

Alternate Care Site Planning Overview

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Statewide Alternate Care Site Project

- Goal: Develop a planning tool to assist in the establishment and operation of an ACS during an emergency or disaster.
- Process:
 - Review current literature regarding ACS development
 - Regional Coordinators Meeting (August 2008)
 - Develop ACS planning tool (in process)
 - Pilot implementation of ACS planning tool (Spring '09)



The Planning Tool

- Planning Tool: Asks questions of and raises issues for planners to address in creating their own ACS plan.
- Overview:
 - Planning Responsibility/Ownership
 - Definition and Site selection
 - Operation and Management
 - Staffing
 - Stand up and stand down
 - Funding and Payment
 - Legal Considerations and Liability



CDC Essential Services Grant

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CDC Essential Services Grant

- VDH applied for CDC grant in March 2008 to implement the *Planning Guide* at a Development Site and create an Implementation Toolkit for the *Planning Guide*
- Grant was awarded in the “essential services during an influenza pandemic” category
- Troutman Sanders has been engaged by VDH to facilitate this project based on Troutman’s previous work in this area
- Timeframe: September 30, 2008 – September 29, 2009
- Development Site: Sentara Norfolk General Hospital



Goals of the Project

- Test the effectiveness of the *Planning Guide* at a Development Site (Sentara Norfolk General Hospital)
- Refine the *Planning Guide* based on lessons learned from Development Site
- Develop Implementation Toolkit



Project Phases

- I. Statewide activities: Identify “essential services” and evaluate the impact of discontinuing “non-essential” services**
- II. Conduct a baseline tabletop exercise**
- III. Implement the Planning Guide at SNGH**
- IV. Final tabletop exercise, finalize Implementation Toolkit, project report, and Planning Guide refinement**

