Northeast Central Ohio Region 5
REGIONAL WORKGROUP MEETINGS
January 27, 2010

EPIDEMIOLOGY WORKGROUP

Present: Glen Moore, Jamie Elenz, Karen Schanz, Susan Kovach, Rich Marountas, Lisa Klatka, Christina Henning, Leanne Beavers, Courtney Hudson, Margo Erme, Sandy Swann, Sallie Bair, Dr. Bhatta, Melanie Campbell, Kristi Kato, Susanne Albury

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Kristi Kato, NECO Public Health Coordinator.

II. County Status Updates

- Krys spoke on how the four health jurisdictions from Stark County captured the relevant epidemiological information during the H1N1 outbreak utilizing the same documentation that they normally use however it is becoming more difficult to obtain data as case numbers decrease. Krys spoke with a representative from the Ohio Department of Health who said that the state want date admitted and date discharged included on ODERS reports. Most ICP are not going to be able to provide the date of discharge and it will most likely take an extra call to gain the date of admittance. The question posed was will it really make a difference?
- Lisa stated that she has been doing a lot with epi center and communicating with icp.
- Carroll County has entered a contract with Kent State University for Dr. Bhatta to conduct their epidemiological requirements. Melanie is very pleased and excited to work with Dr. Bhatta.

III. Quarterly Exercise

- The following individuals will conduct the quarterly drills for the 2010 year:
  - ✓ 1st Quarter: Krys Henning
  - ✓ 2nd Quarter: Lisa Klatka
  - ✓ 3rd Quarter: Karen Schanz
  - ✓ 4th Quarter: Susan Kovach
- The group was asked to update the communicable disease and epidemiological contact names in OPHCS. During the last drill there was 70% compliance rate within the first 24 hours and a 90% rate at the conclusion of the drill. It is very important that individuals update that contact information.

IV. Draft Incident Management Document

- Please find attached DRAFT Incident Management Documents. PLEASE PROVIDE FEEDBACK. Our goal is to present this at the NECO Region 5 Public Health Planning Committee Meeting on March 25, 2010.

V. For the Good of the Order

- Thank you for your help Glen. Krys and Margo are attending a meeting on March 8th on Data, they are not sure where it is or what is going to be presented but it will be all day so if you are interested in attending please contact one of them.

VI. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by Kristi Kato, NECO Public Health Coordinator.