The U.S. has recently put much focus and effort into Ebola preparedness. Healthcare facilities must also be prepared for highly communicable airborne diseases such as Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus (MERS-CoV), and other highly communicable non-airborne diseases. By conducting drills and exercises based upon the established regional, tiered approach set forth by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (HHS ASPR) for Ebola, healthcare facilities can better prepare for and support a system of care for special pathogens which have the potential to pose a significant burden on the healthcare delivery system. An effective and well-developed exercise for a suspected or confirmed special pathogen patient can help healthcare facilities engage partners, recognize areas of strength, and identify gaps.

The National Ebola Training and Education Center (NETEC) and ASPR’s Technical Resources, Assistance Center, and Information Exchange (ASPR TRACIE) are partnering on a series of webinars featuring NETEC’s suite of free, fully customizable, Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP)-compliant exercise materials. The first webinar in the series provided an overview of NETEC’s exercise templates and highlighted some unique planning considerations. The next webinar will focus on exercise planning for Frontline Facilities – acute care hospitals and other emergency care settings, such as urgent care clinics and critical access hospitals – that have not been designated as an Ebola Treatment Center or Assessment Hospital. Frontline Facilities have the possibility of encountering a patient suspected of infection with Ebola virus or another highly pathogenic infectious disease. Speakers will walk through exercise templates designed for Frontline Facilities and provide perspective on the relevance of exercise planning to a Frontline Facility. Exercise tips and lessons learned from a Frontline Facility will be shared. Other NETEC resources will also be highlighted. The webinar will take place Wednesday, May 24, from 2:00 PM-3:00 PM ET.

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Target Audience:
- Frontline Facilities (Acute Care Hospitals, Urgent Care Clinics, Critical Access Hospitals and Other Emergency Care Settings)
- State-Designated Ebola Treatment Centers
- Assessment Hospitals
- Regional Ebola and Special Pathogen Treatment Centers
- Healthcare Coalitions
- Regional Transport Plan and EMS Partners
- Public Health Agencies

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