

# **Being Ready to Respond to an Outbreak**

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# Develop 4 “What If” Tools Now

1. FAQ Sheet / Fact Sheet
2. Pre-Investigational Tool→ Patient Demographics
3. Pre-Investigational Tool→ Patient History
4. Response Plan

# Develop FAQ Sheet for Top 3 Bld Borne Pathogens

*What are they?*

*How are they transmitted?*

Sharing diabetic testing supplies; lancets and needles

Sharing medically prescribed syringes; hormones, insulin, migraines...

*How aren't they transmitted?*

Its OK to let grandma hold the new baby and hug her grandchildren

*What are their incubation periods?*

The general public want a time line: “When will I be safe?”

*What clinical signs & symptoms are watched for?*

Not everyone with flu like symptoms has the flu

Not everyone with flu like symptoms has a blood borne pathogen

# Pre-Investigational Tool→ Patient Demographics

**Who** are the potential patients

**What** were they exposed to

**When** did the exposure take place

**Where** did the exposure take place

**How** did the exposure occur

**Why** did the exposure occur

# **Pre-Investigational Tool→ Patient History**

- \* Illegal Drug Use
- \* Incarceration
- \* Military Service
- \* Blood Donor
- \* Tattoo History
- \* Previous STD Infection
- \* Previous Blood Borne Pathogen Infection
- \* Previous Med Intervention Involving Blood Products

# Pre-Investigational Tool→ Detailed Lab History

## *What's in the patient's record's already?*

- \*Not just serology testing, other tests can give you clues. IE: With a *Complete Blood Count (CBC)* an increase in Neutrophils indicates a bacterial infection, while an increase in Lymphocytes indicates a viral infection
- \*Specific tests, date of testing, and results

# Develop a Response Plan

## What Needs to be Done?

- \* DIS → Pre-Investigation
- \* Communication → Public/Local Health Dept/State Health Dept/CDC/Media
- \* Provider: TA & Updates
- \* Clients: Pre-Investigation Tool → Testing → Education/Counseling

## What Order does it Occur In?

## Who is Responsible for Each Stage?

## What is the AVHP Role?