

<b>Program</b> Public Health Emergency Preparedness	<b>Program Supervisor</b> Kim Ens, RN, BSN, MS, CHES	<b>FTE's Assigned</b> 1.3
<b>Program Description</b> The Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program provides: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education to the public, health care providers, and other emergency response partners regarding public health emergencies.</li> <li>• Preparedness planning and assessment of public health response capabilities within Douglas County.</li> <li>• Collaboration with response partners to ensure a coordinated, organized response to a public health emergency.</li> </ul>		
<b>Program Goals</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assure that the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department is prepared for a public health emergency.</li> <li>• Maintain strong relationships with Douglas County health care providers.</li> <li>• Promote “all hazards” preparedness to Douglas County residents.</li> <li>• Provide public health surge capacity for Douglas County during a public health emergency.</li> </ul>		
<b>2006 Program Assessment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• % of staff who have had some formal Incident Command System (ICS) training: 100%</li> <li>• Number of times ICS was utilized in response to a disease outbreak: 1 (mumps outbreak)</li> <li>• Total number of Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) volunteers, (# of 2006 recruits): 41 (29)</li> <li>• Planning documents written or revised in 2006: Volunteer Management Plan, Biological Incident Annex to the Douglas County Emergency Response Plan.</li> <li>• Communication with Douglas County health care providers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Douglas County had a large mumps outbreak in 2006 in which we frequently communicated with the health care providers, as well as our other emergency response partners.</li> <li>○ Continued to make annual face to face visits with Douglas County health care providers.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
<b>Funding Sources</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Fees <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <b>2006 Program Expenditures</b> \$169,722	<b>Partner Agencies</b> Lawrence Memorial Hospital, Douglas County Sheriff and Emergency Management Departments, Lawrence and Baldwin City School Districts, Univ. of Kansas, Baker Univ., Haskell Indian Nations Univ., Bert Nash Comm. Mental Health Center, Roger Hill Volunteer Center, Douglas County Red Cross, Lawrence-Douglas County Fire & Medical, the Police Departments of Lawrence, Eudora and Baldwin City, Headquarters Counseling Center, KU Research & Training Center on Independent Living, Centro Hispano Resource Center <b>City-County Service Distribution</b> Due to the universal nature of preparedness planning and the ease of transmission of some communicable diseases no geo-political distinction or division can be prudently discerned.	
<b>Program Impact Story</b> Health Department Communicable Disease Nurse: Incident command is a new concept for public health. In the past few years we have taken the required courses, but until being able to use it in real life, it didn't make a lot of sense. Now, we try to apply it whenever we can, to make it feel more natural when it comes to an actual “event”. In March of 2006 we received word that Lawrence had a couple of cases of mumps. In the five prior years we had had no confirmed cases of mumps in Douglas County. As the number of cases began to increase, we decided to activate our “Incident Command Center” and develop our incident action plan. This helped us manage the event more efficiently and was a command process that made sense. By the end of the outbreak, we had 339 confirmed and probable (epidemiologically-linked) cases of mumps.		