

Ebola Preparations in the PNWBHA

Narrative: Ebola disease was an epidemic in West Africa that necessitated an international response and some unprecedented public health strategies to break the cycle of infection. While the Ebola virus to date has not been detected in any of the jurisdictions within the PNWBHA, there have been significant preparations made in a short order to address this threat. While each jurisdiction found its own way to prepare, national, regional and cross jurisdictional coordination and information sharing were important steps in these preparations. This session will explore the preparedness activities in two PNWBHA jurisdictions, and promote a discussion of challenges and successes in planning for Ebola across the region.

Objectives:

1. Discuss the major challenges and successes within two PNWBHA jurisdictions in preparing for the Ebola threat. These may include but are not limited to:
 - a. Epi tracking of the exposed
 - b. Management of Persons Under Investigation
 - c. Border screening
 - d. Quarantine capability
 - e. Hospital readiness
 - f. EMS readiness
2. Identify cross jurisdictional coordination and collaboration issues that impacted the preparedness.
3. Present a two key lessons learned from each jurisdiction from this response.
4. Provide an opportunity for other PNWBHA jurisdictions to give one or two key lessons learned from their unique jurisdiction.