

Preparedness at a Glance

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Welcome

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On the RADAR: Upcoming Deliverables

The purpose of this rotating list of the upcoming deliverables is to serve as a reminder of the tasks local health departments need to complete. Since many of the deliverables are due by the end of the fiscal year – June 30, 2015, our goal is to encourage LHDs to develop a plan on how you will work on the deliverables throughout the year.

Core Deliverables

- **Joint Meetings**
 - Participate in Joint Meetings, Conference and ITVs.
 - The next 2 ITVs are scheduled for August 13, 2014 and October 8 from 1:30 – 3:30
 - The next Face to Face Joint meeting will be November 19, 2014 in Versailles at the KCTCS building
- **Planning/Training/Exercises**
 - LHDs will conduct a Seminar to discuss the LHD's implementation of Continuity of Operations plans and procedures. Participation should include defined tier staff according to LHD guidelines. Due **by December 31, 2014**
 - LHD will design, conduct, participate, and evaluate exercises (including drills) and/or participate in accordance with HSEEP and KDPH guidelines. Due **dates vary. See the 2014/2015 Deliverables for more details**
 - LHDs will develop Standard Operation Guidelines (SOGs). This deliverable is based on the size of the LHD. Due date **March 31, 2015**
 - Small LHDs will complete Core Response SOGs (population <49,999)
 - Medium LHDs will complete Core and additional SOGs (population 50,000-499,999)
 - Large LHDs will complete Core, additional SOGs and a DOC support Plan (population >500,000)
- **Inventory**
 - Local Health Departments will inventory PHEP/HPP purchased assets, inventory will include assets valued over 500 dollars and pilferable items. Due **December 31, 2014.**

MRC Deliverables

- **Medical Reserve Corps Tasks**
 - Develop a Strategic Plan for the Unit and submit to KDPH by **August 15, 2014**. Contact: Heather.Walls@ky.gov for more information.

EPI Deliverables

- Provide epidemiological consultation to all health departments in the assigned region as necessary.

Deliverable Update: COOP Seminar

By December 31, 2014, LHDs will conduct a Seminar to discuss the LHD's ability of implementing Continuity of Operations plans and procedures. Participation should include defined tier staff according to LHD guidelines. This seminar should discuss process of implementing COOP as outlined in LHD's plan for each of the continuity phases to include:

- Phase I: Readiness and Preparedness
- Phase II: Activation and Relocation
- Phase III: Continuity Operations
- Phase IV: Reconstitution Operations

Local News:

Region 15 Mass Care Shower Trailer

Submitted by Jason Dotson

On July 22, Lexington Fire, American Red Cross (Bluegrass Chapter), Scott County Coroner and Region 15 health departments converged on the Lexington-Fayette Health Department to participate in an awareness training related to a mobile shower unit. The unit was purchased in 2012 from HPP funds.

The shower trailer is equipped with six private units, contains a 100 gallon fresh water tank and a 300 gallon gray water bladder. The trailer is capable of producing hot & cold water, air conditioning & heat.

The purpose of the unit is to assist in meeting basic hygiene needs during shelter activation or when needed by first responders during a deployment.



Region 15 Shower Trailer

Region 14 HPC Conducts Functional Exercise

Jessica Gover

Recently, the Region 14 Healthcare Preparedness Coalition (HPC) conducted the Viral Overload 2.0 Functional Exercise (FE), a SARS scenario that built upon the Viral Overload Tabletop Exercise held within the Region in April 2013. All nine hospitals within Region 14 as well as two EMS facilities and two long term care facilities were actively involved in exercise play. Public Health, Emergency Management and the local amateur radio association were also active in facilitating and evaluating exercise play. In total, over 230 individuals participated region-wide.

Region 14 HPC Viral Overload 2.0 FE provided a platform for all participating facilities to simultaneously test five core capabilities (Public Health and Medical Services – Medical Surge, Operational Communications, Operational Coordination, Fatality Management Services and Public Health and Medical Services – Medical Surge (Shelter-in-Place) as well as multiple in-house plans within a four hour, exercise-safe window. Agencies played at varying degrees as was deemed appropriate and/or adequate by administration. Some agencies donned PPE, transported paper patients to the appropriate location within the facility and made phone calls to partners outside the confines of the exercise while others played to a lesser degree. All who participated seemed to gain a vast amount of knowledge and experience that will help with planning and response efforts in the future.

Region 1 MRC in Mass Casualty Exercise

Submitted by Tina Massengill

The Mass Casualty Exercise planned by the Ballard County Office of Emergency Management on July 14th was a great success. The event started with a 911 call reporting a school bus and two car collision. As first responders arrived they found twenty-five students and one adult trapped in the bus. Region One MRC members were on standby to act as parents and grandparents arriving on scene.

Woodford County MRC Recognized by NACCHO

NACCHO included an article about the Woodford County MRC's work with Chronic Disease Prevention in their Preparedness Brief. Check out the article here: <http://nacchopreparedness.org/?p=2636> Great Job Woodford County!



School Bus Crash Scene for Ballard County Mass



Gary Cooper, Region 1 MRC Volunteer on Scene of Exercise

News from the Branch:

Kentucky Regional Agro-terrorism Workshop (July 16-17)

Submitted by Jason Dotson

On July 16 and 17th, several members of the Department for Public Health attended the KY Regional Agro-terrorism Workshop. The workshop was co-hosted by the FBI's Louisville Division and the KY Department of Agriculture and held at the Expo Center. Attendees were provided information related to foreign animal disease investigations as it related to Agro-terrorism and the potential impact on trade and commerce.



Readiness Review Update

Submitted by Teddy Slone

The Readiness Review deliverables reflect progress in meeting the 15 national public health preparedness capabilities. Each deliverable will be categorized as Met, Partially Met or Not Initiated. These determinations are made from the self-reported data used in the Catalyst system unless the deliverable states otherwise. All reviews will be completed by the Program Evaluator on or before September 1, 2014. These reviews will then be distributed to the LHD personnel so that they can share their progress with their health department staff, Board of Health and other stakeholders.

Epi News:

Epidemiology Update

Submitted by T.J. Sugg

As of July 25, 82 outbreaks have been investigated by regional epidemiologists, Epi Rapid Response Teams (ERRTs), and KDPH in 2014. Over the past few months, epidemiologists and their ERRTs have been working with KDPH to investigate several shigellosis, legionellosis, and salmonellosis outbreaks in Three Rivers, Northern KY, FIVCO, Pennyriple, Purchase, and Lexington-Fayette. There were 30 lab-confirmed cases and 31 epi-linked cases of shigellosis in Three Rivers and Northern KY. Some of the isolates tested for PFGE analysis matched a national cluster. In FIVCO, there have been 5 confirmed cases of legionellosis identified out of 33 cases of pneumonia in healthcare facilities. An affected facility has been working with a professional consultant and the ERRT for remediation of the building to prevent future legionellosis cases. The Pennyriple District and KDPH are collaborating with Purchase District and Illinois State Department of Health to investigate a foodborne illness outbreak. DLS was able to isolate indistinguishable *Salmonella* sp. from clinical specimens and food samples, confirming 5 cases and the suspected restaurant as the source of the outbreak. Lexington-Fayette is investigating an ongoing shigellosis outbreak and has identified 22 confirmed cases and 4 probable cases. DLS is testing isolates from this outbreak to see if they are related to the outbreak in Three Rivers/Northern KY and/or part of a national cluster. The ERRTs are doing an excellent job investigating the outbreaks, coordinating with community partners, implementing timely and effective control strategies, and conducting extensive community education for prevention.

Training - Know How

HSEEP Training - Frankfort Boone Center

Registration at www.kyem.ky.gov/training-by-August-6

Contact: **Karen Ashby** at Office: 502-607-5744 Karen.s.ashby2.nfg@mail.mil

August 13 – 14

Team Approach to Foodborne Outbreak Response (PER-298) – Floyd County

Registration on TRAIN at using course ID 1051655

Contact: Kim Hall or John Hunt

August 26 – 27

Public Information Officers/spokesperson CERC class

Click [here](#).

Online Course

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Events and Exercises

Louisville CRI Meeting

Contact: Lloyd Peniston

August 12

Joint Preparedness ITV meeting

1:30 – 3:30, MRN 1803654

Contact: Kim Yazell

August 13

Statewide Satellite Radio Drill

Contact: Grant Gillion

August 20

KY TN UPC Meeting – Lafayette, TN

Contact: Jessica Gover

August 22

Western KY Preparedness Staff Meeting – Marshall CHD

267 Slickback Rd Benton, KY 42025

Registration at <https://ky.train.org> Course ID: 1052172

Contact: Tina Massengill, John Rudolph, Margaret Hibbs or Jerrod Wright

August 26

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Holiday Reminder

KDPH and Local Health Departments will be closed on the following day:
September 1 – Labor Day

For Public Information Officers/Spokespersons: Updated CERC online training available

Submitted by **Barbara Fox**

CDC has just revamped its Crisis and Emergency Risk Communication (CERC) online training and they are offering both CE and CECH credits. CERC training draws from lessons learned during public health emergencies and research in the fields of health and emergency risk communication. The free training offers public health communicators important knowledge and resources to prepare for and respond to public health emergencies effectively.

This training meets the requirements for the spokesperson training listed under the emergency preparedness deliverable for the local health departments.

Check it out [here](#).

If you have any questions, please contact BarbaraJ.Fox@ky.gov.

Newsletter Changes and Submissions

Starting with the September newsletter we will be adding an additional page. This page will be dedicated for HPP, MRC and Epi news. We wanted to provide dedicated space to all the activities that these groups do along with the page already dedicated to local preparedness.

The next issue of **Preparedness at a Glance** will be sent out September 5, 2014. If you want to submit an article please send them to your RPC or directly to KimD.Yazell@ky.gov by August 22.

