

**HEPP  
Project  
Fact Sheet**

**Quarantine Working Group (QWG)**

**JUST THE FACTS**

***Start Date***

2006

***Completion Date***

Ongoing

***Scope of Services***

Year VII: Awareness training for procedures | Full Scale exercise to open A42 | Produce adaptable I&Q manual

**# of participating NYC hospitals**

two

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**Project Goal**

- To produce policy, procedures and functional (tested) plans for New York City's healthcare facilities in the management of individuals presenting with a severe communicable respiratory illness of unknown origin.

**Project Objectives**

The QWG members or member facilities will...

- produce a co-written Quarantine procedures manual of 12 chapters covering all functions for activating, staffing and maintaining a quarantine unit for ≤ 29 patients suspected to be exposed to a communicable disease. (completed)
- facilitate the production of the quarantine procedures manual through edits, comments and subject matter expertise. (completed)
- produce a facility specific quarantine procedures manual as above, vetted with hospital leadership to become accepted policy by August, 2009.
- aid a science writer in the production of an adaptable quarantine procedures manual to be published for nationwide hospital and other facilities' use by August, 2009.

**Participating Hospitals**

- Bellevue Hospital Center – BHC (HHC)
- Kings County Hospital Center – KCHC (HHC) and SUNY Downstate Medical Center,

**Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Contracts**

- BHC (HHC), year 3 of HEPP/ASPR funding for the maintenance and upkeep of a potential quarantine and isolation unit, currently supporting a TB Detention Unit as well as the development of a quarantine procedures manual. This derives from a 1994 MOU between the Bureau of TB Control and Bellevue.
- KCHC (HHC) and SUNY Downstate Medical Center, year 2 of deliverable based contract for quarantine procedures manual.
- MOU with KCHC for maintenance and activation of the A42 unit, potentially for quarantine and isolation.
- Contract with KCHC to upgrade A42's IT infrastructure in support of an activation.

**Other vendors:**

- Robert Holzman, MD, provides subject matter expertise on QWG deliverables and toolkits related to respiratory illness.
- Science Writer, covers writing adaptable quarantine procedures manual.

**Accomplishments**

- 2006: convening of QWG and division of work between facilities for I&Q manual
- 2008: completion of 6 chapters of I&Q manual by each facility

**Future Activities**

- 2009: Awareness level training on developed procedures for both facilities.
- Full Scale Exercise to activate A42 and Incident Command Center, accept and keep patients in isolation for 8 hours.