

# The Region 3 News Update

*We're here to help you prepare for those really bad days*

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### WHO PanFlu Alert Level

**1-3** (few human infections)

*The new National Terrorism Advisory System (NTAS) has replaced the old color codes of the Homeland Security Advisory System. For more information go to: <http://www.dhs.gov/files/programs/ntas.shtm>*

## No Foolin' its April 1st, 2011

The Region 3 News Update is now available on both the Regional Website and MIHAN

(If you've noticed, there's been a break in the publication schedule for the Region 3 News Update due to the work load in the Regional Office – sorry.)

## Temporary Changes in Staff Assignment in the Regional Office

Kathe Martin, our Assistant Regional Coordinator, will be out on medical leave for approximately 3 months. Jennifer Stefaniak will be filling in as Interim Assistant Regional Coordinator during this period. In addition, Cari Hillman, our Partnership Development Contractor, will be assisting with the preparations for the upcoming Cornerstones in Preparedness confernece.

We appreciate your understanding as we deal with this temporary staffing shortage. If you have any questions or problems, please feel free to call Jim Brasseur in the Regional Office at 989-758-3712.

Thank you.

**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](http://www.mivolunteerregistry.org)**

## Cooperative Reimbursement Program for All Hospitals and Medical Control Authorities End Successfully

The Hospital & MCA cooperative reimbursement project ended on March 15<sup>th</sup> with all but 3 of the hospitals and one MCA taking advantage of this funding opportunity.

This project was designed to allow the participating hospitals and MCA's to purchase goods and services necessary to maintain their required levels of preparedness. Of the \$138,000.00 initially earmarked for the program, \$110,206.81 was spent on pre-approved projects.

Thank you to all of our participating hospitals and MCA's for your efforts in making this project a success.

## Cooperative Reimbursement Program for All Participating Long Term Care Agencies Begun

At its meeting on March 21<sup>st</sup>, the Regional Planning Board approved a continuation of the previous Cooperative Reimbursement Program, extending it now to participating Long Term Care (LTC) agencies in our 14 counties.

Of the approximately 73 LTC's in Region 3, we now have 40+ actively participating agencies and these have now been offered up to \$1400.00 each to assist in their emergency preparedness efforts.

As with previous cooperative reimbursement programs offered through the Region, those agencies interesting in this offering are required to sign and return an acceptance letter by a specified deadline – for this program that deadline is close of business today. Cari Hillman has been stellar in her work with these agencies and has been instrumental in promoting this project to them. Through her hard work, we have well over 30 LTC's who will be taking benefit of this offer. We will not know the final number of participants until Monday AM when we will close the offering.

Once they have submitted their acceptance letter, which provides them guidance on the types of goods and services that are covered – and what is not covered, they then must provide a standard Region 3 Justification form for review and approval prior to obligating any funds. Once approved and the goods and/or services are obtained, they then must submit copies of the paid invoices to the Regional Office for reimbursement. The final deadline for submitting these invoices for processing is May 31<sup>st</sup>.

LTC agencies with ANY questions regarding this project should contact Jim in the Regional Office.

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## **Regional Medical Coordination Center Partially Activated for Response to Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> Blizzard**

While it may be hard to remember – if you'd want to – two months ago today we were being hit with a significant blizzard that affected most of the Lower Peninsula.

During this event, the Region 3 Medical Coordination Center (R3MCC) was contacted by

Genesys Regional Medical Center asking for activation of one of our ACC trailers, primarily for use of the 50 cots stored therein. They were activating their hospital EOC and needed beds for staff that would be staying in house for the duration of the blizzard.

After consultation with the Board Chair and Medical Director, an ACC trailer located in Genesee County was deployed. Luckily, it was only needed for a couple of days.

The After Action Review for this R3MCC/ACC activation is available on MIHAN or through the Regional Office.

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## **Free Active Shooter Response Course Now Available**

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announces the availability of a new Independent Study Course titled: Active Shooter, What You Can Do (IS-907), a no-cost training course developed to provide the public with guidance on how to prepare for and respond to active shooter crisis situations. An active shooter is defined in the course as an individual "engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a confined and populated area. In most cases, there is no pattern or method to their selection of victims."

This new online training is available through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Emergency Management Institute (EMI) at <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/IS907.asp>

The training is targeted to reach a broad range of individuals, including managers and employees, so they can prepare to respond to an active shooter situation.

The Active Shooter course was developed by the Office of Infrastructure Protection through a collaborative process that included representatives from the Commercial Facilities Sector and FEMA EMI. Development also included consultation with the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center.

The course is self-paced and takes about 45 minutes to complete

A certificate from FEMA EMI is awarded to participants who complete the course and pass a short final exam.

## **ACC Site Visits in Progress**

As part of this year's State guidance, the Region is required to inspect each of the primary Alternate Care Center (ACC) sites for each acute care hospital.

As of today, we have completed 9 of the 21 ACC sites. The inspections of the remaining 12 are being scheduled over the next 6 weeks.

We are using an ACC site inspection survey developed by AHRQ for these visits. This allows us to easily compare the sites throughout the Region, giving specific scores for each.

We appreciate the assistance and cooperation of our acute care hospitals in this effort. Please contact the Regional Office with any questions.

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## **Fundamental Disaster Management Courses Return To Covenant Healthcare**

Following a co-sponsorship of the first-in-Michigan Fundamentals course with Region 3, Covenant Healthcare is once again has taken the lead in co-sponsoring two additional courses this fiscal year. The first was held on Friday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at the Cooper Lecture Theater and the next is scheduled for June 3<sup>rd</sup>, also at the Cooper Lecture Theater.

This one-day course, developed by the Society of Critical Care Medicine, offers intensive, hands-on training and course work for healthcare professionals who work as first receiver-intensivists for adult and pediatric patients, following natural or intentional mass disasters.

The course covers the types of disasters that would likely result in an expanded need for critical care services which will likely have to be provided outside a typical critical care setting. From nuclear detonation to multiple shooting victims to mass chemical release, this course covers the algorithms and pathways to critical care response during mass disasters. You will learn guiding principles for triage and allocation of scarce resources during a disaster, as well as the proper use of appropriate personal

protective equipment and environmental controls required while caring for critically ill victims.

An additional component of this course includes the importance of working within an Incident Command System to effectively accomplish medical mass disaster response. Finally, knowing what staffing, supplies, and equipment would be required, and the resources available to you will help prepare you to respond appropriately to specific disaster types.

Registration for each course is limited to 40 participants and includes a training manual, all course materials, CME credits, and food and beverages for the day. Costs for this course are covered by Region 3 Healthcare Preparedness Network and Covenant Healthcare through a grant from the Michigan Department of Community Health, with funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness, Hospital Preparedness Program. Registration for the June class can be made via the Region 3 website at [www.region3hpn.org](http://www.region3hpn.org).

Questions regarding this course should be directed to Jim Brasseur at 989-758-3712.

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## **Zimek Unit Continues to be out of Service**

The Zimek machine is currently out of service due to an apparent dispute between a large ambulance company in New Jersey and their union which has resulted in a hold order issued by the E.P.A. local office covering New Jersey.

Because of this hold order which does not involve the Zimek machine itself but rather the chemical used in it, Region 3, as well as Region 1 who also have a Zimek machine, have chosen to take our units out of service until the situation is cleared up.

The hold order on the Zimek QD used in the units still allows the chemical to be mixed and used by hand, but does not allow its use in the Zimek unit using the same water/chemical formula because the label does not specifically mention its use in the machine.

While this appears to be a labor issue in New Jersey, the E.P.A. hold order is affecting ours and other States. MIOSHA is now involved and all appropriate actions are being taken to assure that the process is taken care of.

We hope to be able to return the unit to service soon. We will inform all MCA's as soon as that happens or if there are any further developments.

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## **Completed Region 3 Trainings and Exercises for February and March**

February and March were very busy months in the Region for both training events and exercises.

On March 4<sup>th</sup>, we concluded our series of three 800 MHz training sessions. These programs were held at West Branch, Midland and Cass City so as to make them accessible to all of our Regional partners. During these sessions, over 80 personnel were trained in the proper operation of the State MPSCS 800 MHz radios and system.

On March 21<sup>st</sup>, R3MCC Operator's Refresher Training was held at the Regional Office.

On March 25<sup>th</sup>, highly successful decontamination training was held in Standish for personnel from four of our hospitals.

In addition, we completed very well received Fundamentals in Disaster Management course on Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>. This was also a Train the Trainer Course.

In addition, the Region completed successful 800 MHz radio drills each month as well as monthly tests of all of our hospital satellite phones and video conference units.

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## **Report of Regional Planning Board Meeting of March 21<sup>st</sup>**

The Region 3 Board held their regular monthly meeting on March 21<sup>st</sup>.

Key topics discussed included:

- Report on the State/Regional Leadership meeting of March 11<sup>th</sup>
- Update on the Partnership Development project
- Review of outstanding orders.

- Report on the LTV 1200 ventilator maintenance project. 41 of the 60 vents had been updated as required by the company.
- Finalized the Hospital/MCA cooperative agreement and approved the LTC coop. project.
- Discussed the Advisory Committee recommendation that no further funds or staff time be expended on electronic patient tracking. After considerable discussion, the Board voted unanimously to continue funding only for required legacy expenses for the EMTrack Mobile system and directed the staff to expend no further time to this project until a more reliable and usable electronic patient tracking program is available. The Board did not take action on the Advisory Committee's recommendation that a request be made to OPHP to remove any requirements for electronic patient tracking from future grant guidance.
- Received a briefing on the new SNS SharePoint State requirement of all hospitals.

The next monthly meeting of the Board will be April 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM at the Lincoln Center, Bay City.

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## **Upcoming State SNS SharePoint Ordering Training and Exercises for All Region 3 Hospitals**

In the last two years, hospitals have been able to order supplies and equipment from the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) during states of emergency, once their, regional and State assets are expended. This ordering process has been performed via fax up to now.

The State Office of Public Health Preparedness (OPHP) is now moving this process to an on-line system using Microsoft SharePoint.

The movement to this new ordering system will require that key personnel at each hospital, primarily the Emergency Manager and Pharmacy Director be issued SharePoint accounts, complete an approximately one hour training and complete an ordering practice exercise. The exercises all must be completed

within 60 days of the completion of the training cycle. Local Health Dept. Emergency Preparedness Coordinators and County Emergency Managers will be invited to participate in the training and exercises.

The Regional Office has submitted the required list of hospital personnel for SharePoint accounts to OPHP. Once we receive the information that the accounts are set up, we will coordinate the dates and times of the required trainings, which will likely be done on line. When the training is completed, we will set up the ordering exercises and submit the After Action Reviews.

For more information regarding this new SNS/SharePoint ordering process, please contact Jim in the Regional Office.

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## Upcoming Training Courses and Conferences:

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### CORNERSTONES IN PREPAREDNESS CONFERENCE

May 19<sup>th</sup> at the Dow Event Center, Saginaw

For more information, see the attached confernece

announcement

To register, go to:

<http://www.region3hpn.org/>

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**6/3/11: Fundamentals in Disaster Management - at Covenant Healthcare in Saginaw.**

This is a provider and Train the Trainer Course limited to 40 participants.

To register, go to:

<http://www.region3hpn.org/>

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## **6/22/11: Basic Disaster Life Support (BDLS) Co-sponsored with Region 2 North**

**To be held at the CRESS center at Oakland Community College (right off I75)**

**Registration Information to follow**

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May 3-5, 2011:

**Spring Homeland Security Conference in Grand Rapids**

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## Upcoming Meetings:

Region 3 Healthcare Preparedness Advisory Committee, April 12, 2011 at 1:00 at the Lincoln Center, 820 South Lincoln St, Bay City, MI

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Region 3 Healthcare Preparedness Regional Planning Board, April 25, 2011 at 1:00 at the Lincoln Center, 820 South Lincoln St, Bay City, MI.

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## **Quote of the Day:**

**Do what you can, where you are with what you have.**

**Theodore Roosevelt**





# THE SEVEN SIGNS OF TERRORISM

## **1. Surveillance:**

Someone recording or monitoring activities. This may include the use of cameras (either still or video), note taking, drawing diagrams, annotating on maps, or using binoculars or other vision-enhancing devices.

## **2. Elicitation:**

People or organizations attempting to gain information about military operations, capabilities, or people. Elicitation attempts may be made by mail, fax, telephone, or in person.

## **3. Tests of security:**

Any attempts to measure reaction times to security breaches or to penetrate physical security barriers or procedures in order to assess strengths and weaknesses.

## **4. Acquiring supplies:**

Purchasing or stealing explosives, weapons, ammunition, etc. Also includes acquiring military or other uniforms, decals, flight manuals, passes or badges (or the equipment to manufacture such items) or any other controlled items.

## **5. Suspicious persons out of place:**

People who don't seem to belong in the workplace, neighborhood, business establishment, or anywhere else. Includes suspicious border crossings and stowaways aboard ship or people jumping ship in port.

## **6. Dry run/Trial Run:**

Putting people into position and moving them around according to their plan without actually committing the terrorist act. This is especially true when planning a kidnapping, but it can also pertain to bombings. An element of this activity could also include mapping out routes and determining the timing of traffic lights and flow.

## **7. Deploying assets:**

People and supplies getting into position to commit the act. This is a person's last chance to alert authorities before the terrorist act occurs.

**The Region 3 Healthcare  
Preparedness Network  
Is pleased to announce the availability of**

**FREE!**

**On Line Training.**

These four FIVE 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
- NEW COURSE! - REGION 3  
ORIENTATION!!!

*The 1<sup>st</sup> four offer 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.

Contact the Region 3 office with any questions or  
problems.

*Enjoy your FREE learning experience!*

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