

ASPR TRACIE Technical Assistance

On March 7, 2017 ASPR TRACIE and the National Ebola Training and Education Center (NETEC) co-hosted the *Highly Pathogenic Infectious Disease Exercise Planning Tools* webinar. The purpose of the webinar was to familiarize participants with the NETEC-developed exercise materials designed to assist with conducting drills and exercises and to meet Ebola HPP measures. The PowerPoint presentation and recording of the webinar is available at: <https://asprtracie.hhs.gov/documents/aspr-tracie-netec-highly-pathogenic-infectious-disease-exercises-webinar-slides.pdf>.

This document provides an excerpt of the questions posed and answers provided (Q&A) during the webinar. Please note that this is not an exhaustive list of all the questions asked, but rather a sample of questions that may be beneficial to our stakeholders. Please review the webinar recording to hear the entire Q&A portion.

Q&A:

1. Question: The templates on the NETEC site seem to only be for TTXs. Will there be additional templates for operations-based exercises/ functional exercises?

Answer: The exercise templates on the NETEC site are for both, operations-based (e.g., drill, functional, full-scale) and discussion-based (e.g., tabletop) exercises for select end-users. Operations-based exercise templates are available for State-Designated ETCs and Regional Ebola and Other Special Pathogen Treatment Centers. All other end-users have discussion-based exercise templates available that can be fully customized to an operations-based exercise.

2. Question: Do you plan on creating Exercise evaluation Guides for these exercise templates?

Answer: All operations-based exercise templates have an exercise evaluation guide (EEG) on www.netec.org.

3. Question: I saw Target Capabilities in the exercise templates. I'm wondering if you listed the HPP capabilities that are met/demonstrated when conducting these exercises?

Answer: The NETEC Exercise Design Team, ASPR and CDC have determined the capabilities listed below from the priority capabilities identified in the [2017 – 2022 Health Care Preparedness and Response Capabilities](#) and exercise requirements. These capabilities provide the foundation for development of exercise objectives and scenario, as the purpose of this exercise is to measure and validate performance of these capabilities and their associated critical tasks: Foundation for Health Care and Medical Readiness, Health Care and Medical Response Coordination, Continuity of Health Care Service Delivery, and Medical Surge.

4. Question: Do you have materials that could be used for training health related career students (e.g., nursing)?

Answer: The [NETEC site](#) has technical resources in the “Resources and Repository” section that can also be beneficial for students.