



Public Health Emergency Bio-Watch / SNS Full-Scale State-wide Exercise: Occurred June 17-19, 2013. The SE Michigan Health Departments (including St. Clair) formally activated its EOP and SNS Plans in response to an intentional biological incident that occurred at multiple large venues throughout the region. The scenario is considered one of the toughest due to type of exposure and incubation time

of the suspect pathogen triggering the dispensing of emergency *preventive* medications within 48 hrs. of the decision to do so (to the entire population of St. Clair County if necessary). The SCCHD was prepared to process 500 per hour if necessary. This was the largest exercise of this type in the 10 years of planning for such an event (*with exception to H1N1 Pandemic Event*).



SCCHD specifically: (1) 100% Staff Recall, Briefing, Prophylaxis and Re-Assignment; (2) Emergency communications and conference calls between SE Michigan LHDs and the State; (3) Tested emergency communications between SCCHD and Local Health/Medical Partners and Media; (4) Tested processes and systems required to formally request SNS Assets for SCC; (5) Activated and set-up two types of dispensing sites to provide prophylaxis within the target time; and (5) provided medications to a combined total of 293 head of households (= 900 individuals). After-Action Report is currently being compiled.

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...without whom the information would not get to the right people at the right time to do the right thing!! THANK YOU!!

