Healthcare Partnerships in Cochise County

Hospital and Public Health Interface-Best Practices

Infectious Disease Training
August 1, 2012, ASU
Objectives:

• Healthcare in Cochise County
• Bimonthly Meetings
• Partnership Collaboration
• Preparedness Activities
• Information Sharing
• Surveillance and Communicable Disease Reporting
Healthcare in Cochise County:

- Copper Queen Community Hospital-14 beds
- Northern Cochise Community Hospital-24 beds
- Benson Hospital-22 beds
- Southeastern Arizona Medical Center-25 beds
- Sierra Vista Regional Health Center-88 beds
- Ft. Huachuca-Raymond Bliss outpatient
- Chiricahua Community Health Center
- Assisted Living Facilities
Bimonthly Meetings:

- Communicable Disease and Surveillance Reports
- Exercise & Planning Discussions
- Educational Speaker
- Update Partner Contacts
- Round table reporting
- MEDSIS updates and training
- Tour of Facility
Partnership Collaboration:

Collaboration topics:
• Enhancement of surveillance
• Disease Reporting
• Case investigations
• County capacities and capabilities
• Collaborative planning
• Work together on HPP Exercises
• Current Border issues

Activity Examples:
• H1N1 collaboration
• SNS distribution
• Mass Fatality and Surge capacity planning
• Share VG 11/4/11 AAR/IP’s
• Emergency Preparedness Inventory List
Preparedness Activities:

- Communicable Disease Reporting
- Case/Outbreak Investigation
- Current Disease Reporting Guidelines
- Sampling and Shipping Procedures
- ILI Reporting
- UNEX Protocol
- Volunteerism and ESAR-VHP
- National Healthcare Safety Network/HAI presentations
Information Sharing:

- Current Contact Lists
- Disease Reporting Algorithms
- CDC communicable disease reporting protocols
- Current Outbreak Statistics
- Influenza Updates
- Antibiotic and Antiviral releases
- Morbidity or Mortality cases of interest
- Specific Hospital News
Surveillance & Disease Reporting

- Interagency Cooperation Foremost
- Adhere to Communicable Disease Reporting to Public Health Guidelines
- Immediately Notify Local PH
- Case Investigation is a joint endeavor
- PH works with Hospitals to enter cases into MEDSIS and complete case investigation
Surveillance & Disease Reporting

- Hospitals encouraged to report syndromic surveillance weekly
- Report cases of any suspected PH interest immediately
- Notify PH of suspicious cases and collection of specimens
- MEDSIS assistance
- Case Investigation follow-up and completion
Surveillance & Disease Reporting

- Healthcare Facility
  - Investigate
  - ADHS: Epi’s/Lab
  - Laboratory, Physician, other
  - Local Public Health

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