

Nevada Health Alert Network



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Who is included in the HAN ?

Health care workers, public health authorities,
emergency response, public officials



Guidelines for HAN recruitment

- Established by PHIN (Public Health Information Network)
- Outlined in Partner Communications and Alerting Functional Requirements

Guidelines for HAN recruitment

- Role based system
- Roles represent a combination of program functions and expertise
- One individual may fulfill multiple roles

Guidelines for HAN recruitment

- Divided into *Required Public Health Roles* and *Optional Public Health Roles*
- Roles are assigned at three levels:
 - state level
 - county level
 - hospital level
- States are free to include additional roles

Required Roles

#	Role	State	County	Definition
1	Health Officer	x	x	Administrates the Department of Health
2	Terrorism Coordinator	x	x	Administrates BT related activities
3	HAN Coordinator	x	x	Responsible for the HAN
4	Lab Director	x	x	Laboratory testing and reporting

Required Roles

#	Role	State	County	Definition
5	Public Health Administrator	X	X	Manages Department of Public Health
6	Emergency Management Coordinator	X	X	Coordinates emergency response activities
7	Chief Epidemiologist	X	X	Coordinates public health surveillance, investigation
8	Public Information Officer	X	X	Coordination of emergency risk communications

Required Roles

#	Role	State	County	Definition
9	Disease Coordinator	X	X	Coordinates disease surveillance and investigations
10	SNS Coordinator	X	X	Coordinates the pharmaceutical stockpile planning
11	Environmental Health	X	X	Directs the jurisdiction's Environmental Health Dept.
12	Chief Veterinarian	X	X	Responsible for the coordination of animal disease outbreaks

Required Roles

#	Role	State	County	Definition
13	Behavior Health Director	X	X	Coordinates mental health services
14	EMS Authority	X	X	Coordinates all medical response activities
15	Public Health Nursing Director	X	X	Coordinates jurisdiction's public health nursing activities
16	Public Health Logistics Coordinator	X	X	Responsible for transportation, facility setup, PPE, supplies

Optional Public Health Roles

#	Role	State	County
17	Immunization Director	X	X
18	Emergency Training Coordinator	X	X
19	Quarantine Officer	X	X
20	Laboratory BT	X	X
21	Medical Director	X	X

Optional Public Health Roles

#	Role	State	County
22	Medical Examiner/Coroner		X
23	Poison Control Center	X	
24	Border Health Director	X	
25	Microbiologist	X	X
26	Epidemiologist	X	X

Optional Public Health Roles

#	Role	State	County	Hospital
27	Technical Training Liaison (IT)	X	X	
28	EOC Coordinator	X	X	
29	Medical Society	X	X	
30	Infection Control Practitioner			X
31	Emergency Room Director			X
32	School District Nurse		X	
33	FBI WMD/BT Agent	X		
34	P H Investigator/Contact Tracer	X	X	
35	Animal Control Director		X	

Example of a role tree

Churchill County

Churchill Community Hospital

Churchill Community Hospital Administrator - CEO
Churchill Community Hospital RN Infection Control

Churchill County Coroner

Churchill County Emergency Manager

Churchill County EMS Authority

Churchill County Health Care Provider

Churchill County Health Officer

Churchill County Mental Health Director

Churchill County Public Health Nurse

Churchill County School District Nurse

Fallon Naval Air Station Emergency Manager

Utility of role based system

Roles are then grouped for ease in alerting.
 For example, the Churchill School District Nurse would be a member of the following role groups:

All Churchill County

All Nevada School District Nurses

All Mandatory CDC county roles

All Nevada Health Alert Network

Other groups not included in the 35 CDC roles

- Tribal communities
- Military installations located in counties
- Nevada's health care providers (physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners)

In Summary

- If your role was described in the previous slide and you are not a member of your state's HAN, contact your HAN coordinator.
- The HAN contains individuals from the public and private sectors who fill specified roles.
- Nevada would like to populate the HAN with health care providers so that when outbreaks occur information can be transmitted rapidly and accurately.