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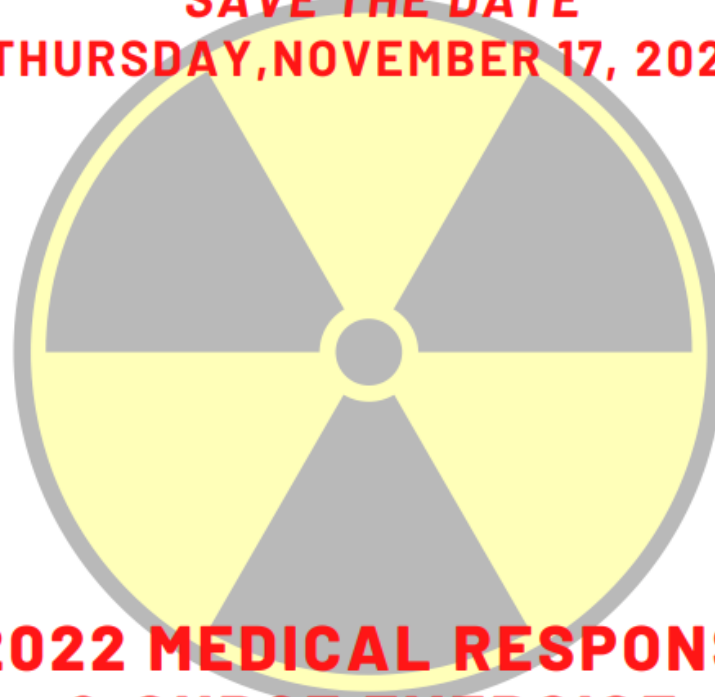
2022 Countywide Exercise Radiological Response

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2022 MEDICAL RESPONSE
& SURGE EXERCISE

RADIOLOGICAL RESPONSE PLAN
EVALUATION

Exercise Clinic Objectives

Objective One:

- Maintain communications with healthcare partners and the local Disaster Operations Center
- **Sample tasks:**
- Update operational status via Reddinet
- Test redundant communication systems (i.e. phone trees, mass communication systems, email, radios, etc.)

Objective Two:

- Activate the Incident Command System to provide a structured and successful emergency response.
- **Sample tasks:**
- Complete HICS forms
- Review Emergency Operations Plan and Job Action Sheets with staff
- Communicate with clinical and non-clinical staff, patients, and visitors to notify them of ICS activation.

Exercise Clinic Objectives (continued)

Objective Three:

- Ensure processes and procedures are in place throughout response to provide the following to all clinical and non-clinical staff and their families: appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), psychological first aid, just-in-time training, and other interventions specific to the emergency to protect health care workers from illness or injury.
- **Sample tasks:**
- Conduct a safety briefing that addresses the availability and appropriate use of PPE, psychological first aid, and other available resources.
- Distribute just-in-time training materials to staff, such as job action sheets FAQs, and recommended PPE guidelines.
- Routinely evaluate the facility and workplace environment for any potential hazards or additional resources needs.

Objective Four:

- Initiate shelter in place plan if facility is located within geographically affected area.
- **Sample tasks:**
- Implement the shelter in place (SIP) plan
- Develop objectives, strategies, and tactics for the implementation of the SIP plan
- Ensure supplies for SIP are adequate for number of staff, patients, and visitors within the facility

Exercise Urgent Care & Ambulatory Surgery Center Objectives

Objective 1: Maintain Appropriate Communications

- Sample Tasks
- Activate the Communication Plan
- Utilize and test communication systems to notify staff and DHS MCC as applicable
- Develop/determine information sharing procedures specific to the incident response with DHS MCC staff and document these procedures

Objective 2: Shelter in Place

- Sample Tasks
- Implement the facility's shelter in place (SIP) plan upon notification that the facility is within the affected area within [*insert timeframe*]
- Operationalize strategies and tactics for the implementation of the SIP plan

Exercise Urgent Care & Ambulatory Surgery Center Objectives Cont'd.

Objective 2: Shelter in Place Cont'd.

- Ensure supplies for SIP are available and adequate for number of staff, patients, and physicians

Objective 3: Resource Sharing

Sample Tasks

- Assess for demand/ability to share/expand space for non-traditional care to off load hospital surge
- Activate plans and mutual aid agreements as needed to obtain, share, and/or return Health Care Coalition resources as appropriate
- Share emergency supplies with impacted healthcare partners
- Ensure operations are maintained-extend/adjust operating hours

Sample Clinic Injects

Inject #1:

- Local law enforcement notifies healthcare partners to evacuate or shelter in place.

Inject # 2:

- Your supplies are running low and below PAR levels.



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Clinic Full Scale Exercise Example

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Introduction



- Based in Southern California
- 15 Health Centers and 1 Mobile Health Center
 - Services include:
 - Adult Medicine
 - Pediatrics
 - Dental
 - Women’s Health
 - Behavioral Health
- 13 WIC Facilities
- 4 Administrative Offices
 - 2 Corporate
 - Warehouse
 - WIC Administrative Offices



Planning (Corporate Based)

- Planning begins in the summer (July/ August)
- Planning Team
 - Environment of Care Committee
 - Emergency Management Committee
- Exercise Team
 - Observers & Controllers/Evaluators
 - Corporate Incident Command System
- Tabletop Exercise (August)
- Injects are developed



Planning (Site Based)



- Update Incident Command System
 - Remove old staff and include new staff
- Update Phone Tree
- Review Emergency Operations Plan/ Emergency Flipchart
- In-service dates are changed the week of the exercise
- Volunteer patients
- Pre- exercise considerations

Training Agenda (Sample)

1. Exercise
 - Objectives
 - Purpose
 - Goal
 - Time
 - Roles
2. General Logistics on day of exercise
3. Drill Rules
4. Tabletop discussion & Things to Consider
5. Incident Command System Quick Review
6. HICS Documentation
7. Resources
8. Everbridge & Reddinet

Day of Exercise

- Controllers/Evaluators & Observers report to their assigned site
- Everbridge message is sent out
- Injects are given to sites at times assigned
- HICS documentation is preliminarily completed
- Corporate activates Corporate Area Command
- Corporate staff communicate with sites
- Regular patient care resumes once exercise is over

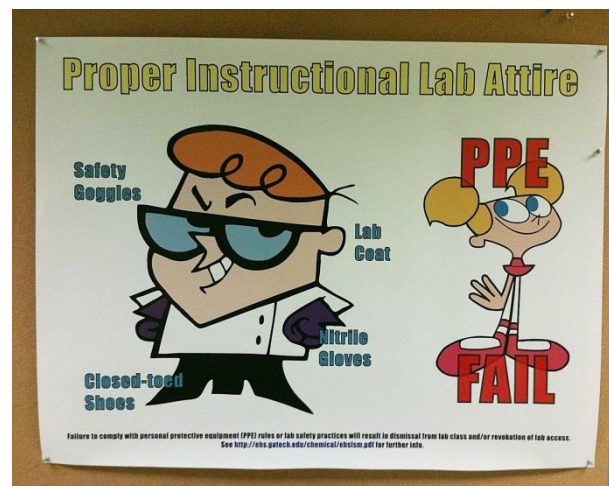


Sample Scenario & Injects from 2018

General Scenario for all Employees ~9am (Event 1): In the morning hours of November 15, multiple large blasts have occurred at 4 locations throughout Los Angeles County at Azusa Pacific University, Cal State University Northridge, UCLA Pauley Pavilion, and Cal State Dominguez Hills. The Cal State University Northridge occurred only a few miles away from your facility. There is chaos in the area, people are running from the explosive sounds. Initial reports indicate 1-2 square city blocks were impacted: broken windows, falling debris and damaged buildings, interruptions in some utilities are being described. Reports indicate that the blasts came from radiological dispersal devices (dirty bombs). The slight breeze is moving the lingering dust in the direction of your facility.

Sample Scenario & Injects from 2018

- **Event 2 ~9:10am:** Members of the community & patients are starting to show up at your facility. Prepare for medical surge operations & decontamination. All patients related to the incident should be medically and psychologically triaged (PsySTART).



Sample Scenario & Injects from 2018

- **Event 3 ~9:25 am:** Decontamination procedures have caused you to use up most of your Personal Protective Equipment, including gloves, masks, & disposable gowns to a point where you are running really low on supplies.



Sample Scenario & Injects from 2018

- **Event 4 ~9:45 am:** The impact of the blast has caused rolling blackouts throughout the San Fernando Valley and Santa Clarita Valley. Your facility has just lost all power.
- **Event 5 ~10 am:** Power has been restored to your facility and Emergency Personnel have deemed it safe to go outside. Drill ends.

Sample Scenario & Injects from 2018

Hotwash

- **~10:05-10:30** Spend some time reviewing with staff what went well and what did not work. All staff members who participated in the drill need to complete a Participant Feedback Form.



Pictures from 2018

