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Interoperable Communications Drill #1

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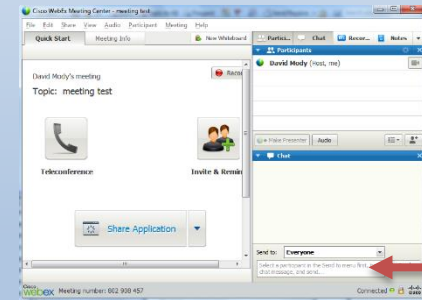
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Background of IOC Drills

- The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and CDC have identified biannual **Interoperable Communications Drills** as priority exercises for Local Health Departments and healthcare partners for 2019-2020.
- Communications systems should be implemented **based on State and local plans.**

Briefing Objectives

- Understand the background and rationale for the IOC Drills
- Understand the capabilities and the objectives of the exercise

Capability To Be Tested

Capabilities

- Information Sharing
 - **Interoperable Communications Drills**

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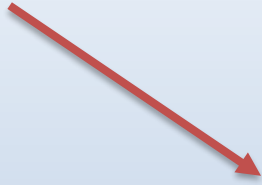


Overview of Required Exercise

Exercise Overview

- Conduct two (2) annual ***Interoperable Communications Drills*** that:
 - Helps Health Emergency Preparedness Coalitions (HEPC) partners ensure that they have redundant forms of communication among their members.
 - Refers to having multiple back-up communication modalities, and is critical to emergency preparedness planning.
 - Cell phones, satellite phones, HAM radios, VOIP, HCS
 - Landlines and fax machines cannot be used



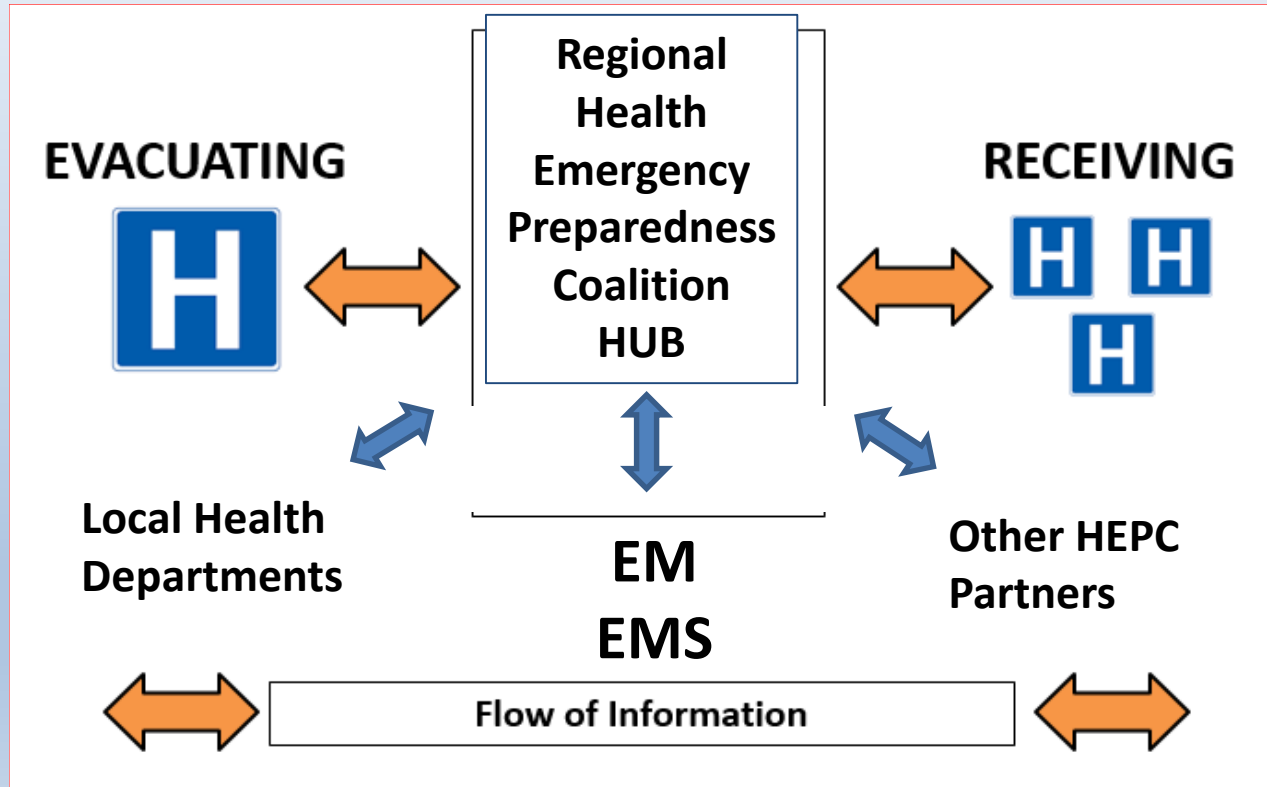


Interoperable Communications

Interoperable Communications Drills - Final Objectives

- Demonstrate the ability to use a primary and back-up communications system (internet – including VOIP, radio, cellular, and satellite) to communicate with coalition partners (LHD, hospitals, EMS, EM, and other partners).
- Complete the NYSDOH Health Commerce System (HCS) Health Emergency Response Data System (HERDS) survey within the timeframe outlined in the IHANS alert.

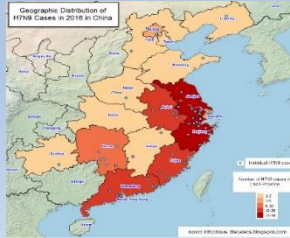
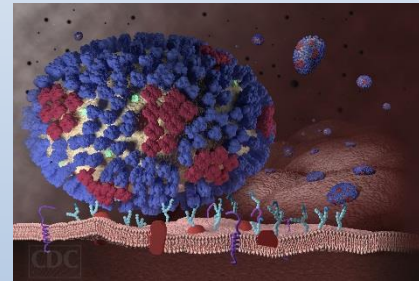
Information Sharing for Situational Awareness (IOC Drill #1)



Exercise Scenario

- ***Crimson Contagion***

- Federal exercise with CDC, HHS, and numerous other Federal agencies, and nine states
- Will occur in August
- IOC Drill #1 will be conducted the week of August 12-16, 2019
- International influenza outbreak of H7N9
 - US cases identified in June and July linked to travelers from Tibet or China



Exercise Participants

- Local health departments
- Hospitals
- Emergency Managers
- EMS
- Home Care
- Nursing Homes
- Community Health Centers
- Adult Care Facilities
- Hospice



Exercise Conduct

Exercise Roles

- Controller
- Evaluator
-  Player/Participant
- Observers (optional)



Exercise Communications

- The primary means of communications will be cell phone
 - Text, VOIP, email, radios also can be used
- Similar to previous IOC drills
 - IHANS alert, text, cell phone alerts
 - Direct recipient to email to access the link to the HERDS survey
 - Complete and submit survey

Questions?

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