

MDCHD Employee Public Health Preparedness Seminar 2004

On June 18th 2004, the Miami-Dade County Health Department (MDCHD) conducted a Public Health Preparedness Seminar at the Radisson Hotel in Miami for all employees in order to provide them with an update of current State and County Health Department Emergency Response plans in place for both natural and man-made disasters.

The different possible Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD's) were discussed and evaluated via planned response measures. WMD's were classified according to the BNICE acronym for: Biological, Nuclear, Incendiary, Chemical, & Explosives. The dangers and threats to public health were evaluated and discussed with each as county resources to respond were also elaborated.

Other topics presented included:

- Syndromic Surveillance System
- Strategic National Stockpile Plan
- Drinking Water Infrastructure Safety
- Potassium Iodide (KI) Distribution Plan
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Safety Measures in the Workplace
- Special Needs Evacuation Center Procedures

