

COCA- clinical outreach and community activity:

Address what COCA does, who they serve, products and services.

COCA stands for Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity. They prepare clinicians to respond to emergencies by communicating relevant, timely information related to disease outbreaks, disasters, terrorism events, and other health alerts. COCA serves a wide range of clinical professionals such as doctors, nurses, PAs, pharmacists, paramedics, veterinarians, epidemiologists, public health practitioners, and state and local health department officials. COCA provides conference calls, webinars, clinical support via email, and opportunities for continued education.

CERC- Crisis emergency risk communication:

What is CERC?

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What type of training is available through CERC?

CERC offers webinars, in-person training, and online training for things such as psychology of crisis, community engagement and crisis community plans.

What is the media's role in a crisis, disaster, or emergency? (CERC Corner)

The media serves as an emergency broadcast system to get vital information to the people who need it.

Laboratory Information:

Open Biological Agent Emergencies and read over Ready.gov Bioterrorism under the info for the General Public section. Provide a summary of Biohazard exposure including before: how to prepare, and during an event.

Being exposed to a biohazard may not be immediately obvious. Unusual patterns of illness may start to appear, and hospitals will see large waves of sick people. To prepare for a biological agent emergency, it is important to create an emergency kit with items like food, water, a battery-powered flashlight, a first-aid kit, a battery-powered radio, a whistle, extra batteries, dust mask, can opener, and maps of local areas. It is also important to create a family emergency plan. Know how you will receive warnings and information, know where your shelter will be, plan an evacuation route, and make sure your emergency kit is stocked.

Health Alert network (HAN):

What is the purpose?

The HAN is the CDC's primary method of communicating clear information about public health incidents with public information officers, federal, state, territorial, tribal, and local public health practitioners, clinicians, and public health laboratories.

Report on HAN No. 503-Urgent Need to Increase Immunization Coverage for Influenza, COVID 19, and RSV and Use of Authorized/Approved Therapeutics in the Setting of Increased Respiratory Disease Activity during the 2023-2024 Winter Season. Provide a summary of the

information from this update including recommendations for healthcare providers and the public?

This update from the HAN talks about low rates of flu, covid-19, and RSV vaccines. Low rates of these vaccines could lead to more severe infections and increase the strain on healthcare services. The HAN provides recommendations to healthcare providers to advise people to get vaccinated and provide education about the safety and efficacy of the vaccines. The HAN also provides recommendations to the public. People are advised to talk to their doctor about what vaccines are recommended for them. The public should also know what signs and symptoms to look out for and what treatment options are available. The public should also know about prevention measures they can take in their daily lives such as wearing a face mask and covering the face during a cough or a sneeze.