

# Introduction to PHERP Planning

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Including public health emergency response  
as an annex to your aerodrome/airport  
emergency plan

## **Workshop objectives**

- ❑ Discuss the purpose of including Public Health Emergency Response Plan (PHERP) as an annex to the Aerodrome/Airport Emergency Plan (AEP)**
- ❑ Identify and list the roles and responsibilities of key agencies in a public health response**
- ❑ List the components of a PHERP plan**

# **IPHERP goals**

- ❑ **Assign coordinating and responding agencies responsibilities**
- ❑ **Establish protocols**
  - Specific gate/holding area
  - Triage of ill traveler
  - Notification
- ❑ **Establish communication corridors and coordination between airport, health authority, emergency medical services, etc.**

# **PHERP Players**

## **Key players in PHERP planning**

- ❑ Airport authority**
- ❑ Health authority**
- ❑ Supporting hospital(s) and/or urgent care providers**
- ❑ Medical examiners and coroners**
- ❑ Critical infrastructure owners and operators**
- ❑ Voluntary/nongovernmental organizations**
- ❑ Emergency medical services**
- ❑ Military**
- ❑ Law enforcement**
- ❑ Other?**

# Roles within the PHERP planning team

## PHERP team will include

- **Planning coordinator**

- Scribe

- **Planning team members**

- Coordinating or responding agencies
- Stakeholders
- Voluntary/nongovernmental organizations

# **PHERP planning team responsibilities**

## **The PHERP Planning Team's Responsibilities**

- ❑ Collaborating with stakeholders**
- ❑ Establishing partnerships**
- ❑ Development of a coordinated interagency PHERP**
  - Annex of the AEP**
  - Development of a workplan**

# Planning Cycle



# **PHERP plan components**

**Plans could include:**

- ❑ Verification of plan approval**
- ❑ Purpose of the plan**
- ❑ Legal authorities and references**
  - Isolation and quarantine
  - Memorandums of understanding for personnel, equipment or supplies
- ❑ Planning assumptions**



# **PHERP plan components (cont.)**

## **□ Principal considerations**

- Coordinated and timely response
- Effective and sustainable measures
- Minimize inconvenience to travelers
- Rapid return to steady state as event subsides

## **□ Activation/Demobilization**

# PHERP plan components (cont.)

## □ Concept of operation

- Required and requested reporting
- Notification
- Gate procedures
- Planeside response
  - Initial triage team composition
- Surge capacity
- Facilities
  - Isolation/quarantine

## □ Roles and responsibilities

# **PHERP plan components (cont.)**

- ❑ **Public health response measures**
  - Distribution of health alert notice
  - Distribution and collection of health declaration form
  - Distribution and collection of passenger locator form
  - Temperature screening for travelers
  - Provision of emergency medical service
- ❑ **Training, drills, and exercising the plan**
- ❑ **Plan maintenance and distribution**
- ❑ **Definitions**
- ❑ **Abbreviations**

# Maintaining the PHERP plan

- ❑ **Training on the PHERP should occur annually**
- ❑ **The planning team should develop an exercise cycle which, over the course of six years, exercises the entire plan**
- ❑ **PHERP plans should be reviewed annually by the agencies with responsibilities in the plan**
- ❑ **Changes mainly from experience in actual events, training and exercises**
  - Review is documented by signature and date

# Thank you!

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