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Pitt County Prepares for 2009 H1N1



For the past several months, local agencies in Pitt County have been busy making preparations to deal with the threat of the 2009 H1N1 influenza virus. On July 30, 2009 approximately 40 representatives from key agencies such as Pitt County Public Health, Pitt County Memorial Hospital, East Carolina University, City of Greenville and Pitt County Government, etc. participated in a tabletop discussion to address improvement in areas identified as issues relating to pandemic influenza. Workgroups were created to coordinate specific activities specifically around public information, vaccination and alternate care facilities. Jo Morgan, Public Health Educator and Public Information Officer for the Pitt County Public Health Department; Amy B. Thomas, Public Health Preparedness Coordinator with Pitt County Public Health; and Kathy Dutton, Vice-President of Emergency Services at Pitt County Memorial Hospital were named respectively as chairpersons.

The tabletop participants met again on September 15, 2009 as a follow-up to the July 30th meeting. Updates were given by Noel Lee, Pitt County Emergency Management Director and Dr. John Morrow, Pitt County Public Health Director, as well as reports from the chairperson of each workgroup.

Jo Morgan gave an update on the activities the Pitt County Joint Information System (JIS) that is comprised of public information officers from Pitt County Public Health, Pitt County Government, City of Greenville, Pitt County Memorial Hospital, East Carolina University, Pitt Community College, Greenville Utilities, Pitt County Schools and the Industrial Development Commission.

Amy B. Thomas reported on the progress of her group tasked with the logistics of vaccinating our healthcare workers and first responders. This workgroup has representation from Pitt County Public Health, Pitt County Memorial Hospital, East Carolina University, Pitt County Schools and Pitt Community College.

Kathy Dutton updated everyone on the activities of PCMH which is looking at H1N1 planning on a big scope. The hospital team and representatives from Pitt County Public Health and Pitt County Emergency Management have been meeting on a regular basis to address medical surge and the collaborative partnership is very evident.

www.flu.pittcountync.gov

National Fire Protection
Association

www.nfpa.org



www.nccrimecontrol.org

New Pitt County

Flu Website



Beginning October 1, 2009, citizens of Pitt County will be able to access www.flu.pittcountync.gov for general information on the 2009 H1N1 influenza virus as well as the seasonal influenza virus. The website will have links to national websites such as the Center for Disease Control (CDC). The majority will be Pitt County specific with information pertaining as location and dates of vaccination clinics and links to local agencies such as, Pitt County Schools, East Carolina University, University Health Systems, etc.



2009 Fire Prevention Week

October 4-10, 2009

This year's fire prevention week focuses on **burn awareness and prevention**, as well as keeping homes safe from the leading causes of home fires. This year's slogan is "**Stay Fire Smart! Don't get Burned.**"

Testing the water before putting a child in the bath may sound like common sense. Wearing short or close-fitting sleeves when cooking on the stovetop may show foresight. This and other simple action may be all it takes to prevent devastating burns.

Upcoming Emergency Management Classes

Oct 5	Damage Assessment
Oct 12	Public Policy
Oct 14-15	ICS 400
Oct 20-21	DHS/TEEX: MGT 315- Threat Assessment
Oct 26	Incident Plan Workshop
Oct 29	ICS Forms Workshop
Nov 2-4	ICS 300
Nov 11-13	PER 211- WMD/ EMS Operations & Planning
Nov 16	Hazmat Refresher
Nov 17-18	MGT 318- Public Information in a WMD Terrorism Incident
Dec 1-2	ICS 400
Dec 8-10	WMD/Terrorism Incident Defensive Operations for Emergency Responders

*More information on these classes can be obtained from the training calendar on the Division of Emergency Management link under NC Department of Crime Control.

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