

**HEPP  
Project  
Fact Sheet**

**PRIMARY CARE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

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***Training and Exercises***

Training 2009

- PCDC – Primary Care Emergency Preparedness Project Basic and Advanced Sessions
- CHCANYS – Emergency Preparedness Webinars

Exercises 2009

- Multiple opportunities for centers to receive assistance in designing, developing, and conducting exercises through PCDC, CHCANYS, and HEPP

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**Goal**

- To assist the primary care and outpatient care health sectors in building the capacity necessary for 1) response to internal emergency events, and 2) integration into the community and citywide responses to NYC emergency events.

**Objectives**

- In collaboration with the Primary Care Development Corporation (PCDC) and the Community Health Care Association of New York State (CHCANYS), assist primary care and other outpatient care centers in developing and implementing emergency management plans.
- In collaboration with PCDC and CHCANYS, create linkages between primary care and other outpatient care centers and community stakeholders that can be relied upon in planning for, responding to and recovering from emergency events.
- Define the roles and responsibilities of CHCANYS and PCDC in citywide responses to emergency events.
- Define the roles of primary care and other outpatient care centers in citywide responses to emergency events and begin to integrate these centers into citywide plans.

**Accomplishments**

- A total of 61 primary care/outpatient care centers have completed PCDC's basic training program which includes development and implementation of emergency management plans.
- Over 40 centers have participated in PCDC's advanced training program which includes community integration activities as well as training in designing and conducting drills.
- NYC federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) and FQHC look-alikes have participated in numerous preparedness activities sponsored by CHCANYS, including emergency preparedness gap assessments and reassessments, emergency management plan development, monthly emergency preparedness learning calls and regularly scheduled training programs.
- Primary care and other outpatient centers have worked with HEPP to complete policies and protocols for screening and isolation in the outpatient setting as well as for preparing the center to serve as points of distribution (PODs). Centers have also participated in exercises to evaluate these policies and procedures.

**Future Activities**

- Collaborate with CHCANYS, PCDC and the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) to develop a primary care/outpatient care seat at the OEM Emergency Operations Center (EOC) health and medical desk.
- Refine NYC Pandemic Antiviral Allocation Protocol, which relies heavily on use of primary care centers. Introduce plan to centers, survey centers to determine capacity to distribute anti-virals, and sign memorandums of understanding with participating centers.