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Connecticut Hospitals Conducting Ebola Preparedness Drills

WALLINGFORD – Connecticut hospital leaders met this morning to share tools and resources on Ebola detection, treatment, and response, and to discuss the Governor’s directive for hospitals to hold emergency preparedness drills within the next week.

Since the first report of an Ebola case in the U.S., interdisciplinary teams of caregivers from the state’s acute care hospitals have been reviewing and testing their emergency and healthcare response plans and conducting emergency preparedness drills and exercises. Hospitals are following CDC guidance for emergency drills and exercises to ensure that hospitals are able to detect possible Ebola cases, protect employees, and respond appropriately.

Hospitals continue to work closely with DPH to ensure that efforts are coordinated between them and the state.

This morning’s meeting is the third this week, in addition to frequent hospital-based meetings and participation in CDC planning calls.

Separately, Connecticut hospitals support Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro’s recent call for increased funding to the federal government’s Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) – the prime source for funding to support hospital emergency planning, training, response, and recovery.

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