

Preparedness for Clinics and Health Centers

August 18, 2011 FEATURED NEWS

Statewide Medical and Health Exercise Planning Committee Requests Clinic Input on 2012

The planning committee for the 2012 Statewide Medical and Health (SWMH) Exercise has asked CPCA to survey clinics, clinic consortia, and other community health stakeholders to provide input as they develop the objectives for the 2012 SWMH Exercise. If you know what function or task you need to test at your clinic, submit your thoughts, ideas, and comments to Meaghan at mmccamman@cpca.org.

Guide to Federal Disaster Assistance for HRSA Community-based Service Delivery Grantees

HRSA's Office of Emergency Preparedness and Continuity of Operations (EPCO) has recently released the guidance, Federal Disaster Assistance: FEMA Guidance for HRSA Community-Based Service Delivery Grantees, a compilation of essential information on HRSA grant programs from public websites for use by HRSA Bureaus and Offices as they assist their grantees following a disaster. The guidance may be found on the BPHC TA website under Emergency Preparedness at:

<http://www.hrsa.gov/emergency/buckets/fedasst.pdf.pdf>.

The guidance covers the major categories of disaster aid made available following a Major Disaster Declaration:

- Public Assistance (PA),
- Individual Assistance (IA), and
- Hazard Mitigation.

The guidance also provides the Major Disaster Process and links for each

Upcoming Training in Emergency Preparedness

Join CPCA in
upcoming *FREE*
training webinars:

Incorporating Ethics into Emergency Planning and Response to Ensure Health Equity

*Tuesday, August 23
11:00 am PT*

This webinar will focus on the incorporation of ethics into emergency planning and response to promote health equity. A local jurisdiction's approach to the development of an ethics framework will be highlighted, and an example of equitable distribution of vaccine with hospitals and culturally-specific communities will be described. To register, [CLICK HERE](#).

The Latest on Emergency Water Supply Planning

*Wednesday, August 31
10:00 am PT*

of the disaster aid programs.

Please note that this guidance does not cover any information about reimbursement for services provided your community during a disaster. For information about patient/community services reimbursement, see the [Emergency Preparedness Page of the CPCA website](#).

HRSA grantees play a unique role as direct service providers across the country. When disaster strikes, grantees are very often at the forefront of preparedness, response and recovery. In addition to our important work meeting our nation's daily needs, it is of the utmost importance that we understand our roles and stay prepared for uncommon disasters.

For more information on HRSA's emergency preparedness efforts, go to the Emergency Preparedness & Continuity of Operations (EPCO) external web site link at: <http://www.hrsa.gov/emergency/index.html>

Communicating Without English in an Emergency: Tools from Minnesota

(From the National Resource Center on Advancing Emergency Preparedness for Culturally Diverse Communities)

Emergency Communication and Health Outreach (ECHO) Minnesota and the Minnesota Department of Health have developed two new resources, a [Planning Guide](#) and [Planning Template](#), to aid the development of plans to communicate with communities with limited-English proficiency before, during, and after an emergency. Follow the links above to access the resources.

September is National Preparedness Month!

Eighth Annual National Preparedness Month in September: "A Time to Remember. A Time to Prepare," Encourages Americans to Take Simple Steps to Prepare for Emergencies

The Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Ready Campaign, has created new web tools that will make it easier for individuals and organizations throughout the nation to join the 2011 National Preparedness Month (NPM) coalition and pledge their support to help prepare their families, businesses and communities for emergencies of all kinds.

The eighth annual NPM will kickoff this September, using the slogan: "A Time to Remember. A Time to Prepare." The campaign seeks to transform awareness into action by encouraging all Americans to take the necessary steps to ensure that their homes, workplaces and communities are prepared for disasters and emergencies of all kinds.

"As we move forward with planning for this year's events and activities, we also recognize that this September marks the ten year anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks," said FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate. "By doing what we can to ensure that our communities, and our nation, are prepared to respond and recover from all types of disasters and hazards, we honor the memory of those who were lost that day."

Individuals and groups can now register to become NPM coalition

This webcast will present an overview of the recently released guides on "Planning for an Emergency Drinking Water Supply" and "Emergency Water Supply Planning for Hospitals and Health Care Facilities." As CCHCs prepared to participate in the 2011 Statewide Medical and Health Exercise, which involves a water disruption scenario, it's important to review clinic plans for water disruption and define exactly how your facility will fare without water for 24, 48, or 72 hours. [Click here](#) to register

members by visiting community.fema.gov. Once registered, members have access to a toolkit that includes suggestions for activities and events, templates, articles, banners and customizable materials. Coalition members also have access to an events calendar allowing them to post and promote preparedness events, share success stories, and participate in national and regional discussion forums to engage with fellow coalition members and FEMA representatives.

By hosting events, promoting volunteer programs and sharing emergency preparedness information, coalition members can help ensure that their communities are prepared for emergencies. Becoming a coalition member is easy and free. Nearly 2,000 coalition members have already joined this year's campaign.

The Ready Campaign's websites (ready.gov and listo.gov) and toll-free numbers (1-800-BE-READY and 1-888-SE-LISTO) provide free emergency preparedness information and resources available in English and Spanish. Additionally, through FEMA's partnership with the Ad Council, public service announcements are available to increase the American public's involvement in preparedness.

WHAT'S NEW

Qualitative Fit-Testing Train the Trainer Course Now Available Online **FREE!**

Wisconsin Technical College and the Wisconsin Department of Public Health have partnered to create an online, interactive N95 respirator fit-testing train the trainer course. This course includes what is required for proper N95 Respirator fit testing and procedures. Access the webinar [here](#).