Public Health Practices March UPDATE - Planning for altered standards of care

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MORE ABOUT THESE PRACTICES

Mass care, alternate care sites, and altered triage are receiving renewed attention as public health agencies fulfill the PHEP capabilities and build healthcare coalitions.

In this edition of PHP UPDATE, we'll highlight some older innovative work, along with newer activities to plan for altered standards of care.

ALTERNATE CARE SITES

ILLINOIS
The Chicago Department of Public Health purchased equipment and outfitted buses to provide onboard care to people with oxygen needs during an evacuation. View details.

MINNESOTA
A University of Minnesota center created a free online training for volunteers assisting with an alternate care site. View details.

NEW PRACTICES

SURGE CAPACITY

MINNESOTA
**TEEN RESILIENCY**
Minnesota provided mental health training to teens after a damaging tornado. [View practice here](#).

**WILDFIRE OUTREACH**
Arizona kept residents in the path of the Wallow fire informed, updated, and safe. [View practice here](#).

**IOM GUIDANCE**
IOM released "Crisis Standards of Care: A Systems Framework for Catastrophic Disaster Response" in March 2012. Download the report and/or its templates [here](#).

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The Minnesota Department of Health developed a framework to extend hospital resources via the seven core clinical strategies during an emergency. [View details here](#).

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**IOWA**
The Iowa Department of Public Health created guidelines and tools to manage patient overload in hospitals, clinics, and alternate care sites. [View details here](#).

**TRIAGE AND SCREENING STRATEGIES**

**NEW YORK**
The New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene built a tool to manage hospital beds and discharge of patients during surge events. [View details here](#).

**WISCONSIN**
During H1N1, the University of Wisconsin-Madison created telephone triage and treatment protocols and communications materials to manage care for large numbers of ill students. [View details here](#).
If you're attending the Public Health Preparedness Summit in Atlanta this year, please join us at our sharing session:

“Effective use of social media in public health: promoting a practice exchange in pandemic and all-hazards preparedness and response"

Wednesday, March 13
3:30 - 4:15
Meeting room A706

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ETHICAL RESOURCE ALLOCATION

For more information on the ethics of altering standards of care, have a look at the following practices:

VENTILATOR ALLOCATION
Ventilator Allocation Project
(New York State Department of Health)

Clinical Review: Allocating Ventilators during Large-Scale Disasters - Problems, Planning, and Process
(Academic Emergency Medicine)

VACCINE SHORTAGE
Allocating Influenza Vaccines in Minnesota
(Minnesota Department of Health)

PANDEMIC CASE STUDIES
Pandemic Bioethics Backgrounder (The Hastings Center)

ABOUT US

PublicHealthPractices.org is a joint project between the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) in Washington, DC, and the Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy (CIDRAP) at the University of Minnesota.

The Web site is a one-stop shot for concrete tools and strategies to respond to the health consequences of