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**Happy Holidays** from the **December** issue of the Aware Prepare Update. This monthly electronic newsletter is your guide to upcoming satellite, videoconferencing and Webcast trainings related to preparedness. Here you will also find instructional guides for the NYSDOH Learning Management System “NY Learns PH dot com” Learning Management System (or L-M-S).

In this issue we have included the enrollment links to the following on-line preparedness trainings located at <https://www.NYLearnsPH.com>.

They include courses from:

- GeoLearning for increased awareness, prevention & avoidance **3 NEW**
- NYSDOH Office of Health Emergency Preparedness
- FEMA Independent Study **2 NEW**
- University at Albany’s Center for Public Health Preparedness **1 NEW**.

**Also find** the enrollment links to **POD Simulation Games** to sharpen your skills in a variety of roles. These interactive games transport you to the frontlines of a Point of Dispensing (POD) following an exposure event. The games were developed for the Chicago and Illinois Departments of Health so the names of the POD roles may be slightly different, but the skills are the same for POD Screeners, Forms and Dispensers.

## Training Opportunities

Title	Provider	Original Air Date	Original Air Time	Rebrdcst Date	Rebrdcst Time	LMS Course #
Mass Antibiotic Dispensing: Legal Ease	CDC	22-Oct	1-2:30pm	Archived Webcast		<a href="#">CDC-102209</a>
Public Health Live (T2B2): Post-traumatic Stress Disorder in Veterans	UAib SPH	19-Nov	9-10am	Archived Webcast		<a href="#">UASPH-PHL111909</a>

**Register now** at [www.NYLearnsPH.com](http://www.NYLearnsPH.com) and search the *Course Catalog* using the LMS Course #

## Upcoming Satellite Broadcasts, Rebroadcasts, Video Conferences & Webcasts

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

#### *Mass Antibiotic Dispensing: Legal Ease*

Aired Live: October 22, 2009

LMS Course Number: CDC-102209

[Enroll](#)

**Program Description:** The federal government has passed multiple pieces of legislation related to the distribution and dispensing of medical countermeasures during an emergency response in an effort to ensure that countermeasures are distributed and used legally, that dispensers and recipients have the correct information on countermeasure usage, and that liability protections are in place. However, the legislation has created many questions for state and local Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) planners. Many planners have asked how an emergency use authorization (EUA) will affect the dispensing of state caches of medications and whether or not the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness (PREP) Act will protect volunteers working in points of dispensing (PODs). This broadcast will explore some of the legal issues facing state and local SNS planners as they prepare for a mass antibiotic dispensing campaign. Experts from federal and state agencies will discuss current legal issues and how planners can use the laws in place to assist them in their dispensing plans. The broadcast will include a live question-and-answer session, and viewers are encouraged to participate.

**Goal:** To assist state and local public health planners in understanding the complexities of federal legislation relating to mass antibiotic dispensing.

#### **Objectives:**

- Define instances when an EUA could be issued
- Discuss the main concerns addressed by CDC's pre-EUA submission
- List three entities protected under the PREP Act
- Describe the information included in a PREP Act declaration
- Identify two ways the PREP Act will protect state and local planners from legal actions resulting from a mass antibiotic dispensing campaign
- Promote health improvement, wellness, and disease prevention in cooperation with patients, communities, at-risk populations, and other members of an inter-professional team of health care providers by assuring the availability of effective, quality health, and disease prevention services.

To view as a Webcast, go to the NYSDOH Learning Management System (LMS) <https://www.NYlearnsPH.com>, and search the Course Catalog for CDC-102209, the LMS Course Number or select the [Enroll](#) link..

#### **Search by LMS Course Number or select the enroll link to view other CDC Mass Antibiotic Dispensing Webcasts:**

- **CDC-120607** Mass Antibiotic Dispensing: Taking Care of Business [Enroll](#)
- **CDC-101608** Mass Antibiotic Dispensing: Engaging At-Risk Populations [Enroll](#)
- **CDC-012909** Mass Antibiotic Dispensing: Partnering with Tribal Governments and Communities [Enroll](#)

## University at Albany School of Public Health - Public Health Live / T2B2: *Post-traumatic Stress Disorder in Veterans*

Aired Live: November 19, 2009  
LMS Course Number: UASPH-PHL111909

[Enroll](#)

### Speakers:

William Kraus, Executive Deputy Director  
New York State Division of Veterans' Affairs

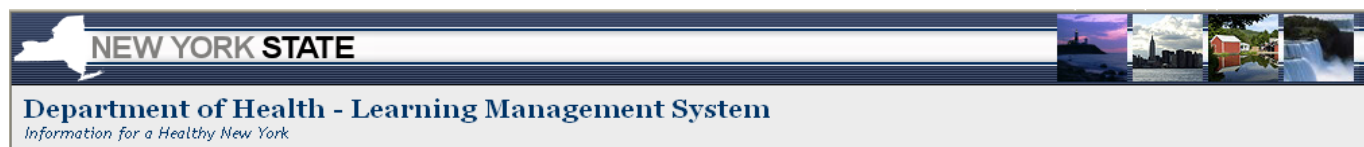
Charles R. Kennedy, PhD  
Stratton VA Medical Center  
PTSD Program

**Program Description:** As more men and woman return to the United States after serving abroad in the military, there is an increased need for awareness, education, and services related to Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). This program will provide an overview of services currently offered by the New York State Division of Veterans' Affairs, particularly as they relate to counseling and other veteran-awarded benefits. This program will also look at the clinical side of Post-traumatic Stress Disorder. It will examine warning signs of PTSD, consider substance abuse related to PTSD, and discuss effective treatment for veteran's struggling with PTSD.

### Objectives:

- Describe symptoms of PTSD in veterans.
- Describe services available to veterans provided by the Division of Veterans' Affairs related to PTSD.
- Explain differences between effective and non-effective treatments for veterans struggling with post traumatic stress.

For more information or to view Webcast visit: <http://www.t2b2.org>  
Or <https://www.NYlearnsPH.com>, search Course Catalog for UASPH-PHL111909



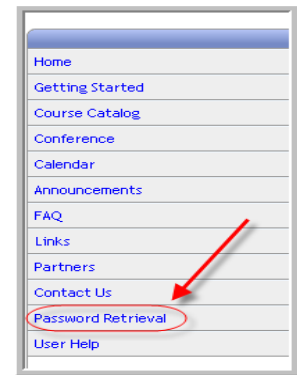
### Register for the Learning Management System (LMS):

1. Click on the Preparedness Course title link from the list below (ctrl+ click to follow the link)
2. Select **CLICK HERE to register** and complete the registration form (~ 3 minutes to complete.)
  - Choose your **own** username & password
  - Fill in all required fields denoted with an asterisk (\*)
  - Please include your **Agency name** in the first line of your work address
  - Also, be sure to select your **Agency** from the drop down menu found at the bottom of the registration page
  - **Submit Your Registration**, and you will be brought to the course description page where you can enroll in the course.

## Forgot your password or username?

Use the **PASSWORD RETRIEVAL** function.

Select Username or Password Retrieval, and answer your secret questions



## Enroll in a Preparedness Course from the list in this newsletter:

- Once you have successfully submitted your registration and logged in, you should be brought directly to the **course description page**.
- Click the enroll button.** You may also view details about the course, like time and location, by selecting the corresponding links or note the Enrollment Deadline.

FEMA IS-704 NIMS Communications and Information Management							
Enrollment Deadline	Section	Course Format	Start/End Dates	Meeting Times	Location	Instructor (s)	Speaker (s)
Enroll Ongoing	IS-704	Online	Ongoing				

- After clicking the **enroll button**, you will receive confirmation of your registration on the screen and in your e-mail.

## Course Catalog - Registration

Course Catalog | [Program Catalog](#) | [Advanced Search](#) | [Recommended Courses](#) | [Required Courses](#)

You have successfully registered for FEMA IS-704 NIMS Communications and Information Management. It is now part of your Current Courses in [My Courses](#).

- As stated in the on-screen confirmation, the on-line course was added to **My Courses** (see: User Menu)
  - You can navigate around **My Courses** by selecting the **Pending, Current, Completed Courses, Completed Programs** or **LMS Activity Report** tabs.
  - From here you can access the **Launch Course** button, view section **details**, use the **messaging tool**, or **unenroll** from the course.

The screenshot shows the 'My Courses' page. On the left is a 'User Menu' with 'My Courses' selected. The main area has a title 'My Courses' and a message: 'Be sure to register for your Required Courses and Recommended Courses. You may also view Course Catalog for a full list of courses.' Below this are several tabs: Pending Courses, Current Courses (circled in red with a red arrow pointing to it and labeled 'Default folder for "My Courses"'), Failed/Incomplete Courses, Completed Courses, Completed Programs, and LMS Activity Report. Below the tabs is a table with columns: Course Name, Credit Type, Credits, Section, and Activities. The first row contains the course 'FEMA IS-704 NIMS Communications and Information Management' with 'IS-704 | Online' below it. Under 'Course Name' is a 'Launch Course' button (circled in red) and an 'Unenroll' button. Under 'Section' is 'Ongoing' with 'Details' and 'Messaging' links below it. Under 'Activities' is a red arrow pointing down.

5. Using the **messaging link**, send your FEMA completion certificate to the course administrator to receive a complete for the course.

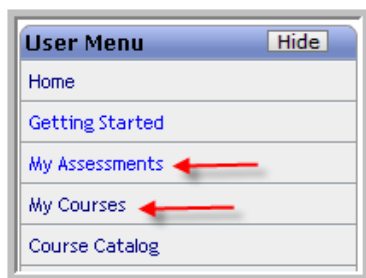
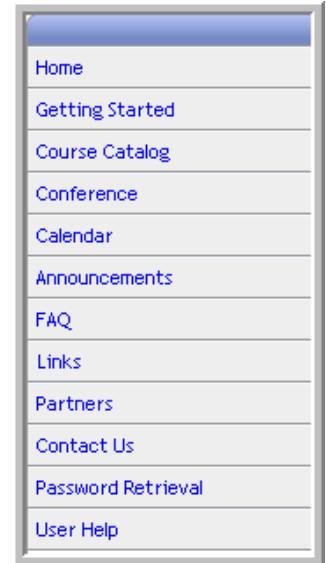


There are 4 ways to move a course from your Current to Completed Courses:

1. After passing the quiz(s) at the end of a course, you will be
2. Complete the Activity Due found in My Courses. This could be a quiz or a certification.
3. Contact the Course Administrator using the LMS's Messaging Tool
4. Be completed by the Course Administrator after meeting all course completion requirements, like 100% attendance or completion of field exercises.

6. Now you can track all of your continuing professional education through the NY Learns Public Health (NYLearnsPH.com) Learning Management System. Without logging in, you may also:

- Find help pages and FAQs addressing LMS functionality
- Get help with forgotten passwords.
- Learn about training opportunities through the LMS **Announcements** and **LHD/LMS Calendar**
- Browse the **Course Catalog**
- **Contact Us** with questions



Once you are logged in, you can:

- **Enroll** in other live and on-line training opportunities available through the LMS.
- Receive targeted competency-based **Course Recommendations** by completing **competency self-assessments** in **My Assessments**.
- Keep track of **Non-LMS Courses** (taken outside of the LMS) by entering them into your **Completed Courses** folder of **My Courses**.

Preparedness courses on [www.NYLearnsPH.com](http://www.NYLearnsPH.com) include:

- [PFA-100.A: Psychological First Aid](#) (CNTL + Click to enroll)

NEW GeoLearning:

- [GEOL-2009.1: NFPA 1600 Business Continuity Programs](#)

**Is Your Organization Prepared to Handle H1N1?** Whether it is a natural disaster that sweeps through your city or a computer virus that destroys vital electronic information, businesses need to be able to recover their services and operations as soon as possible if such a disaster does occur. A Business Continuity Program involves planning the recovery of operations when confronted with adverse events such as natural disasters, technological failures, human error, and terrorism. This course provides a basic understanding of the criteria for a comprehensive program that addresses business continuity in accordance with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standard 1600, entitled Disaster/Emergency Management and Business Continuity Programs.

**Target Audience:** Supervisors, managers, or any employee involved in business continuity planning in private enterprises and government and municipal facilities.

- [GEOL-2009.3: NFPA 1600 Disaster/Emergency Management](#)

**Program Description:** Over the past decade, emergency management and business continuity planning have been recognized as necessary to continued operational success in both the public and private sectors. Key to this was the development and widespread use of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard on Disaster/Emergency Management and Business Continuity Programs (NFPA 1600). The NFPA 1600 standard is a description of the basic criteria for a comprehensive program that addresses disaster recovery, emergency management, and business continuity. NFPA 1600 is considered by many to be an excellent benchmark for continuity and emergency planners in both the public and private sectors. The standard addresses methodologies for defining and identifying risks and vulnerabilities and provides planning guidelines that address stabilizing the restoration of the physical infrastructure, protecting the health and safety of personnel, and crisis communications procedures. This course will provide you with an understanding of the basic criteria for developing a comprehensive program that addresses disaster recovery and emergency management in accordance with the NFPA 1600 standard.

**Target Audience:** Those involved in public and private disaster management, emergency management, and business programs.

- [GEOL-2009.2: Pandemic Flu Awareness](#)

**Program Description:** In October 2005, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) estimated that if pandemic flu was to hit the US, approximately 200,000 to 2 million people could possibly die. This was based on models from past pandemics – the Spanish Flu (1918), the Asian Flu (1957), and the Hong Kong Flu (1968). The government further estimates that up to 40% of the workforce could be absent from work at the height of a pandemic wave. The potential impact on the social and economic infrastructure is enormous. To address this, the government has released a response plan called the "National Strategy for Pandemic Influenza Implementation Plan," referred to as "the Strategy." The Strategy outlines the roles and responsibilities of governmental and nongovernmental entities, but clearly indicates that the center of gravity for pandemic response will be at the community level. According to the Strategy, "sustaining the operations of critical infrastructure under conditions of pandemic influenza will depend largely on each organization's development and implementation plans for business continuity of operations under conditions of staffing shortages and to protect the health of their workforce." In other words, it is essential for all institutions and businesses to develop their own pandemic plan. It isn't too early to start planning how you and your organization will respond to the very real threat of a flu pandemic. In fact, there could be a point when it is too late. This course is designed to increase awareness of the pandemic threat the flu poses and to provide information that can be used to form the basis of preparedness and prevention for your organization.

**Target Audience:** All employees, supervisors, and managers.

#### FEMA Independent Study Courses

- [FEMA IS-100.A: Introduction to Incident Command System](#)
- [FEMA IS-100.HC: Introduction to Incident Command System for Healthcare Organizations](#)
- [FEMA IS-120.A: An Introduction to Exercises](#)
- [FEMA IS-130: Exercise Evaluation and Improvement Planning](#)
- [FEMA IS-139: Exercise Design](#)
- [FEMA IS-200.A: Incident Command Systems for Single Resources and Initial Action Incident](#)
- [FEMA IS-200.HC: Applying ICS to Healthcare Organizations](#)
- [FEMA IS-700.A: National Incident Management System \(NIMS\), An Introduction](#)
- [FEMA IS-701: Multi-agency Coordination System \(MACS\) Course](#)
- [FEMA IS-702: National Incident Management Systems \(NIMS\) Public Information Systems](#)
- [FEMA IS-703: NIMS Resource Management](#)[FEMA-IS-704: NIMS Communications and Information Management](#) **NEW**
- [FEMA IS-706: NIMS Intrastate Mutual Aid - An Introduction](#) **NEW**

- [FEMA IS-775: EOC Management and Operations](#)
- [FEMA IS-800.B: A National Response Framework \(NRF\), An Introduction](#)
- [FEMA IS-801: Transportation](#)
- [FEMA IS-802: Emergency Support Functions Communications](#)
- [FEMA IS-812: Emergency Support Function \(ESF\) #12 Energy](#)
- [FEMA IS-813: Public Safety and Security Annex](#)

#### University at Albany School of Public Health's Center for Public Health Preparedness

- [UACPHP-200: Microbiology: An Introduction](#)
- [UACPHP-201: Mass Dispensing: A Primer for Community Leaders](#)
- [UACPHP-202: Emergency Preparedness Training for Hospital Clinician](#)
- [UACPHP-203: County Animal Response Team](#)
- [UACPHP-204: Your Family Disaster Plan](#)
- [UACPHP-205: Zoonosis, Preparedness, and Public Health](#)
- [UACPHP-206: Field Epidemiology](#)
- [UACPHP-207: Detecting Bioterror](#)
- [UACPHP-208: Working in a Point of Dispensing \(POD\)](#)
- [UACPHP-209: Terrorism, Preparedness, and Public Health: An Introduction](#)
- [UACPHP-210: Preparedness and Community Response to Pandemics](#)
- [UACPHP-211: Personal Preparedness](#)
- [UACPHP-212: HazMat Transportation Incidents: Using the Emergency Response Guidebook](#)
- [UACPHP-213: Nuclear Terror: Pathways and Prevention](#)
- [UACPHP-214: Risk Communication](#)
- [UACPHP-215: Basic Emergency Preparedness for Staff of Community Health Facilities](#)
- [UACPHP-216: Ethics and Public Health in an Age of Terrorism](#)
- [UACPHP-217: Long-term Care Facilities: Emergency Preparedness Plan](#)
- [UACPHP-218: Emergency Animal Sheltering](#)
- [UACPHP-219: Special Medical Needs Sheltering](#) **NEW**

#### POD Simulation Games

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- [SIM 101 – The POD Game: Screener](#)
- [SIM 102 – The POD Game: Forms](#)
- [SIM 103 – The POD Game: Dispenser](#)

This is a screen shot of the start of SIM 102 -The POD Game: Forms  
See the line of POD attendees on the left. What should your response be?

**RATE**  
1200  
(PEOPLE / HOUR)

**TIME LEFT**  
14:30:49

**LOW**

Whoa... here's my form.  
(coughs)

Are you sick?

I need to send you to a doctor.

Please don't cough on other people in line.

If you're feeling sick please step off to the side.

Review Form and Create Labels

Send to Dispensing

Send to Medical Eval

Send to Clinical Consult

**CALL FOR HELP**

Forms Captain

CALL

QUIT

vas06  
Forms Reviewer

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FOR ADDITIONAL TRAINING INFORMATION, VIEW THE [Public Health Preparedness Training Calendar](#)

FIRST, log on to the NYSDOH Health Commerce System's Health Provider Network (HPN) at <https://commerce.health.state.ny.us/>

SECOND, copy and paste this address into the browser's window:

<https://commerce.health.state.ny.us/hpn/cgi-bin/applinks/osphcal/eventcalendar.pl?acttype=display&selmonth=8&selyear=2009>

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 10:00 – NYSACHO Call	3 11:00 – Long-Term Care Facilities H1N1 Call	4	5
<i>Happy Holidays to ALL !</i>						
6	7	8 11:00 – Hospital H1N1 Call	9 10:00 – NYSACHO Call	10 11:00 – Professional Providers Associations H1N1 Call	11	12
13	14	15	16 10:00 – NYSACHO Call	17 11:00 – Long-Term Care Facilities H1N1 Call	18	19
20	21	22	23 10:00 – NYSACHO Call	24	25	26
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*No Scheduled In-Person Trainings for December 2009*