

# Chemical Threat Preparedness Training



One of the objectives of the Laboratory Response Network (LRN) is to ensure effective response to both bioterrorism and chemical terrorism. After a chemical exposure event, the Chemical Threat Preparedness Program at the Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Public Health Laboratories (BPHL) will work with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the medical community to obtain clinical blood and urine samples from potentially exposed individuals. Preparedness is the key to effective response. As part of that preparedness effort, the BPHL offers Chemical Threat Preparedness training to community partners. The updated 1-hour course consists of information sharing and hands-on training as described below.

## CHEMICAL AGENTS & SPECIMEN COLLECTION

An introduction and overview of the various chemical threat agents and toxic industrial chemicals as seen on the news. A quick reference handout will be provided with each agent and symptoms of exposure.

The CDC have specific requirements regarding specimens. Therefore, collectors must follow a detailed protocol that is not typical to their daily routine. An easy to follow "Just-In-Time" training manual will be provided, which illustrates proper collection, storage and shipment of clinical specimens. The attendees will also participate in a hands-on training experience using tubes, cups, labels and evidence tape.

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Training is recommended for physicians, nurses, emergency department personnel, phlebotomists, hospital laboratory personnel, preparedness personnel, students, community volunteers, others who may collect clinical samples, and all who are interested.

**Register at:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2-18-26ChemicalThreat>

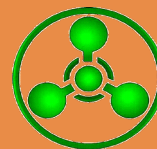
### LOCATION:

Leesburg Hospital  
600 E. Dixie Highway  
Leesburg, FL  
Private Dining Room  
(back of Cafeteria)

**DATE: Wednesday,  
February 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Choose from 11 am to noon  
or 2 to 3 pm**

**Nursing, Laboratory,  
and Environmental  
Scientist - 1 Clinical  
Chemistry CEU  
offered**



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