



**Public Health**  
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You are invited to a Public Health Emergency Preparedness Training:

## Category A Bioterrorism Agents

### When:

Thursday February 5, 2015  
From 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

### Where:

The Gould Barn  
1 Howlett Street  
Topsfield MA 01983



For map and driving directions:  
[http://www.topsfieldhistory.org/gould\\_barn.shtml](http://www.topsfieldhistory.org/gould_barn.shtml)

### To Register:

Send an email to:  
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**Registration Deadline: Tuesday, February 3**

For questions, please call Sheryl at 978-502-1628.

This training is sponsored by:  
Region 3A – Northeast Public Health Coalition  
and  
The Massachusetts Department of Public Health

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The presentation will include a **general overview of the Category A bioterrorism agents, including anthrax, botulism, plague, smallpox, tularemia, and viral hemorrhagic fevers.** The overview will cover the characteristics of each agent, clinical description, reservoir, transmission, incubation period, infectious period, and general epidemiological features, such as the distribution or incidence in populations. It will also identify the specific **infection control measures** for each agent to contain the spread. The presentation will also identify the supporting role of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health in **outbreak management.** Educational materials, such as relevant fact sheets for each agent, will be distributed.

### Objectives:

- Describe the properties that make infectious diseases likely agents of bioterrorism
- Describe the epidemiological characteristics of Category A bioterrorism agents (anthrax, botulism, plague, smallpox, tularemia, and viral hemorrhagic fevers)
- Identify infection control measures for Category A agents
- Review the MDPH role in outbreak management

**Presented by: Katie Reilly, MPH, MSN, RN, APHN-BC, Infectious Disease Response Nurse, Massachusetts Dept. of Public Health**

The Bureau of Infectious Disease Prevention, Response and Services, Massachusetts Department of Public Health, designates this Live activity for a maximum of **1.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)**<sup>™</sup>. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

The Bureau of Infectious Disease Prevention, Response and Services, Massachusetts Department of Public Health is accredited by the Massachusetts Medical Society to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

This program has been offered by the Bureau of Infectious Disease Prevention, Response and Services, Massachusetts Department of Public Health. A maximum of **1.5** contact hours for this program will be provided in accordance with the regulations governing continuing education requirements for the following Boards of Registration:

Board of Registration in Nursing (CMR 244 5.00), Board of Registration of Social Workers (258CMR 31.00et seq), Board of Mental Health Professions (262CMR 7.00), Board of Certification of Health Officers (241CMR 4.03), Board of Registration of Sanitarians (255CMR 5.02).

Pharmacists may receive up to **1.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit**<sup>™</sup> in accordance with 247CMR 4.00.

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