

Unit 9: Emergency Preparedness
Z-Chapter 26
ONLINE CONTENT (1 H)

Unit Objectives:

- Identify regulatory initiatives undertaken to prevent and respond to future emergencies, including pandemics. (1,2,7)*
- Discuss the variety of diseases or agents that are likely to be involved in a biologic, chemical, or radiologic terrorism attack in addition to the clinical and community health consequences of each. (2,7)*
- Identify approaches to enhance personal and family preparedness for emergencies. (7)*

*Course Objectives

Review the information provided on the CDC website: <https://emergency.cdc.gov/health-professionals.asp> and place your answers to the following questions in the Z-CH # 26 drop box by 0800 on April 1, 2024.

COCA- clinical outreach and community activity:

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

COCA keeps clinicians up to date on new health issues and growing health threats. This keeps everyone informed and prepared. They serve a number of different people including physicians, nurses, physician's assistants, pharmacists, paramedics, veterinarians, epidemiologists, public health practitioners, and state and local health department officials. The services they offer are conference calls and webinars, clinical support via emails, and continuing education opportunities.

CERC- Crisis emergency risk communication:

What is CERC? Crisis and emergency risk communication

What type of training is available through CERC? Webinar and in person training to improve communication during an emergency.

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

Keeping the public informed.

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.

Prepare:

Keep up to date with information, make a emergency supply kit, have a emergency family plan in place, make sure everyone is up to date on immunizations, consider having a HEPA filter in your home.

During:

Watch TV, listen to the radio or podcasts from reputable sources to have the necessary information.

Watch your surroundings and keep a safe environment.

Wear a mask if necessary.

Good hygiene, washing hands, throwing away soiled linens.
Seek medical help in a timely manner when needed and listen to their advice.
Avoid crowds and do not share utensils or drinks.

Health Alert network (HAN):

What is the purpose? To keep important people up to speed on urgent public health incidents. It also does public health alerts.

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?

We as health care professionals should be recommending that all our patients be receiving these vaccines. The rates of vaccines are low, and rates of illness are high. We also need to be educated on good infection prevention with washing of hands, covering coughs etc. and sharing this information with our patients.

Please be prepared to share and discuss your answers in class.

In order to receive full credit (1 H class time) for this assignment, it must be completed in its entirety by the due date/time assigned. Any assignments not completed in its entirety by the assigned due date and time will result in missed class time.