

## Healthcare System Readiness for Highly Pathogenic Infectious Diseases

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As the world closely watches the current Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response Technical Resources, Assistance Center, and Information Exchange ([ASPR TRACIE](#)) and the National Ebola Training and Education Center ([NETEC](#)) will host a webinar on U.S. healthcare system readiness for highly pathogenic infectious diseases. Speakers will: provide an overview of the current situation in the DRC; describe the regional, tiered system established to manage patients suspected and known to be infected with EVD or other special pathogens; provide updates on current Ebola readiness and trends; reinforce the “Identify, Isolate, and Inform” response framework; and share best practices and lessons learned from previous experience. Additional NETEC and ASPR TRACIE resources will be referenced for participants seeking more information. This webinar is intended to be both an introduction for those new to the threat of highly pathogenic infectious diseases and a refresher for those with previous experience.

### SPEAKERS AND PARTICIPANTS

**Moderator:** Meghan Treber, MS; ICF TRACIE Program Director

**Introduction:** Richard Hunt, MD; Senior Medical Advisor, National Healthcare Preparedness Programs, ASPR

**Speakers:**

- **Kate Boulter**, BAN, RN, MPH; Nurse Manager, Nebraska Biocontainment Unit; Lead for Online Education and Technical Assistance, NETEC
- **Amanda Grindle**, MSN, RN, CNL, CPN, CCRN; Clinical Program Manager, Special Care Unit, Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta; Lead for Pediatrics and Technical Assistance, NETEC
- **Melissa Harvey**, RN, MSPH; Director, Division of National Healthcare Preparedness Programs, ASPR
- **Jill Morgan**, BSN, RN; Critical Care Nurse, Respiratory Intensive Care Unit & Serious Communicable Diseases Unit, Emory University Hospital; Lead for In-Person Workshops, NETEC
- **Shelly Schwedhelm**, MSN, RN, NEA-BC; Executive Director for Emergency Preparedness & Infection Prevention, Nebraska Medical Center; Project Director, NETEC
- **Trevor Shoemaker**, MPH, Epidemiologist, Viral Special Pathogens Branch, Division of High-Consequence Pathogens & Pathology, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- **Trish Tennill**; RN, New York City Health + Hospitals/Bellevue; Lead for Simulation Training, NETEC
- **Sharon Vanairdale**, MS, APRN, ACNS-BC, NP-C, CEN, FAEN, FAAN; Program Director for Serious Communicable Diseases, Emory University Hospital; Director of Training and Education, NETEC
- **Angie Vasa**, BSN, RN, CCRN; Nurse Manager, Nebraska Medicine, Nebraska Biocontainment Unit; Director of Site Assessments and Metrics Development, NETEC

**Target Audiences:**

- Healthcare Coalitions
- State-Designated Ebola Treatment Centers
- Regional Ebola and Special Pathogen Treatment Centers
- Assessment Hospitals
- Frontline Facilities
- Regional Transport Plan and EMS Partners
- Public Health Agencies
- Emergency Management Agencies

### REGISTRATION

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### QUESTIONS?



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