

WHO PanFlu Alert Level 6 September 10, 2009 U.S. Terrorism Threat Level Yellow

→The Regional News Update is now posted on MIHAN and the Regional Website←

Region 3 Hospital Pharmacist Meet to Review Hospital Cache and Other Programs

Region 3 held a meeting with representatives of 15 of the hospital pharmacy departments on August 31st. This meeting was kindly hosted by the Pharmacy Department of Covenant Healthcare who also provided lunch. Also in attendance was Dr. Jeff Nigl, the Regional Medical Director and Greg Pratt, the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator for the Michigan Pharmacist Association.

Top on the agenda was a review of the Region 3 Hospital Pharmacy caches. These caches are intended for emergency treatment of hospital and pre-hospital staff in an emergency and include medications primarily for bioterrorism, nerve agent and radiation exposure. Since its initial deployment at each acute care hospital early in the grant process, many of its functions have been replaced by other caches such as MEDDRUN and CHEMPACK, along with the Region 3 antibiotic cache. Therefore, it was time for the present contents of the cache to be re-evaluated.

It was determined that the current inventory of drugs in these caches – which are stored in two large black cases – could safely be decreased, thus allowing the caches to be reduced to one case for each hospital. The drugs removed will be kept in a new Regional Cache that will be managed by the Regional Office. Once reviewed and approved by the Board, the caches will be reorganized and the current Hospital cache Protocol will be revised to reflect the new configuration.

The group also discussed the supply of Tamiflu provided to Region 3 from the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) in May. The Tamiflu provided all expires in October, 2009. The hospitals agreed that they can not dispense or hold onto the outdated Tamiflu, and asked that the Regional Office request a limited supply of Tamiflu from the SNS office at the State to replace it. That request has been submitted and denied. Our current plan is for all of the Tamiflu to be returned to the Regional Office in late October where it will be held for potential emergency use. We and the State have requested that FDA extend the shelf life of this lot of Tamiflu, but so far they have refused.

The pharmacists were also given a brief on the current status of MEDDRUN and CHEMPACK in the State and Region 3. They were also provided copies of the new MEDDRUN/CHEMPACK training CD and resource guide.

Overall, the meeting was considered a success and we intend to meet again in the future as needs direct.

Thanks to all the pharmacy representatives who were able to attend as well as Dr. Nigl and Greg Pratt. All of your active participation was greatly appreciated.

2009-2010 Regional Application Approved by The Planning Board

The Region 3 application for next grant year's funding has been completed was submitted to the membership of the Regional Planning Board for their review on August 26th.

The Board had until close of business on Sept. 9th to review and vote to approve or reject the application. By the deadline, we had received 24 votes of approval and no rejections. This exceeds the required quorum of 15 for a Board action and the application is now approved.

Once some final administrative budget figures are finalized, the application will be submitted on MIHAN for the State's review.

The new Grant year for 2009-2010 begins on October 1st.

**Remember to register for the
MI VOLUNTEER REGISTRY – it's a
great way to help your neighbors, our
community and the State! For more
information, go to:
www.mivolunteerregistry.org**

**School's Back in Session –
Watch for Kids**

REMINDER: Joint Advisory Committee and Board Meeting in October

The Region is holding a joint meeting of the Advisory Committee and Planning Board in October to review the plans for FY 2010 and to show our appreciation for their participation. This meeting will be held on October 26th starting at 11:30 at the Horizon's Conference Center in Saginaw. Members of both groups have been asked to confirm their availability to attend this meeting so that we can plan for meals. Confernece calling and video conferencing WILL NOT be available for this meeting.

Report of the Region 3 800 MHz Radio Drill held September 3rd

The monthly Region 3 radio drill was held 9/3/09 for all hospitals, MCA's, Public Health Agencies and other key partners.

Procedure:

Prior notice of the drill was provided to all key agencies in the Region via 1 email in the days prior to the drill and an MIHAN alert and email the morning of the drill.

The drill was started on September 3, 2009 at 8:00 AM with a MIHAN high level alert and email.

Results:

As outlined in the instructions, the drill was begun at 9:00 AM and ended at 11:07 with the following results.

Hospitals listed (includes Tribal Wellness Center): 23
Hospitals responding: 23
Percentage: 100%
(Unchanged from previous test)

MCA's listed: 11
MCA's responding: 11
Percentage: 100%
(Unchanged from previous test)

Health Dept. listed: 10
Health Dept. responding: 10
Percentage: 100%
(Unchanged from previous test)

Other personnel listed:
(includes EMHSD Dist Coordinator, BT Assistant,
BT Medical Director & Regional Lab) 4
Other personnel responding: 4
Percentage: 100%
(Unchanged from previous test)

Overall Percentage of agencies contacted: 100%
(UNCHANGED from 100% for the previous test)

Please note: this is now the 9th time in a row that we have had a 100% completion rating for these monthly tests.

Follow up Plan:

In that all agencies completed the drill in the allocated time, no follow up actions were needed.

Registration Now Open!

➤ **October 22, 2009!**
**Second Annual Region 3 PIO
Conference!**
(Rescheduled from April 30th)

**This FREE event will be held at the
Dow Event Center, in Saginaw.**

**Registration is available NOW at:
www.region3hon.org !
There is a limit of 100 registrations!**

Upcoming Meetings:

**Healthcare Preparedness Advisory Committee:
Next regular meeting September 15, 2009 from
1:00 to 4:00 PM at the Lincoln Center, 820 S.
Lincoln St., Bay City, MI.**

**Healthcare Preparedness Regional Planning
Board: Next regular meeting September 28,
2009 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM at the Lincoln Center,
820 S. Lincoln St, Bay City, MI**

Today's Quote:

Labor Day is a glorious holiday because your child will be going back to school the next day. It would have been called Independence Day, but that name was already taken. ~Bill Dodds

The Region 3 Healthcare Preparedness Network

Is pleased to announce the availability of



FREE!

On Line Training.

These four modules are now available on MITRAIN (<https://mi.train.org>)

- Region 3 MCC Operations
 - Region 3 ACC Trailer
 - Region 3 MCI Trailer
- Region 3 Radio Systems

Each offers EMS CE credit!

To find the courses, after registering and logging into MITRAIN, go to the "Course Search" tab (at the top of the page) and click on "Key Word Search" under the Search Options (on the left side of the page.) Type in "Region 3" and the courses will be listed. Just select the course you want.

There Are More Free Training Modules To Come!

Contact the Region 3 office with any questions or problems.

Enjoy your FREE learning experience!

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