

HUNTERDON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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INFORMATION: FALL ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER COURSES

**To: Veterinarians, Animal Facilities, Animal Control Officers, Municipal Clerks
and Local Boards of Health**

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Animal Control Officer Certification Courses for Fall 2011

The Fall 2011 approved courses for Animal Control Officer (ACO) Certification will be held at County College of Morris, Kean University, Mercer County Community College, Ocean County College, and Warren County Community College. All classes consist of at least 45 hours.

1. COUNTY COLLEGE OF MORRIS: The course presentation at the County College of Morris is Biology 116, will begin on Wednesday, August 31, 2011. The course will be held every Wednesday evening from 6:30 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. For additional information contact Meredith Petrillo at 973-627-4900 ext. 4 or contact the college at 973-328-5000.

2. KEAN UNIVERSITY: The course presentation at Kean University, Morris Avenue, Union, N.J. will begin September 7, 2011 and end on or about December 14, 2011. The Health Education 1600, Section 01 (HEd 1600-01) course will be held every Wednesday evening from 7:30 to 10:15 p.m. in Hutchinson Hall. Twenty students will be admitted to this course.

Students can register for HEd 1600-01 Animal Control Officers Training through the Kean University KeanWISE website (www.kean.edu/registrar). Prospective students will then complete the "nonmatric registration" form. Registration will be reviewed and once approved, students will receive their KeanWise I.D. and password by letter (make sure mailing address is correct). Then the students can register for the course on-line. Students can also register for the course in person in third floor, Hutchinson Hall, Kean University, on August 23, 2011, between 1:00 and 6:00 p.m. with Dr. Myra Weiger.

For registration related questions, call 908-737-3290 or email regme@kean.edu. For more information on the course, contact Dr. Myra Weiger at 908-737-4006 and 973-372-4344 or email mweiger@kean.edu.

3. MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE: The course will be held on seven consecutive Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., September 24, 2011 to November 19, 2011. Students will receive certification in Pet First Aid from the American Red Cross and a certification in Incident Command Systems 100 and 700 by the National Wildfire Federation. Registration will be through Mercer County Community College (MCCC). The tuition is \$789, which includes all materials and fees. Contact the MCCC at 609-570-3311 for course registration. Contact Career Development Institute at 732-821-6997 with any additional course content or certification questions you may have. **Continued on page 2.**

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4. OCEAN COUNTY COLLEGE: The course presentation at Ocean County College, College Drive, Toms River, NJ will begin on Monday, September 12, 2011. The course will be held every Monday evening from from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the ACC Building, Room No. A223. Twenty five students will be admitted to this course.

Students may register online at www.ocean.edu/cpe.htm: phone-in at 732-255-0404, walk-in at Ocean County College Parking Lot #2, ACC Building #18, College Drive, Toms River, New Jersey 07854-2001:or mail-in check or money order to Ocean County College, CPE, PO Box 2001, Toms River, NJ 07854-2001. Registration begins now and will continue through January 24, 2011.

Also, note no refund can or will be given after September 2, 2011. The hours for registration are Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Tuesday 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Tuition and fees are as follows: \$634.00

Additional Fees: (Textbook) \$92.00

5. WARREN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE - The course will be held on seven consecutive Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., September 10, 2011 to October 29, 2011. Students will receive certification in Pet First Aid from the American Red Cross and a certification in Incident Command Systems 100 and 700 by the National Wildfire Federation. Registration will be through Warren County Community College (WCCC). The tuition is \$789 and includes all materials and fees. Contact the WCCC at 908-835-9222 for course registration. Contact Career Development Institute at 732-821-6997 with any additional course content or certification questions you may have.

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ADVISORY: WEST NILE VIRUS – HUNTERDON COUNTY MOSQUITO SAMPLES

To: Healthcare Providers, HMC (lab, IP, ED), Veterinarians and Local Boards of Health

**From: Tadhgh Rainey, Mosquito/Vector Control
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West Nile Virus – Hunterdon County Mosquito Samples

Vector surveillance methods have detected West Nile virus in mosquitoes in Hunterdon County. Virus levels have increased in mosquito populations in the past week. Recent rain and predicted rainfall in the upcoming days will likely produce sizable broods of mosquitoes. This combination could elevate West Nile virus levels during late August and September.

To date the NJDHSS has reported West Nile activity in mosquitoes from 19 of 21 New Jersey counties. One human case of the disease has been identified in Mercer County.

Health care providers are reminded to report diagnosis of viral encephalitis within 24 hours to the Health Department. The health department can be contacted at 908-788-1351 or 908-806-4570 between 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM on county work days.

During holidays or after hours, health care providers can call the Hunterdon County 911 Communications Center at 908-788-1202 in order to reach a member of the health department.

Veterinarians are reminded that vaccination of horses provides protection from West Nile virus infection.

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**ALERT: MEASLES EXPOSURE – EAST COAST****To: Healthcare Providers, HMC (lab, IP, ED), School Nurses and
Local Boards of Health****From: Elizabeth Handschur, NJDHSS VPDP****Phone: 609-826-4861 Email: Elizabeth.handschur@doh.state.nj.us**

The New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services was notified by the Virginia Department of Health of a laboratory confirmed case of measles in a foreign-born international traveler with rash onset August 17. The case potentially exposed residents in multiple states during the infectious period, August 13-20, 2011.

- 1) A laboratory-confirmed case of measles in an international traveler potentially exposed residents in multiple states in the East Coast, including New Jersey during the infectious period August 13-20, 2011.
- 2) Consider measles in all patients with clinically compatible febrile rash illness and institute immediate airborne precautions.
- 3) Immediately report suspect cases of measles, prior to laboratory confirmation, to the local health department where the patient resides (*in Hunterdon call 908-788-1351 or 908-806-4570 on county work days or 908-788-1202 after hours to reach Health Department staff*). If unable to reach the local health department, notify the NJDHSS Vaccine Preventable Disease Program during regular business hours at (609) 826-4860 or NJDHSS (609) 392-2020 after hours.
- 4) Collect blood and viral specimens for diagnostic testing. Contact NJDHSS to make arrangements for laboratory testing.
- 5) Ensure that individuals are immune to measles prior to international travel. Vaccinate children aged 6-12 months with measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine prior to international travel. Ensure all health care workers are immune to measles.
- 6) Ensure that all those attending summer camps are vaccinated in accordance with N.J.A.C. 8:25 - 5.5 and 8:57 - 4.

The NJDHSS is requesting that all public health and medical professionals continue to be alert for individuals presenting with signs or symptoms compatible with measles. Appropriate isolation precautions must be instituted immediately for all suspected and confirmed cases.

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the **Health Department** at
(908) 788-1351 or health@co.hunterdon.nj.us.

ALERT: MEASLES EXPOSURE – EAST COAST**(Page 2 of 2)****Investigation Summary**

A public health investigation revealed the affected person entered the U.S. in New York City (NYC) on August 11 and traveled by bus to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on August 14. On August 16, he also visited Lancaster, Pennsylvania, traveling from Philadelphia on an unreserved ticket by train on Amtrak #643 which terminated in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The affected person returned to Philadelphia from Lancaster along the same route, this time on train #656, arriving in Philadelphia at 7:23 p.m. the same day. While infectious, the affected person visited multiple popular locations in NYC and Pennsylvania.

On Wednesday, August 17, the affected person traveled by Amtrak Northeast Regional train #171 from Philadelphia to Manassas, Virginia, on an unreserved ticket. This train originated in Boston, Massachusetts, at 8:15 a.m. and terminated in Lynchburg, Virginia at 8:36 p.m. Passengers who boarded the train in nine states (CT, DE, MD, MA, NJ, NY, PA, RI, and VA) and the District of Columbia could have been exposed. Passengers who got off of train #171 before its arrival in Philadelphia need not be concerned.

Amtrak has notified passengers with available contact information who traveled from Philadelphia to points south on train #171. Second generation cases from the August 17 Amtrak exposure could occur from August 24 through September 7. The Pennsylvania Department of Health (PDH) is notifying passengers with available contact information who traveled from Philadelphia to points west on train #643.

To date, two New Jersey residents have been identified as contacts and local health departments are following up to determine their immune status. Based upon the date of exposure, it is possible that symptoms could develop as late as September 7, 2011, if individuals were infected.

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**ADVISORY: Keeping Pets Safe During Hurricane Irene****To: Veterinarians, Animal Facilities & Local Boards of Health****From:** Colin T. Campbell, Infectious and Zoonotic Disease Program**Phone:** 609-826-4872; **Email:** colin.campbell@doh.state.nj.us

Faye E. Sorhage, Infectious and Zoonotic Disease Program

Phone: 609-826-4872; **Email:** faye.sorhage@doh.state.nj.us**Keeping Pets Safe During Hurricane Irene****Hurricane Irene and Animals**

The most important thing a person can do is to plan ahead. If you are asked to evacuate, you need to bring your pets with you. You need to start thinking today about where you will take your pets -- ask a dependable friend or relative who lives some distance from the evacuation area if you and/or your pets can stay with them until the all clear is given. An alternative is to find a pet friendly motel. There a number of them listed on the web:

Pet Friendly Hotel/Motel Finders on the Web<http://www.pet-friendly-hotels.net/pet-friendly-hotels-newjersey.html>http://www.bringfido.com/lodging/state/new_jersey/http://www.funnewjersey.com/upload_user/Weekend_Getaways/HOTELS.HTM

You should have a portable pet carrier for each animal and identification with each animal. Bring copies of the pet's licenses, leashes, water and food bowls, pet foods, bottled water, special medications and instructions for their administration, any special needs for your pet, blankets, handy wipes, paper towels and litter or bedding.

For More Information:**Emergency Planning for Pets**<http://www.nj.gov/agriculture/divisions/ah/pdf/petbro.pdf>**Emergency Planning for Livestock**<http://www.nj.gov/agriculture/divisions/ah/pdf/livestockbro.pdf>**Other Helpful Resources**Go to <http://www.nj.gov/agriculture/divisions/ah/prog/helpfullinks.html>

**Listen for public safety announcements and if you are called to evacuate –
DO NOT leave your pets behind!**

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Date: August 28, 2011



Advisory: Local Boil Water Advisories

To: Healthcare Providers, HMC (ED, Labs), School superintendents, Daycares, Community Agencies, Organizations & Businesses, Local Boards of Health and Municipal Clerks

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Christie Administration Announces Local Boil Water Advisories

Boil water orders have been issued for a number of New Jersey municipalities statewide to ensure the public health and safety of State residents, as a result of the effects of Hurricane Irene.

Water companies across the State are reaching out to their customers to advise them of the situation and to detail what steps to take in case of water quality issues. If you are unsure of your water system's situation, check the web site for your specific water company or phone their offices.

State, county and local officials are monitoring water quality carefully. Listen to and follow public announcements that will advise residents if and when water is safe to drink or use.

Municipalities that have instituted boil water orders, so far, include Florham Park, Irvington, Maplewood, Millburn, Short Hills, Springfield, Summit, and West Orange, which are all part of the New Jersey American Water Company's Short Hills system. Boil water orders also are in effect for Hightstown, Rockaway Township, and South Amboy, and more are likely.

Reasons for these boil water orders include disruptions to water supply treatment or delivery due to power outages and flooding caused by the storm. Additionally, damage to roadways throughout may be delaying transportation of supplies that may be needed to sustain operations.

The DEP is urging any New Jersey residents who are unsure of their water supply - from either a municipal water system or personal well -- to either use bottled water or boil your potable water before use.

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If there is evidence of a water supply problem, including cloudy or turbid water, or there has been complete loss of water service or intermittent water service, it would be advisable to boil water before consumption. Cloudy or turbid water, or complete or intermittent loss of water service could mean your water supply may be compromised with disease-causing organisms.

As a precaution, users of the potentially affected water supply are advised to bring water to a rolling boil for one minute (not including the time to bring the water to a boil) before consuming or to use commercial bottled water for consumption and food preparation.

Consumption includes brushing teeth, washing fruits and vegetables and making beverages and ice. Tap water that has not been boiled may be used for showering, bathing, shaving and washing, so long as care is taken not to swallow or allow water in the eyes or nose or mouth.

Children and disabled individuals should have their bath supervised to ensure water is not ingested. Though the risk of illness is minimal, individuals who have recent surgical wounds, are immuno-suppressed, or have a chronic illness may want to consider using bottled water for cleansing until the concern of water quality has passed.

Businesses and non-residential sites should take steps such as posting notices at or disabling water fountains and ice machines during the period of concern over the water quality. If water is provided to visitors or employees, use of commercially produced bottled water for drinking and beverage preparation, such as for coffee, is appropriate. Food service and health care operations have additional requirements from their regulatory agency.

Here are some tips regarding Water Safety during and after an emergency event:

- Boiling water will kill most types of disease-causing organisms that may be present. Boil the water for one minute, let it cool, and store it in clean containers with covers.
- If you can't boil water, you can disinfect it using household bleach. Bleach will kill some, but not all, types of disease-causing organisms that may be in the water.
- If water is cloudy, filter it through clean cloths or allow it to settle, and draw off the clear water for disinfection.
- Add 1/8 teaspoon (or 8 drops) of regular, unscented, liquid household bleach per each gallon of water. Stir it well and let it stand for at least 30 minutes before you use it.
- Store disinfected water in clean containers with covers.
- If you have a well that has been flooded, the water should be tested and disinfected after flood waters recede. If you suspect that your well may be contaminated, contact your local or state health department or agriculture extension agent for specific advice.

For more information on water safety visit the following sites:

<http://nj.gov/health/er/natural.shtml> or
<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/disasters/earthquakes/food.asp>