



Pre-Interoperable Communications Drill Training (Optional)

Background

The Interoperable Communications (IOC) Drills are designed to help Health Emergency Preparedness Coalitions (HEPC) partners ensure that they have redundant forms of communication among their members. Redundant communication refers to having multiple back-up communication modalities, and is critical to emergency preparedness planning. Past exercise and real-world events demonstrate that health care coalitions cannot depend on just one or even two means for communication.

Based on requirements of the Hospital Preparedness Program for two annual IOC Drills, and corrective actions from previous exercises and real-life events, the Office of Health Emergency Preparedness is planning to conduct one drill in the Fall of 2018. In preparation for the drill, two optional training webinars are planned: **Exercises 101**, and **Writing an After-Action Report** to assist partners who are new to exercises and drills.

Goal

The goals of the webinars are to ensure that local healthcare and public health preparedness partners:

- Become familiar with types of preparedness exercises, and why exercises are an important component of ongoing emergency preparedness activities.
- Learn how to document observed strengths and areas for improvements identified during an exercise.

Target Audience

Home Care providers, Nursing Home staff, Community Health Care Center staff, and Adult Care Facility staff who are responsible for conducting exercises.

NYSDOH Faculty

- Pat Anders, Manager of Health Emergency Preparedness Exercises, Office of Health Emergency Preparedness

Training Dates (1:00 pm—2:00 pm)

- September 7, 2018—Exercises 101
- September 21, 2018—Writing an AAR

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Questions Regarding Training

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Registration

To enroll in the training, please go to www.NYLearnsPH.com and either register or login to the LMS. Search Course Catalog for: **OHEP-PREIOCEX-2018 OR OHEP-PREIOCAAR-2018.**