

Conducting Health Surveillance in Emergency Shelters

This free 90 minute training will provide an overview of conducting health surveillance in emergency shelters. We hope you will invite us to come and present to your volunteers! The training can be done in-person or via webinar and tailored to fit your region's shelter surveillance needs.

Target Audience: This training can be adapted for medical and non-medical volunteers that deploy to emergency shelters during disasters (e.g. MRC, CERT).

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Training Objectives:

- Describe how shelter surveillance has been used in national disasters, such as the response to Hurricane Sandy.
- Understand how health surveillance can be conducted in an emergency shelter to increase situational awareness of disease and illness during disasters.
- Gain a basic understanding of protocol and process for conducting health surveillance in New Hampshire emergency shelters.
- Gain knowledge in preventing and managing disease outbreak in shelters.
- Understand how facility-specific environmental health and safety assessments are performed at emergency shelters during disasters.
- Describe how to use *Natural Disaster Morbidity Surveillance Individual Form* (aka "Individual Form) to document individual health visits in shelter.
- Describe how to use *Natural Disaster Morbidity Surveillance Summary Report* (aka "Summary Report") to summarize health visits in shelter.

The NH DHHS guidance document that was released in June 2013 for conducting health surveillance in shelters can be found on E-Studio under sheltering and at:

<https://sites.google.com/site/greaternashuapublichealth/tool-kits-education/shelter-surveillance>.

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