

State of North Dakota

Hospitals/Health Care Facilities

Homeland Security Advisory System

Threat Levels & Recommended Actions

If an event has occurred, activate your Emergency Response System.

<p>RED Severe Risk Of Terrorist Attacks</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue all measures as outlined in Green, Blue, Yellow and Orange levels. Notify essential personnel and conduct situation briefing every shift. Be prepared to activate emergency/disaster response plan. Place key personnel on stand-by. Secure as many additional staff as necessary. Advise staff of any schedule modifications. Report status at each shift change. Advise staff to be ready for call-back at any time. Reduce non-essential operations and re-assign staff. Be prepared to lock down facility. Designate staff to monitor news information stations and health alert network continuously. Contact local emergency manager to assess need for facility liaisons. Secure all doors. Maintain a security presence at a single point of access to each building and check identification of all visitors. Maintain a sign-in log with information from each visitor's identification. Check all bags, suitcases, brief cases and packages at the security point. Deliveries should not be accepted unless approved by supervisory staff. Limit visitors to immediate family only. Notify ND Department of Health of bed availability daily. Implement parking restrictions and park vehicles away from facility. Post signage indicating alert level and to redirect public to essential services. Assign staff to track expenses related to increased level of security. 	
<p>Orange High Risk Of Terrorist Attacks</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue all measures as outlined in Green, Blue, and Yellow levels. Notify essential personnel and conduct situation briefing. Ensure PPE is available. Designate staff to monitor news information stations and Health Alert Network communications every two hours. Inventory availability of response teams. Reduce access points to minimum. Assign personnel to key access point. At the beginning and end of each shift, as well as at other regular and frequent intervals, inspect the interior and exterior of buildings for suspicious packages. Observe parking areas adjacent to building for loitering. No unattended vehicles in adjacent parking areas. Identify and protect designated vulnerable areas; storage, electrical, telephone, air exchange, etc. Check all equipment for operational readiness. All visitors must check-in and wear a visitor pass. Assign IC staff to bioterrorism surveillance (in-patient and ambulatory care). Be alert for trends in patient symptoms. Reduce or suspend non-essential construction activities. Maintain awareness of local bed availability (surge capacity). 	
<p>Yellow Significant Risk Of Terrorist Attack</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue all measures as outlined in Green and Blue levels. Alert staff in all departments to heightened threat level. Perform disaster call tree drill. Assign staff person to watch for faxes/emails/correspondence from Department of Health and Health Alert Network every shift. Review emergency response plans for each department. Review media protocols with all staff. Increase spot checks of specific high-risk entrances/exits (e.g. loading docks, pharmacy, emergency department). Document security checks. Initiate active surveillance for bioterrorism agent syndromes (in-patient and ambulatory care). Emergency department monitors diversion status. Do not leave vehicles unattended and unlocked. Lock and regularly inspect all buildings, rooms and storage areas not in regular use. Review inventory of critical pharmaceuticals and supplies. Reorder if necessary. Test/practice decontamination procedures. Be aware of large scale community events. Track patient census and bed availability in region. 	
<p>Blue General Risk Of Terrorist Attacks</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue all measures as outlined in Green level. Review and update call tree quarterly. Review and update emergency response plan (incident command system). Conduct tabletop exercises for key personnel. Be alert for suspicious activities and report to safety director. Be alert for trends in patient culture/testing patterns. 	
<p>Green Low Risk Of Terrorist Attacks</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide training for all staff on Homeland Security Advisory System and disaster code paging announcements and bioterrorism agents, awareness, and reporting. Maintain an index of suspicion. Continue line of communications with designated emergency response personnel, including the Public Health Facilities. Establish facility bioterrorism mitigation and response plan. Conduct routine facility threat assessment. Ensure that in-house call tree is current. Assign staff person to watch for faxes/emails/correspondence from the Health Alert Network daily. Ensure communications equipment, including telephone numbers of governmental agencies, is available and operational. Complete an emergency group page test and document response times. All staff wear identification badges on duty. Assess security of HVAC system. 	