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Welcome to the February issue of the Aware Prepare Update. This monthly electronic newsletter is your guide to upcoming satellite, videoconferencing and Webcast trainings related to preparedness. Here you will also find instructional guides for the NYSDOH Learning Management System “NY Learns PH dot com” Learning Management System (or L-M-S) and course currently available for enrollment.

In this issue we have included the enrollment links to many of the on-line preparedness trainings located at <https://www.NYLearnsPH.com>, see pages 5-6.

****NEWS** We have been experiencing difficulties with the NYSDOH Satellite and have been unable to downlink and record programs to re-broadcast at a later date. Fortunately, programs such as Public Health Live! are still available via the Healthcom Video Bridge, as well as being available via the Learning Management System (LMS), <https://www.NYLearnsPH.com>.

If you have issues or concerns accessing the LMS, please contact the NYSDOH Office of Public Health Practice at 518-473-4223 or e-mail: edlearn@health.state.ny.us.

Training Opportunities

Title	Provider	Original Air Date	Original Air Time	LMS Course #
The Difference Between Respirators and Surgical Masks (5 min. video)	USDOL	16-Dec		USDOL-20101216
The Management of Epidemic Disease	ADPH	18-Feb	1-2:30pm	ADPH-20100218
Pandemic Influenza Planning & Preparedness	NYS OHS	13-15 Apr	8am-5pm	NA

Register now at www.NYLearnsPH.com and search the Course Catalog using the LMS Course #, key word or enroll by Ctrl + Click the hyperlinked LMS Course #

Upcoming Satellite Broadcasts, Rebroadcasts, Video Conferences & Webcasts

United States Department of Labor *The Difference Between Respirators and Surgical Masks* LMS Course Number: [USDOL-20101216](#)

This 5 minute, 35 second YouTube video clip is provided by the United States Department of Labor (12/16/09).

A surgical mask is not a respirator and that is an important distinction for you and your employer to understand. You have a right to a safe and healthful workplace. Whenever respiratory protection is required to be worn to protect you from hazardous airborne contaminants, your employer is responsible for implementing a comprehensive respiratory protection program and providing you with the appropriate respirator, in accordance with OSHA's respiratory protection standard, 29, CFR 1910.134. This program must include training, medical evaluation, and fit testing.

To get COMPLETE/CREDIT for this course:

1. Please return to the LMS after viewing the content of the Webcast/Video
2. Go to "My Courses"
3. Select "Current Courses" folder
4. Select "*Certify Completion - due*" in the Activities Column

Once you Certify Completion, the course will be moved to your "Completed Courses" folder.

Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) *Epidemic Management* Live Satellite Broadcast & Webcast: February 18, 2010, 1:00-2:30pm LMS Course Number: [ADPH-20100218](#)

Program Description: Population growth, societal aging, urbanization, rapid transportation, economic interdependence, and emerging infectious disease have expanded community vulnerability far beyond what could have been imagined a few generations ago. But, an expansion of medical technology has provided an array of tools and techniques for therapeutics and public health disease management never before imagined. Program faculty will examine disease as a social event in an evolving global community and discuss why applying new systems and science is critical for tomorrow's public health professional.

Objectives:

- Describe community vulnerabilities and how they affect community planning for epidemic disease.
- Discuss how technology and science can be applied in the face of an epidemic.
- Develop and apply operational models for the management of epidemic disease.
- Match and align identified vulnerabilities with tools of process and science to maximize community survival and recovery in an epidemic.

Target Audience: Physicians, nurses, social workers, administrators, emergency medical response providers, health care providers, disaster management personnel, community leaders, and government officials.

View as an archived Webcast via the NYSDOH Learning Management System (LMS): Search Course Catalog for "ADPH-20100218" or use this enrollment link: [ADPH-20100218](#)



PANDEMIC INFLUENZA PLANNING AND PREPAREDNESS

April 13-15, 2010

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Location

The Radisson Hotel-Utica
200 Genesee Street
Utica, New York 13502

This course is being presented by the Office of Homeland Security in conjunction with the Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP).

Course Description: The Pandemic Planning and Preparedness course is designed to train responders who are faced with challenges posed by the threat of a pandemic. This training allows students to better understand the threat of a pandemic and the roles they play in preparing their communities and their employees. Throughout the Pandemic Planning and Preparedness course, various examples of diseases with pandemic potential are discussed. Influenza is a highly probable pandemic threat and is frequently used as an example; however, the objectives of this course apply to any potentially pandemic disease. Students will receive guidance for developing comprehensive and effective plans to prepare for the challenges of a pandemic. These plans should be based on information from the *Comprehensive Preparedness Guide (CPG) 101* prepared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

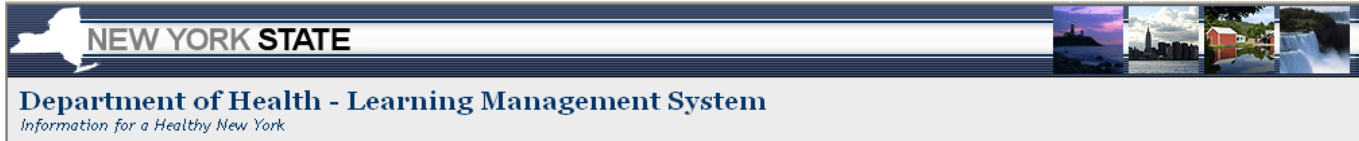
Objectives:

- Identify the components of an Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) and a pandemic annex based on the guidelines of the *CPG 101*
- Discuss the threat posed by pandemics, relating the threat to historical occurrences, causative factors, and the current global environment
- Identify the types and characteristics of influenza and the associated implications for public health and communities
- Describe clinical aspects of influenza and the stages of a pandemic as well as related preventive measures and treatment options for influenza
- Describe federal strategies, assumptions, and preparedness requirements as they apply to response plans and actions for the state, local, and tribal levels
- Describe elements of a Continuity of Operations (COOP) plan
- Discuss the principles of mass prophylaxis, especially as they apply to vaccination procedures during a pandemic.

To **REGISTER** online, go to http://www.security.state.ny.us/training/training_calendar.php

For more information, contact the OHS Training & Exercise Division

Phone: (518) 485-9453 or e-mail: training@security.state.ny.us



Register for the Learning Management System (LMS):

1. Click on the Preparedness Course title link from the list below (ctrl+ click to follow the link)
2. Select **CLICK HERE** to register and complete the registration form (~ 3 minutes to complete.)
 - Choose your **own** username & password
 - Fill in all required fields denoted with an asterisk (*)
 - Please include your **Agency name** in the first line of your work address
 - Also, be sure to select your **Agency** from the drop down menu found at the bottom of the registration page
 - **Submit Your Registration**, and you will be brought to the course description page where you can enroll in the course.

USERNAME:
 PASSWORD:
 LOGIN
 Not registered yet?
 → CLICK HERE
 to register with us

Forgot your password or username?

Use the **PASSWORD RETRIEVAL** function.

Select Username or Password Retrieval, and answer your secret questions



Enroll in a Preparedness Course from the list in this newsletter:

1. Once you have successfully submitted your registration and logged in, you should be brought directly to the **course description page**.
2. **Click the enroll button**. You may also view details about the course, like time and location, by selecting the corresponding links or note the Enrollment Deadline.

FEMA IS-704 NIMS Communications and Information Management							
Enrollment Deadline	Section	Course Format	Start/End Dates	Meeting Times	Location	Instructor (s)	Speaker (s)
Enroll Ongoing	IS-704	Online	Ongoing				

3. After clicking the **enroll button**, you will receive confirmation of your registration on the screen and in your e-mail.

Course Catalog - Registration

Course Catalog | [Program Catalog](#) | [Advanced Search](#) | [Recommended Courses](#) | [Required Courses](#)

You have successfully registered for FEMA IS-704 NIMS Communications and Information Management. It is now part of your Current Courses in [My Courses](#).

4. As stated in the on-screen confirmation, the on-line course was added to **My Courses** (see: User Menu)
- You can navigate around **My Courses** by selecting the **Pending, Current, Completed Courses, Completed Programs** or **LMS Activity Report** tabs.
 - From here you can access the **Launch Course** button, view section details, use the **messaging tool**, or **unenroll** from the course.

User Menu Hide

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- My Courses
- Course Catalog

My Courses

Be sure to register for your **Required Courses** and **Recommended Courses**. You may also view **Course Catalog** for a full list of courses.

Default folder for "My Courses"

Pending Courses | **Current Courses** | Failed/Incomplete Courses | Completed Courses | Completed Programs | LMS Activity Report

Course Name	Credit Type	Credits	Section	Activities
FEMA IS-704 NIMS Communications and Information Management IS-704 Online			Ongoing	Details Messaging

Launch Course | Unenroll

5. Using the **messaging link**, send your FEMA completion certificate to the course administrator to receive a complete for the course.

Messaging

FEMA IS-704 NIMS Communications and Information Management - IS-704

[New Message To the Course Administrator](#)

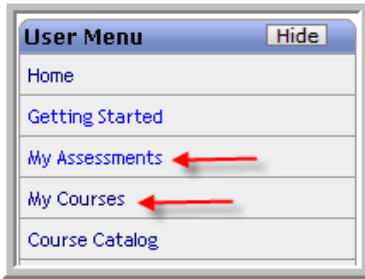
There are 4 ways to move a course from your **Current** to **Completed Courses**:

- After passing the quiz(s) at the end of a course, you will be
- Complete the Activity Due found in My Courses. This could be a quiz or a certification.
- Contact the Course Administrator using the LMS's Messaging Tool
- Be completed by the Course Administrator after meeting all course completion requirements, like 100% attendance or completion of field exercises.

6. Now you can track all of your continuing professional education through the NY Learns Public Health (NYLearnsPH.com) Learning Management System. Without logging in, you may also:

- Find help pages and FAQs addressing LMS functionality
- Get help with forgotten passwords.
- Learn about training opportunities through the LMS **Announcements** and **LHD/LMS Calendar**
- Browse the **Course Catalog**
- Contact Us** with questions

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Once you are logged in, you can:

- **Enroll** in other live and on-line training opportunities available through the LMS.
- Receive targeted competency-based **Course Recommendations** by completing **competency self-assessments** in **My Assessments**.
- Keep track of **Non-LMS Courses** (taken outside of the LMS) by entering them into your **Completed Courses** folder of **My Courses**.

Preparedness courses on www.NYlearnsPH.com include:

- [PFA-100.A: Psychological First Aid](#) (CNTL + Click to enroll)

GeoLearning:

- [GEOL-2009.1: NFPA 1600 Business Continuity Programs](#)
- [GEOL-2009.3: NFPA 1600 Disaster/Emergency Management](#)
- [GEOL-2009.2: Pandemic Flu Awareness](#)

FEMA Independent Study Courses

- [FEMA IS-100.A: Introduction to Incident Command System](#)
- [FEMA IS-100.HC: Introduction to Incident Command System for Healthcare Organizations](#)
- [FEMA IS-120.A: An Introduction to Exercises](#)
- [FEMA IS-130: Exercise Evaluation and Improvement Planning](#)
- [FEMA IS-139: Exercise Design](#)
- [FEMA IS-200.A: Incident Command Systems for Single Resources and Initial Action Incident](#)
- [FEMA IS-200.HC: Applying ICS to Healthcare Organizations](#)
- [FEMA IS-700.A: National Incident Management System \(NIMS\), An Introduction](#)
- [FEMA IS-701: Multi-agency Coordination System \(MACS\) Course](#)
- [FEMA IS-702: National Incident Management Systems \(NIMS\) Public Information Systems](#)
- [FEMA IS-703: NIMS Resource Management](#)
- [FEMA-IS-704: NIMS Communications and Information Management](#)
- [FEMA IS-706: NIMS Intrastate Mutual Aid - An Introduction](#)
- [FEMA IS-775: EOC Management and Operations](#)
- [FEMA IS-800.B: A National Response Framework \(NRF\), An Introduction](#)
- [FEMA IS-801: Transportation](#)
- [FEMA IS-802: Emergency Support Functions Communications](#)
- [FEMA IS-812: Emergency Support Function \(ESF\) #12 Energy](#)
- [FEMA IS-813: Public Safety and Security Annex](#)

University at Albany School of Public Health's Center for Public Health Preparedness

- [UACPHP-200: Microbiology: An Introduction](#)
- [UACPHP-201: Mass Dispensing: A Primer for Community Leaders](#)
- [UACPHP-202: Emergency Preparedness Training for Hospital Clinician](#)
- [UACPHP-203: County Animal Response Team](#)
- [UACPHP-204: Your Family Disaster Plan](#)
- [UACPHP-205: Zoonosis, Preparedness, and Public Health](#)
- [UACPHP-206: Field Epidemiology](#)
- [UACPHP-207: Detecting Bioterror](#)
- [UACPHP-208: Working in a Point of Dispensing \(POD\)](#)
- [UACPHP-209: Terrorism, Preparedness, and Public Health: An Introduction](#)
- [UACPHP-210: Preparedness and Community Response to Pandemics](#)
- [UACPHP-211: Personal Preparedness](#)
- [UACPHP-212: HazMat Transportation Incidents: Using the Emergency Response Guidebook](#)
- [UACPHP-213: Nuclear Terror: Pathways and Prevention](#)
- [UACPHP-214: Risk Communication](#)
- [UACPHP-215: Basic Emergency Preparedness for Staff of Community Health Facilities](#)
- [UACPHP-216: Ethics and Public Health in an Age of Terrorism](#)
- [UACPHP-217: Long-term Care Facilities: Emergency Preparedness Plan](#)
- [UACPHP-218: Emergency Animal Sheltering](#)
- [UACPHP-219: Special Medical Needs Sheltering](#)

POD Simulation Games

These interactive games transport you to the frontlines of a Point of Dispensing (POD) following an exposure event. The games were developed for the Chicago and Illinois Departments of Health so the names of the POD roles a slightly different, but the skills are the same.

- [SIM 101 – The POD Game: Screener](#)
- [SIM 102 – The POD Game: Forms](#)
- [SIM 103 – The POD Game: Dispenser](#)

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FOR ADDITIONAL TRAINING INFORMATION, VIEW THE [Public Health Preparedness Training Calendar](#)

FIRST, log on to the NYSDOH Health Commerce System's Health Provider Network (HPN) at <https://commerce.health.state.ny.us/>

SECOND, copy and paste this address into the browser's window:

<https://commerce.health.state.ny.us/hpn/cgi-bin/aplinks/osphcal/eventcalendar.pl>

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 <i>HOLIDAY</i>	16 <i>Public Health Preparedness → Annual Summit Atlanta, GA</i>	17 →	18 →	19 →	20
21	22	23	24 <i>LHD Clin Ops Webinar 11:00-12:00pm</i>	25	26	27
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