG">DAVID.BURICH@YNHH.ORG</a>	5/28/05	10:00 AM	NEW HAVEN AREA
LABORATORY SHIPPING & PACKAGING SEMINAR VIRGINIA KRISTIE (203) 688-2594 <a href="mailto:VIRGINIA.KRISTIE@YNHH.ORG">VIRGINIA.KRISTIE@YNHH.ORG</a>	JUNE 2005		MANCHESTER MEMORIAL & NORWALK HOSPITALS

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