2013 Exercise Medical Surge From Foodborne Illness

BRINGING ALL THE PARTNERS TOGETHER

• California Department of Public Health
• Emergency Medical Services Authority
• California Hospital Association
• California Association of Health Facilities
• California Primary Care Association
• California Office of Emergency Services (OES)
• Local health departments, emergency medical services, public safety and health care facilities response partners
EXERCISE PURPOSE

To evaluate current response concepts, plans, and capabilities related to a medical surge of patients from a foodborne illness outbreak in the local community.

The exercise will focus on the coordination of surveillance activities and health system capabilities anticipated when managing a medical surge among community healthcare partners.

EXERCISE TARGET CAPABILITIES

- Emergency Operations Center Management
- Medical Surge
- Communications
- Emergency Public Information and Warning
- Public Health Epidemiological Surveillance
EXERCISE PHASES

- Phase I: Multimedia Training
- Phase II: Self Assessments
- Phase III: Tabletop Exercise
- Phase IV: Functional Exercise

EXAMPLE KEY ISSUES

Evaluate the ability to:

1. Utilize redundant communication modalities and processes internally and externally.

2. Activate surge plans within established protocols.

4. Utilize California Public Health and Medical Emergency Operations Manual (EOM) format and/or local situation status reporting.

5. Implement the Incident Command System.
EXAMPLE KEY ISSUES

Evaluate the ability to:


7. Request, distribute, track, and return resources, including allocation of scarce resources.

8. Validate and coordinate risk communication between command centers.

9. Issue public information, alerts, warnings, and notifications through established systems to patients, staff, the public, and coordinating officials.

10. Conduct surveillance and epidemiological investigations to identify potential exposure and disease.

11. Implement necessary control measures to stop further cases of illness or disease.
LOCAL PLANNING

Exercise Level of Play
- Examples include communications drill, functional and full scale exercises
- Level of play may include use of simulated patients, movement of patients to health care facilities, activation of alternate care sites, activation of the joint information center, provision of mutual aid, etc.
- Will your organization/agency activate its command center?
- Complete “Intent to Participate”

LOCAL PLANNING

Local Exercise Customization:
- Existing, new, or updated Policies and Procedures
- Exercise additional capabilities
- New or existing equipment
- Education and training
- Issues identified in past exercises or actual events After Action Reports
AFTER ACTION REPORT AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN

After Action Report

- Outlines strengths and areas for improvement
- Includes the timeline, executive summary, scenario description, mission outcomes and capability analysis

Improvement Plan

- Lessons learned and recommendations from the After Action Report are incorporated into an improvement plan

ROLE OF STATE AGENCIES

November 21, the California Department of Public Health and EMSA will open the Medical and Health Coordination Center (formerly JEOC).

This allows local participants to request resources, submit and receive situation status reports and respond to California Health Alert Network (or other notification systems) messages.
ROLE OF STATE AGENCIES (cont’d)

- Testing State and Local Response Activities according to procedures in the EOM
  - Public Health Laboratories
  - Infection Control – Epi and Surveillance
  - Food and Drug Investigations
  - Licensed Healthcare Facilities – Surge Events

NEXT STEPS FOR EXERCISES

- Five Year Training and Exercise Plan
- Map out Capabilities/Functions to be tested each year in drills or exercises
- Leverage exercise opportunities to strengthen response capability at each facility, local operational area, and the State – at the same time meet grant requirements
  - For example, CRI/SNS Requirements paired with Statewide exercise
Exercise materials may be found on the exercise program website:

www.californiamedicalhealthexercise.com