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North Country Public Health Preparedness News

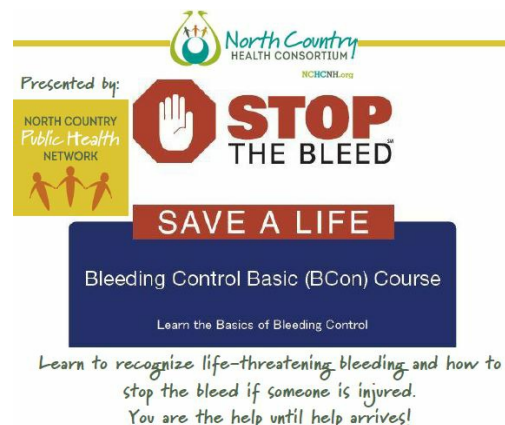
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Spotlight on Preparedness

The North Country Health Consortium held their first "Stop the Bleed" Training on Oct. 15th at the Lancaster EMS Bay. Watch out for flyers with additional free training dates and venues. The next available "Stop the Bleed" training will be offered at the Medallion Opera House in Gorham on January 16th. Visit <http://bit.ly/BCON-Jan16> to register online. To request a training, please contact Jim Richardson.

For more information about this initiative, visit the [Stop the Bleed](#) website.



Public Health Emergency Planning

Closed POD planning

PHEP Program Manager Jim Richardson recently met with representatives of long term care facilities within the region to begin the process of closed Points of Dispensing (POD) Planning. Country Village Center in Lancaster as well as the Lafayette Center in Franconia

are now in the process of becoming closed PODs. Next up on the closed POD initiative list is Saint Vincent de Paul with a meeting scheduled at the end of December. If your facility would like more information on becoming a closed POD site, please contact Jim at (603)259.3700 x255.

Healthcare Training

Your public health program manager recently returned from a week long training at the FEMA Center for Domestic Preparedness in Anniston, Alabama. The curriculum, "Framework for Healthcare Emergency Management," included a large tabletop exercise. This training is 100% free and available to any municipal and hospital-based preparedness staff. For more information, click on the [Center for Domestic Preparedness](#) link.



Drills and Exercises

Our region recently conducted drills for the POD staff, MACE staff, and our North Country Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) volunteers.

Jim is working with SAU 3 and the City of Berlin to begin the planning process for a facility setup functional exercise this spring. We are looking for volunteers to participate. If interested, please contact Jim Richardson or Chief Lacasse of the Berlin Fire Department.

The PHEP Program recently met with the Grafton County Nursing Home and Woodsville EMS Agency to begin the process of conducting a close POD drill this spring. More to follow...

North Country Public Health Region receives high marks from Division of Public Health Services (DPHS)

After a recent review of the North Country's Quarter 1 reporting to the State Division of Public Health Services, it was noted that the contract work and deliverables were in great shape and moving along well with the collaboration of our great partners!!! Thanks to all for your participation and continued support. As you know, we are all in this together for the health and safety of our citizens and visitors to the North Country.

Upcoming Training's and Events:

Regional Coordinating Council Meeting: February 18, 2019 Location TBD 10:00 - 11: 30 a.m.

Granite State Healthcare Coalition CMS EP Rules Drills and Exercises Littleton Regional Hospital Date April 3, 2019

POD 101 and MACE Training: More to follow

NH Integrated Volunteer Emergency Preparedness Conference April 6th Bow High School

8-4:30 p.m.

Berlin POD Set Up Exercise: April 13, 2019 Berlin High School 9-1 p.m.

Jurisdictional Risk Assessment: May 15th North Country Health Consortium 262 Cottage St. Littleton 9:30- 2:00 p.m. Pre-registration is required as lunch will be provided.

Register here [North Country JRA](#)

To request a training or speaker for your event please contact Jim Richardson

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