

## SAVE THE DATE!

### Highly Infectious Disease Exercise Planning Tools Webinar

*March 7, 2017~ 2:00-3:00pm ET*

The U.S. has recently put much focus and effort into Ebola preparedness. Healthcare facilities must also be prepared for highly communicable airborne diseases such as Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus (MERS-CoV), and other highly communicable non-airborne diseases. By conducting drills and exercises based upon the established regional, tiered approach set forth by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (HHS ASPR) for Ebola, healthcare facilities can better prepare for and support a system of care for special pathogens which have the potential to pose a significant burden on the healthcare delivery system. An effective and well-developed exercise for a suspected or confirmed special pathogen patient can help healthcare facilities engage partners, recognize areas of strength, and identify gaps.

The National Ebola Training and Education Center ([NETEC](#)) and ASPR's Technical Resources, Assistance Center, and Information Exchange ([ASPR TRACIE](#)) are partnering on a webinar featuring jurisdictions with first-hand experience developing special pathogen exercise materials and executing related exercises. Speakers will share an overview of the suite of free, fully customizable, ASPR- and CDC-approved, Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP)-compliant exercise materials NETEC has developed and how these exercises support Ebola-specific Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) measures. These tools range from discussion-based exercise templates to drill, functional, and full-scale exercise templates HPP end users can use to develop special pathogen drills and exercises. The speakers will share exercise planning and execution tips and take questions from webinar participants. The webinar will take place **Tuesday, March 7, from 2:00 PM-3:00 PM ET.**

## PARTICIPANTS

**Introduction:** **Richard Hunt**, MD, Senior Medical Advisor, ASPR National Healthcare Preparedness Programs

**Speakers:**

- **Nicholas Cagliuso, Sr.**, PhD, MPH, Assistant Vice President, Emergency Management, New York City Health + Hospitals
- **Theodore Cieslak**, MD, Associate Director, University of Nebraska Medical Center, Center for Biosecurity, Biopreparedness, and Emerging Infectious Diseases
- **Syra Madad**, DHSc, MSc, MCP, Director, System-wide Special Pathogens Program, New York City Health + Hospitals

**Target Audience:**

- **Regional Ebola and Special Pathogen Treatment Centers**
- **State-Designated Ebola Treatment Centers**
- **Assessment Hospitals**
- **Frontline Facilities**
- **Healthcare Coalitions**
- **Regional Transport Plan Partners**

## REGISTRATION

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**Audio:** You can use your computer microphone and speakers (VoIP) or telephone. A phone number and PIN will be provided after logging into the webinar.

## QUESTIONS?



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