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Public Health Emergency Preparedness Orientation

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Public Health Emergency

- An occurrence or imminent threat of an illness or health condition
- A situation becomes emergent when its health consequences have the potential to overwhelm routine community capabilities

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Preparedness Rolls

- Office of Preparedness and Emergency Health Care
- Tribal and Local Public Health Agencies
- Public Health Workforce

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Office of Preparedness and Emergency Health Care (OPEHC)



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OPEHC and Public Health

- Manage grants
- Training and exercises
- Provide technical assistance and planning
- Maintain web-based systems
- Respond
 - Staff Emergency Support Function 6 and 8 at the State Emergency Operations Center
 - Coordinate the Departments emergency response
 - Coordinate Divisions On-Call teams

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Wisconsin's Preparedness Funding



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Training and Exercise

- Online and classroom
- Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP)
 - Drills
 - Tabletop Exercise
 - Functional Exercise
 - Full-Scale Exercise
- Design, build, conduct and evaluate exercises

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Technical Assistance and Planning

- Preparedness Capabilities
 - Public Health 15
 - Healthcare 4
- Emergency Operation Plan
 - Emergency Support Function 8 – Health and Medical
 - Emergency Support Function 6 – Mass Care, Housing and Human Services
 - Some counties use annexes

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Web-Based Systems

- Partner Communications and Alerting – PCA Portal
- Wisconsin Emergency Assistance Volunteer Registry - WEAVR
- Incident management – WebEOC
- Hospital resource tracking – WI-Trac
- Learning Management – WI-TRAIN
- Emergency Alerting – Rave Alert
- Wisconsin Electronic Disease Surveillance System – WEDSS

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State Response


Comprehensive Response System

- Focus – first 72 hours
- Enable response
- Survivor needs
- Begin restoration



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Local Public Health Agencies

- Prepare
- Respond
- Recover

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Local Public Health Agencies

- Prepare
 - Conduct a hazard vulnerability assessment
 - Develop a plan
- Train staff
 - Incident Command System
 - Emergency response
- Exercise plan
- Participate in regional healthcare coalitions


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Potential Public Health Threats

- Communicable disease outbreaks
- Natural disasters
- Radiological hazardous substance
- Terrorism – Nuclear, Biological and Chemical



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Hazard Vulnerability Assessment

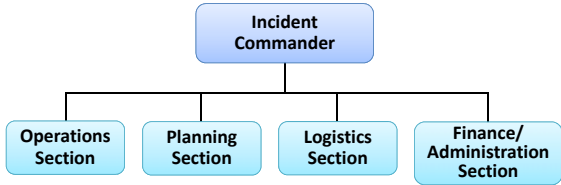
- Jurisdictional assessment of health risks and vulnerabilities
- Threats drive planning and training
- Top five threats in 2016
 1. Cyber Attack
 2. Epidemic
 3. Ice Storm
 4. Civic/Sporting Event
 5. Severe Thunderstorm

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Incident Command System




Recommended Trainings

Online Training	Classroom Training
ICS-100 and ICS-200	ICS-300 and ICS-400
IS-700	IS-800

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Healthcare Coalitions

- Broaden scope of healthcare partnerships
- Shift from planning to response and recovery
- Regional medical coordination
 - Situational awareness of medical resources
 - Alerting and communication coordination
 - Bed availability counts and patient tracking
 - Surge capacity for disaster incidents



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Local Public Health Agencies

- Respond
 - Use your Public Health Emergency Plan
 - Notification of staff
 - Develop an Incident Action Plan
 - Communicate
 - Internal
 - Partners
 - Public
 - Document

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Wisconsin is a Home Rule State

- Constitutional Home Rule
Allows municipalities to determine their local affairs and government
- Statutory Home Rule
Except as otherwise provided by law, management and control of the municipality's property, finances, highways, navigable waters, and the public services

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Home Rule

- By statute empowered to act for the health, safety, and welfare of the public
- Can declare, by ordinance or resolution, an emergency
- Control of an incident remains in the hands of the local jurisdiction
- Any and all state assistance must be at the request of the local jurisdiction
- Responsibility to plan for emergencies falls to local units of government

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Legal Authority to Act

- U.S. Code Title 42 - The Public Health and Welfare
- Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002
- Project BioShield Act of 2004
- Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness (PREP) Act of 2005
- Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Reauthorization Act of 2013

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Legal Authority to Act

- Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act of 1988
- Homeland Security Act of 2002
- Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act of 2006

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Legal Authority to Act

Wisconsin Statute 250 Health; Administration and Supervision

- Power to execute what is reasonable and necessary for the prevention and suppression of disease
- Investigate the cause of disease or mortality
- Subpoena and compel the attendance of witnesses
- Department Health Services is lead agency for public health emergencies
- Purchase, store, or distribute pharmaceuticals and medical supplies

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Legal Authority to Act

Wisconsin Statute 252 Communicable Diseases

- Close schools and forbid public gatherings
- Enforce rules or issue orders for guarding against the introduction of any communicable disease
- Authorize and implement all emergency measures necessary to control communicable diseases
- Compulsory vaccination during a state of emergency (Jacobson v. Massachusetts 1905)
- Isolation and quarantine
- local health officer may deputize quarantine guards

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Legal Authority to Act

- Local Health Officers are the primary public health authority
- State Health Officer has statewide authority but must collaborate with local public health departments
- Department of Health Services supports and provides direct assistance to Local Public Health Departments

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Local Public Health Agencies

- Recovery
 - Short term (days)
 - Recover staff, equipment, etc.
 - Establish surveillance protocols
 - Intermediate (weeks to months)
 - Continuity of care
 - Long term (months to years)
 - Reestablish disrupted health care facilities
 - Assist with behavioral health

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Mutual Aid

- In Wisconsin jurisdiction to jurisdiction by statute
 - Law enforcement, fire, hazmat, public health
- State to state Emergency Mutual Aid Compact
 - All 50 states
 - Provide recourses to requesting state
 - Requesting state pays for resource
 - Provides liability protection

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Public Health Workforce

- Don't be a victim
- Make a plan for yourself, family and pets
- Plan to help your neighbor and community
- Practice and build out your plans
- Keep your contact information up to date
- Get connected

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