

Iowa Department of Public Health
Bureau of Emergency and Trauma Services – Preparedness Program
Eastern Iowa Material Management and Distribution Exercise Series
May 17, June 3, June 10, June 14

Overview:

The Scott County Health Care Coalition working in collaboration with the Iowa Department of Public Health's Bureau of Emergency and Trauma Services (BETS) will be hosting a multi-module exercise beginning Tuesday May 17, 2016.

The purpose of this exercise is to provide an opportunity for participating local Health Care Coalitions (HCC) to meet performance measures outlined in the Healthcare and Public Health Preparedness capabilities; and for coalitions to be able to meet qualifying exercise requirements. Throughout the exercise, all participating coalitions will receive information regarding the exercise scenario. Information will be managed by BETS and will be provided to players via the Health Alert Network (HAN) to the LPHA administrator, hospital administrator, hospital ED, and the EMA roles.

Overall Exercise Goal:

The coalition will follow its governance structure and established plans to participate in a series of exercises that test the HCC's abilities to: establish exercise goals, identify information and communications plans, have formal documents in place, have identified essential assets and services, have an established process to request and receive medical counter measures, and to have medical surge plans.

Participating coalitions should be able to participate on each of the dates of the exercise. However, only coalitions seeking to meet qualified exercise requirements need to participate in the June 10 portion.

Registration is available at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/medical-material-management-and-distribution-exercise-tickets-24238299406>. All individuals participating must register so we have an accurate accounting of all participants. Not all participants need to register for each day of the exercise, just the ones in which they'll be participating. Registration closes April 15.

Tuesday May 17, 2016 – Tabletop (conducted at the local level):

Participating HCC will receive information via the HAN throughout the day (at a minimum of 2 times) concerning a potential public health situation. Each HCC should review the information and respond according to the provided information and local response plans. Along with the exercise scenario information there will be accompanying questions or situations with each module that the HCC should discuss with their coalition members and response partners as needed and document their response to each question or situation. Some questions may be repeated throughout the exercise as the response may or may not change based on the most current information.

Note: Documented responses to the questions and/or situations from this date should be brought to the June 3 portion of the exercise.

Friday June 3, 2016 – Face-to-Face Tabletop (Davenport): 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
*Adler Health Education Center, 1236 E. Rusholme St., Lower level Genesis Heart Institute
Davenport, IA*

Participating HCC members will meet continued discussion of the exercise scenario. HCC members will be seated together by coalition to allow for local discussions. A review of the scenario information, questions, and situations from the May 17 portion of the exercise will be conducted. The scenario will then continue with additional information, questions and situations provided to the participants for discussion and response. A working lunch will be held with Genesis Health System food services serving a taco bar at a minimal cost.

Optional - Friday June 10, 2016 – Functional exercise conducted at the local level for coalitions seeking to complete Qualified Exercise requirements:

Building upon the scenario information provided during the May 17 and June 3 portions of the exercise, additional information will be provided to the participating HCC members via the HAN. This information will require the development of specific products identified in each message by the HCC. *This date is optional, only those coalitions needing to complete the qualifying exercise requirements need participate.*

Tuesday June 14, 2016 – Full-Scale 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Scott County Warehouse, 4715 Tremont Avenue, Davenport IA

HCC members will assemble in Scott County's warehouse to observe how medical assets from state or federal partners could arrive at a designed site within the HCC. Participants will understand the process of off-loading, staging, inventorying, allocation, and the preparation of received assets for sub-distribution.

Note: Participants should come dressed in such a fashion to work in a warehouse environment (e.g. no open toed footwear, long pants, work gloves, etc.)

Additional Information:

Each HCC that will use this exercise to meet the Qualifying Exercise requirements will need to submit a completed AAR to John Hallman via email no later than close of business Tuesday, August 9, 2016 (60 days following the June 10, 2016 portion of the exercise).

All other AARs documenting completion of capabilities on the Capability Implementation Checklist should be completed no later than Monday, August 15, 2016.

Contact your coalition coordinator if you have questions:

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