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CHCC Public Health and Hospital Emergency Preparedness Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) Response Efforts.

Since the initial awareness alert of Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) CHCC have been stepping up all response efforts and these are the following preparedness activities being initiated and conducted for all Public Health and Hospital staff beginning

October 1, 2014

- Initial Pre-Mitigation/Awareness Meeting with all key medical and non-medical staff.
- Training of Medical/Non Medical Response Team stepped up
- Epi Surveillance Team Identified
- Infection Control Unit stepped up training with staff

October 2, 2014

Meeting with CPA Director to identify an area at the airport for Screening, Quarantine and Isolation.

- Public Health and Hospital Emergency Preparedness Staff
- Epi-Net Surveillance Team
- Director Of Commonwealth Ports Authority
- CPA Property Manager
- CPA Engineer

Outcome:

- CPA Director identified an ample space at the airport that would be available for Public Health use following process of agreement between CPA and CHCC. Director of Public Health and Hospital Emergency Preparedness will be doing the follow up on the process of putting things in place as soon as possible to retro-fit the area designated.

October 03, 2014

- Press Release and Health Advisory sent out
- Table Top Exercise (TTX) for All Hazards Infectious Disease Plan/Mid-Planning for dry run with all Medical and Non-Medical Staff.

October 14, 2014

- Letter to CPA Director sent for PSA at the airport

October 15, 2014

Final Planning Meeting for Public Health/Hospital Medical and Non-Medical Staff for a no notice dry run test to measure response capabilities.

October 16, 2014

9:30am – Meeting with all key Public Health/Hospital staff to prepare for the dry run test.

1:00pm – Dry Run initiated.

3:00pm – Hot Wash with CEO and all key players.

October 17, 2014

- Stakeholders meeting at the CHCC with Federal, State and Local partners to discuss updates and contingency plan for the Ebola response.
- CHCC General Assembly for all Public Health and Hospital Staff at the Cafeteria with the CEO and Medical Directors to update and address staff's concern and awareness.
- Demonstration and steps of donning and doffing of PPEs

On-going Activities

- Stepping up trainings and exercises with Medical and Non-Medical Hospital and Public Health staff to include revised policies, procedures and guidelines to practice use of appropriate PPEs.
- Research and purchases of appropriate PPEs
- Continued vigilance on how to improve our preparedness to ensure health and safety.