

Pursuant to the directive from Governor Malloy, the Department of Public Health (DPH) is distributing materials to hospitals and EMS services to assist in meeting their obligations concerning required exercises. To provide guidance on exercise requirements, we have adapted an exercise for use to meet this objective. All hospitals and EMS services must conduct a functional exercise in the next week regarding response to a potential Ebola patient to comply with this directive.

The attached document provides guidance on conducting a tabletop exercise, which can be utilized as the basis for a functional drill. We suggest that each hospital or EMS service conduct a specific task functional exercise. An example would be allowing personnel to experience donning or doffing of personal protective equipment in concert with the policy of the facility and OSHA regulations. Each hospital or EMS service has the ability to choose the scope of their exercise, however per the directive it must be a functional exercise.

Within the last two weeks, several hospitals and EMS services have conducted Ebola-related exercises. These previously completed exercises may be accepted for compliance with this directive. It would be important to discuss any already completed exercises prior to submission to insure the standard has been met.

All hospitals must complete the standard DPH exercise form and submit to [John.Stonoha@ct.gov](mailto:John.Stonoha@ct.gov) [Mary.Emerling@ct.gov](mailto:Mary.Emerling@ct.gov) and [Jonathan.Best@ct.gov](mailto:Jonathan.Best@ct.gov) at the DPH Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response.

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Thank you for your assistance with this important directive and your ongoing efforts around Ebola preparedness.