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Bioterrorism: The Public Health Threat

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Course Description

This course will provide a fundamental understanding of the threat of bioterrorism and the public health challenges resulting from this threat. Participants will be introduced to: biological warfare and biological terrorism; the historical use of biological agents as warfare agents; the nature and extent of the threat of biological terrorism; factors that affect dissemination of biological agents; core public health responsibilities in responding to a bioterrorism incident; and factors that affect a public health response to a bioterrorist event.

Learning Objectives

- Distinguish between biological warfare and biological terrorism
- Describe the historical use of biological agents as warfare agents
- Discuss the nature and extent of the threat of biological terrorism
- Identify factors that affect dissemination of biological agents
- Identify core public health responsibilities in responding to a bioterrorism incident
- Identify factors that affect a public health response to a bioterrorist event

Preparedness & Response Core Competencies *Public Health Preparedness & Response Core Competency Model

- 1.1: Solve problems under emergency conditions.
- 3.3: Participate in improving the organization's capacities (including, but not limited to programs, plans, policies, laws and workforce training).

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