

# Central CT Health District

*Serving Berlin, Newington, Rocky Hill & Wethersfield*

*Mass Dispensing Area #28*

Emergency Preparedness Newsletter



**SPRING 2013**



Have a GREAT summer

**IMPORTANT MESSAGE:** At some time in the last 10 years, you expressed interest in being a volunteer to help in a Public Health emergency, Flu Clinics, HazWaste days, and/or other agency events. One of our difficulties is keeping track of our volunteers' whereabouts, contact information, availability, and interest in continuing to be a volunteer, a change in their role and an increase in their involvement. CCHD knows that information changes frequently for some of us. However, in an emergency situation, timely activation would be critical. In an Anthrax scenario, antibiotics must be dispensed to exposed individuals within 48 hours! While that may sound like a lot, that timeframe includes the transportation of the medications from the Federal level i.e. CDC (Centers for Disease Control) to CT DPH (Department of Public Health) to CCHD to our PODs (Point of Dispensing clinics).

**THEREFORE** – we need to know of any changes in your information especially:

- Address
- Home phone number
- Cell phone number
- Email address
- If you would like us to take your name off our volunteer list

**PLEASE SEND INFORMATION to Judye Torpey:**

**Call: 860-721-2816 Email: [judye.torpey@wethersfieldct.com](mailto:judye.torpey@wethersfieldct.com) Fax: 860-721-2823**

**DISTRIBUTION SITE: HELP WANTED!** In an event, CCHD would need assistance from several individuals to help receive vaccines or medications from CT DPH. Volunteers are needed to inventory and organize assets to be sent to PODs for dispensing. Medical skills are **NOT** necessary. Security will be present at all times and town staff will use pallet jacks to lift pallets. Guidance will be given for picking, packing and wrapping pallets as they are reconfigured for PODs. We would also need help with tracking inventory, manning phones, and data entry. Volunteers with a medical background (physician, nurse, pharmacist etc.) would be needed as well. **TRAINING** will be provided. **Please Notify** Judye if interested.

**FLU CLINICS:** This past year's Flu Clinics were busy per usual. Approximately 2500 people were immunized during two large clinics in each of the Health District towns, several small clinics and about 35 home visits to residents who are "homebound". About 45 volunteers and CCHD employees staffed the clinics and a volunteer provided the home visits. Without this support, CCHD would not be able to provide this immunization service to the community. Next season is approaching quickly. Hopefully, everyone will be healthy and ready to assist.

The schedule will be available soon as dates, times and sites are confirmed. It will be posted on our website [www.ccthd.org](http://www.ccthd.org), available by email, phone, fax or pickup/mail. Again, we expect to provide Flu vaccinations (nasal and shots) for those who are 5 years of age or older. Pneumovax will be available for adults with certain medical conditions.

Volunteering at the Flu Clinics helps CCHD staff and volunteers prepare for possible REAL emergency public health events during which medications or vaccinations would need to be quickly dispensed to large numbers of people. Learn while not stressed in emergency response mode! Volunteers fill **medical and non-medical** roles. Some of the roles include: vaccinator, greeter, forms assistant, traffic flow, supply management, & volunteer management.

We hope to see many volunteers who have helped us in the past and hopefully a few new ones. RECRUIT your friends & family! **If interested, please call or email Judye.**

**CLINICIANS ADMINISTERING VACCINATIONS,** please provide a copy of current verification page of your **Liability Insurance** policy. **Professional licenses** are verified on the CT DPH website.

Please send **insurance information** to Judye via:

- 860-721-2816 (office)
- 860-721-2823 (Fax)
- Central CT Health District, 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, CT 06109 – Attn: Judye Torpey or.
- [judyetorpey@wethersfieldct.com](mailto:judyetorpey@wethersfieldct.com)

**NOTIFICATION SYSTEM:** EVERBRIDGE, an automatic notification system that is able to distribute CCHD messages by phone, fax and email will be in use soon to notify you of events, training, clinics, changes, emergency events etc. Part of assuring accuracy of contact information includes periodic call-down drills. **NOTE:** If you get a call, there may be a **pause before a phone message starts.** **Listen to the message and respond per instruction.**

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