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Food Protection Toolkit-An Easy Guide to Lower Foodborne Illnesses

Nada Agabani, Toledo-Lucas County Health Department Advanced Practice Center

Health hazards are often easily acquired and transmitted through food intake. Having a systematic and operational food safety plan for restaurants is essential to combat the spread of foodborne illnesses. Read more









Stories from the Field

Lessons Learned From a Regional Volunteer Activation

Jared Warner, MEM, RS, President of Warner Preparedness Services, LLC

On February 9, 2012, the TMRC conducted a full-scale volunteer call-out exercise to test volunteer activation systems and the ability of the TMRC to coordinate a region-wide volunteer response. This exercise was the third in an annual series of full regional call-out exercises, with each exercise designed to be more complex than the last. Read more











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Spread the word...your community can take advantage of free comprehensive

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An Introduction to the National Health Security Preparedness Index Project

Geetika Nadkarni, Senior Analyst in Preparedness, ASTHO

A number of benchmarks and standards have been created to measure individual target areas that fit within the broad scope of public health preparedness and readiness. However, no overarching index measure currently exists to evaluate the entire composite picture of preparedness. Read more









Nurse Triage Line Project

Introduction to Nurse Triage Line Project

Tim Siemsen, Director, Pandemic and Catastrophic Preparedness, NACCHO

To improve access to antiviral medications to ill persons during an influenza pandemic and lessen the burden on healthcare resources, the CDC, ASTHO, and NACCHO are participating in a collaborative effort called the Nurse Triage Line Project. Read more









Executive Working Group for Whole Community Inclusion

Executive Working Group Meets in Washington, DC

Tim Siemsen, Director, Pandemic and Catastrophic Preparedness, NACCHO

An Executive Working Group for Whole Community Inclusion met on March 28, 2012, at NACCHO, to explore strategies to make procedures for dispensing medical countermeasures more inclusive to all members of the community. Read more









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the local level, stories from the field written by local health departments and partner agencies, as well as preparedness-related tools, resources, and upcoming events. The Preparedness Brief is created by NACCHO preparedness staff with contributions from local health departments and partner agencies. Past editions of the Preparedness Brief are available at www.naccho.org/topics/emergency/brief.cfm.

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MRC "In Touch"

A school bus carrying 30 third grade school children broke down in front of the Monticello Farm Products facility in rural Indiana, which produces fertilizer and houses thousands of pounds of an herbicide in nearby rail tank cars. An electrical fire then erupted inside the facility, causing a smoke cloud of toxic herbicide to drift toward the school bus, county jail, and a local high school. Read more









Crisis Standards of Care: A Systems Framework for Catastrophic Disaster Response

The IOM has just released a new report providing a framework and tools that healthcare organizations, government agencies, and others can use to ensure they provide the best possible care both during and after disasters. Read more









NHSS Implementation Plan Released

The first National Health Security Strategy Implementation Plan (NHSS IP) was recently released and is based on the NHSS. Local health departments, public health agencies, and other community partners are encouraged to initiate and complete the actions in the plan-every individual has a role in national health security. Read more









American Red Cross and Dell Launch the DigiDoc

The American Red Cross and Dell have launched a Digital Operations Center (DigiDoc), which is modeled after Dell's Social Media Listening Command Center. Read more









Contribute to Preparedness Products for Local Health Department Use

The San Francisco Bay Area Advanced Practice Center is now seeking local health department mutual aid agreements and tabletop exercises to include as samples in enhanced versions of a few APC products. Read more









Tools and Resources

The Infectious Disease Emergency Response Toolkit: A Spotlight on Implementation

In July 2010, the San Francisco Bay Area APC trained the Southern Nevada Health District on the IDER Toolkit—a free product that includes modifiable templates that local health departments may easily adapt to create or enhance their own infectious disease emergency response plan. Read more









National Hurricane Preparedness Week Resources

The NACCHO Preparedness Division will have resources and tools for hurricane preparedness and response posted during National Hurricane Preparedness Week (May 27-June 2). Read more









CDC Public Health Matters blog

Follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) "Public Health Matters" blog. Read more









Resource Guide for Disaster Medicine and Public Health

The Resource Guide for Disaster Medicine and Public Health is a portal that provides users access to a variety of reports, fact sheets, guidelines, tools, etc. regarding disaster medicine and public health. Read more









Upcoming Events

Meet the APC Program at ITS in Nashville

NACCHO's APC Program will be hosting an APC Product Genius Bar (booth #702) at the Integrated Training Summit in Nashville during May 23-24. Read more









Win a 2012 NACCHO Annual Conference Registration

Have you used an APC product, resource or toolkit in support of your public health preparedness efforts? The APC Program wants your feedback! Read more









Participate in Webinar: What PPD #8 Means to County and City Public Health and Medical Practitioners

Are you wondering what PPD #8 implementation means for your health department? Read more









Register for the Radiological Emergency Planning: Terrorism, Security, and Communication Program

The Harvard School of Public Health Center for Continuing Professional Education is offering a program entitled Radiological Emergency Planning: Terrorism, Security, and Communication. Read more









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