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To mitigate the loss of life, the Division of Emergency Preparedness assists Public Health entities, Healthcare Providers, and Hoosiers to respond to and recover from all hazard incidents by identifying, developing, refining, and executing plans in a timely manner.



We'd like to thank each of you for your continued efforts and commitment to public health and healthcare preparedness throughout the state. We hope you enjoy spending time with friends and family this holiday season, and wish you a wonderful holiday and happiest new year.

**Warmest Regards,
The ISDH Division of Emergency Preparedness**



Pictured (back row, from left) Kate Petrolino, Philip Wages, Michael Galloway, Kristen Dietz, Chris Gilbert, Daniel Hovious, Andrew Wilson, (middle row, from left) Yvonne Alexander, Kaitlin Watson, Kiley Melvin, Eric Shelley, Pam Blasdel, Megan Lytle, Zac Jones, (front row, from left) Emily Sargent, April Kendrick, Kathy Borgmann, Marketia Jones, Marie Hitze and Derek Sebold.

PUBLIC HEALTH NEWS UPDATES

Pandemic Influenza Updated Guidance

Although pandemics occur infrequently, planning and preparing for a pandemic is important to ensure an effective response. Planning for and responding to a pandemic is complex, and pandemics can affect everyone in the community. Therefore, public health officials, healthcare professionals, researchers and scientists in the United States and across the world are working together to plan and prepare for possible pandemics. Many resources are available to help state and local governments, public health and healthcare professionals, corporations, and communities develop pandemic preparedness plans and strengthen their capabilities to respond to different pandemic scenarios.

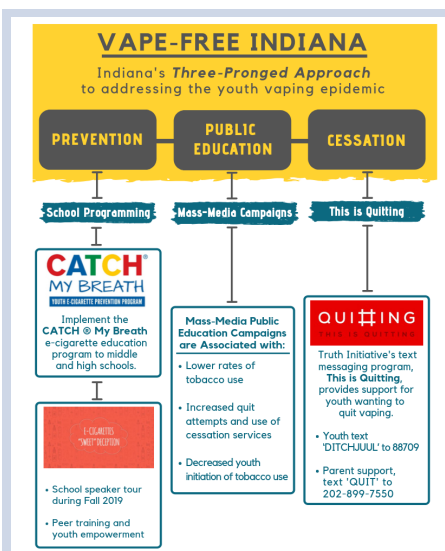
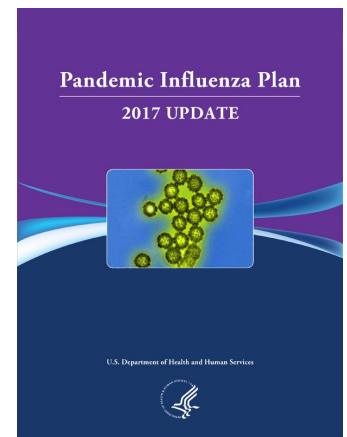
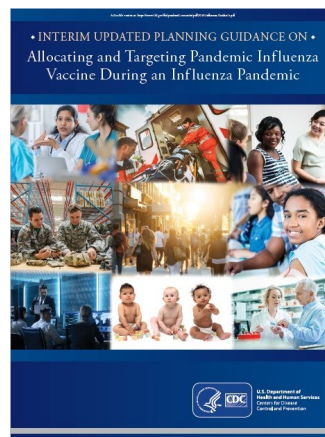
The original 2005 plan was ambitious in its goals for domestic pandemic vaccine production capacity, for stockpiling of antiviral drugs and pre-pandemic vaccines, and for using community mitigation measures to slow spread of disease.

Today, with a domestic vaccine manufacturing capacity well-established, stockpiles maintained, and evidence-based guidance on prevention, mitigation and treatment available for state and local governments, the private sector, individuals, and families, we face different challenges — how to sustain the advances we have made, to keep up with the changes in how people live and work, and to close in on those goals that have proved more elusive.

The 2005 Pandemic Influenza Plan and subsequent updates focused planning for a severe pandemic with effects that would extend beyond health consequences to include social and economic disruption. By preparing exclusively for a severe pandemic, the plan did not include specific guidance for the type of pandemic we experienced in 2009, which was comparatively less severe.

However, the capabilities that were developed through the Health and Human Services Plan, the [National Strategy for Pandemic Influenza](#), and its companion 2006 [Implementation Plan](#), were effectively adapted and used to respond to the pandemic that emerged. Lessons learned were captured to inform future responses and new guidance documents have been released.

This 2017 update builds on goals elaborated in the 2005 plan and, using evolving science and budget priorities, identifies domains, goals, objectives, and key actions to serve as planning guides for the next decade. You may click on the plan above, which will take you to the online guidance documents.



Behind the Haze Campaign

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, mass-reach health communications campaigns that use multiple-media formats, include hard-hitting or graphic images; are intended to change knowledge, beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors affecting tobacco use; and provide tobacco users with information on resources on how to quit.

As part of Indiana's Vape-Free Indiana effort announced by Gov. Eric J. Holcomb and State Health Commissioners, Kris Box, M.D., FACOG, the Indiana State Department of Health has partnered with Rescue Agency to launch Behind the Haze, a statewide evidence-based vaping prevention campaign to reduce vaping among Indiana youth.

Behind the Haze is a campaign that delivers compelling evidence-based health education that motivates young people (13-21) to rethink their vaping behaviors and/or intentions. Rather than use ambiguous scare tactics, Behind the Haze delivers specific facts that teens know, attitudes and/or beliefs that are associated with vaping behaviors to curb vape use long-term.

Click [here](#) for more information.

D8 Emergency Preparedness Planning Coalition ASSET RODEO

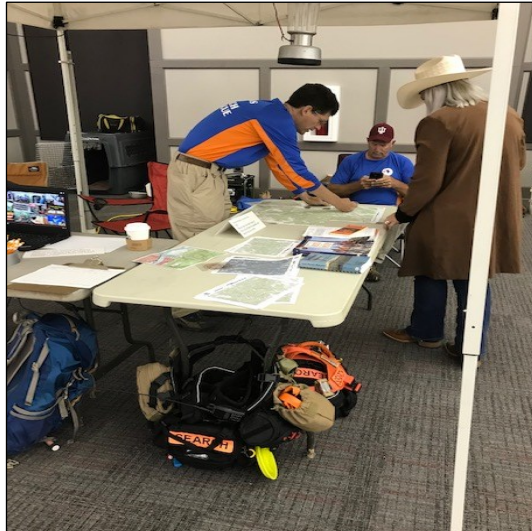
District 8 EPPC

The District 8 Emergency Preparedness and Planning Coalition recently hosted a District Asset Rodeo at the French Lick Event Center and Exhibition Hall. This event was planned around bringing some of the deployable assets located in and around District 8 for the newer members to view.

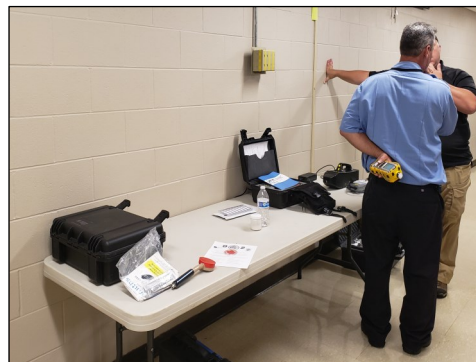
The event was a success as some of the assets available were unknown to some of the long-time members. Also, some ideas were formulated on how to integrate the assets together to become more widely utilized throughout the district. Some of the assets presented included several versions of haz-mat decontamination showers, incident command shelters, mass casualty trailers and drone uses and demonstrations.

The French Lick Exhibition Hall is a 32,000 square foot area that is enclosed and temperature-controlled that could be used for many different applications should a disaster or large scale event occur in the area.

While this event isn't planned to be an every year event it will be hosted again in the future as District 8 membership grows and different assets become available.



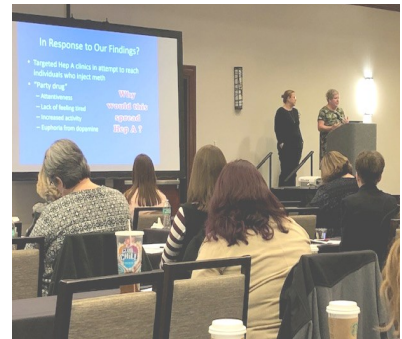
Dynamic Exercise by the Marion County Public Health Department



The Marion County Public Health Department held a two-day exercise (held annually, but changing to every other year moving forward) at the Division Armory. The exercise was intended for first responders, including firefighters, EMS, EMA, police officers, paramedics and hazmat specialists who respond to calls about suspicious substances.

The purpose is to allow them to test their equipment and knowledge on radiological, chemical and nuclear material/ substances as a means for practice in preparation for a real event.

2019 INDIANA INFECTIOUS DISEASE SUMMIT



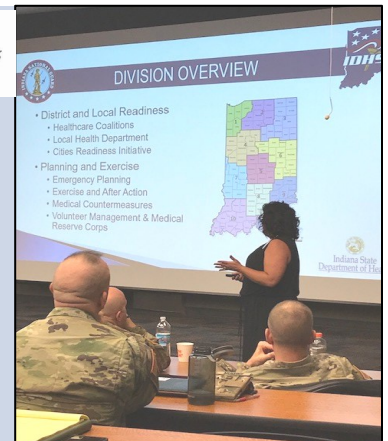
The Indiana State Department of Health hosted the 2019 Infectious Disease Summit Nov. 20 -21 at the Marriott East in Indianapolis. The summit focus; United in Prevention, Response, and Service. This included nearly 300 participants from disease-related fields such as emergency preparedness coordinators, epidemiologists, healthcare providers, infection preventions, laboratorians, local health departments, public safety personnel, state partners and students.



Force Multiplier



The Indiana Department of Homeland Security and the Indiana National Guard hosted this event to bring people together to network and understand the roles, responsibilities and resources available for first responders. The events were held in September and October in six locations throughout the state. The IDHS, INNG and ISDH are already planning for next years "tour"; keep your eye out for more information. The most important take away was to network, understand who does what and why, resources and reports from the field, and best practices and agency updates.



Strategic National Stockpile Preparedness Course

Several members of our staff recently completed the Strategic National Stockpile Preparedness Course training at the Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP) in Anniston, Alabama. The CDP develops and delivers advanced training for emergency response providers, emergency managers, and other government officials from state, local, and tribal government.

If anyone is interested, more information about CDP and the training provided can be found at <http://cdp.dhs.gov>.



NEW: Public Health & Healthcare Preparedness Training Certification

As the new year approaches, ISDH Division of Emergency Preparedness is pleased to announce the upcoming roll-out of a new public health and healthcare preparedness training certification program for Local Health Departments and Healthcare Coalition partners. This training program is similar to other emergency preparedness/ management type programs seen in the past, but has specific focus and relevance to public health and healthcare.

This certification will have a basic and advanced level. The basic level will be several online trainings which are also current requirements of the Public Health Emergency Preparedness grant for Budget Period 1 (7/1/2019 – 6/30/2020). The advanced level will incorporate in-person trainings even more specific to public health and healthcare emergencies and response. We are working to finalize the documentation submittal process and plan to publish the program with all necessary information and processes first quarter 2020.

Any questions and future training requests can be sent to the ISDH DEP Training Inbox ISDHDEPTraining@isdh.IN.gov. Thank you!

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CDC'S FOOD SAFETY TIPS:



Clean: Wash your hands with soap and water before, during, and after preparing food. This includes utensils and surfaces when you cook.



Separate: Raw meat, poultry, seafood and eggs can spread germs. Keep cooked food and fresh produce separated.



Cook: Use a food thermometer to make sure foods are cooked to an internal temperature that kills germs.



Chill: Refrigerate perishable foods external icon and leftovers within two hours. Chill within one hour if it's above 90°F.



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Indiana Health Alert Network

Make sure you're registered to receive ISDH alerts. Registering is as simple as logging on to the [website](#) and entering the information requested. Select "Register Now" button on the home page to begin the process. You should have information about your employer and contact information available to complete the registration. ISDH will verify individuals registering for different organizations within the system. New users may only join organizations that are applicable to their professions.



UPCOMING

TRAININGS AND EVENTS

JANUARY	FEBRUARY		MARCH
Debris Management Regional Operations Center, Indianapolis, IN 01/08-01/09/18	PER 320: Personal Protective Measures for Biological Events Christos Banquet Center, Plymouth, IN 02/19/19		MGT 317: Disaster Manage- ment for Public Services Ivy Tech Terre Haute Terra Haute, IN 03/10-03/11/19
Basic Public Information Officer & Joint Information System/Center Planning Decatur County EMA, Greensburg, IN 01/15-01/17/19	FBI/WMD First Respond- er State and Local Anti- Terrorism Training Corteva, Zionsville, IN 02/25/19 (see flyer for registration)		Community Cyber Security Exercise Planning Christos Banquet Center, Plymouth, IN 03/18-03/19/19
G271: Hazardous Weather and Flooding Preparedness Jefferson Co Public Safety Center, Madison, IN 01/28-01/29/19	FBI/WMD First Respond- er State and Local Anti- Terrorism Training Public Safety Academy- Ivy Tech South Campus, Fort Wayne, IN 02/27/19 (see flyer for registration)		
Basic Public Information Officer & Joint Information System/Center Planning Hendricks Co 4-H Fairgrounds & Conference Complex Danville, IN			

How do I sign up for training?

To take training courses offered by local, state and federal partners, you will need to obtain a Public Safety Identification (PSID) number from the State of Indiana and a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMS) Student Identification (SID) number. Obtaining your PSID will also provide you access to Acadis the State of Indiana's online course and training management system. Click [here](#) to find out more and register.