

## **Health Alert Network**

The Health Alert Network links local health departments to other organizations critical for public health emergency preparedness and response, such as, community first responders, hospitals, private laboratories, healthcare providers state health departments, Center for Disease Control and other federal agencies.

The Health Alert Network (HAN) is part of the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services public health emergency Planning and Response effort.

The U.S. Center for Disease Control provides funding for the HAN system as part of an effort to create a nationwide integrated information and communication system.



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## **NJ-LINCS Health Alert Network**



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## **What does LINCS mean to you?**

LINCS (Local Information Network and Communication System) NJLINCS is a system of public health professionals and public health information that enhances the identification and containment of disease, which can come from chemical, biological, radiological, environmental, and/or nuclear incidents.

There are 22 local agencies state wide. They are linked to other public health departments associated with Department of Health and Senior Services. The main goal is to protect the public's health through dissemination of public health information via various communication methods.

The information is quick and reliable and works to notify partners during an emergency. We can coordinate a plan to respond to bioterrorism, infectious disease outbreaks and any public health threat or emergency.

The sources of LINCS information are federal; (CDC, FEMA, USFDA), state (NJDHSS, NJDEP) and county/local (Ocean County Health Department) agencies.

## **You as a part of our Network.**

Through email or fax you will receive alerts that have different priority levels.



These will be:

### **Public Health Alert:**

Highest priority message

Potential Public Health Issue

### **Public Health Advisory:**

Second highest priority message

Important Public Health Information or data

### **Public Health Update:**

Message of next highest priority

Public Health information update

### **Public Health Information:**

Routine Public Health Information

Standard Public Health Information trainings, announcements, protocols.

We are looking to expand our network to include more professionals with the latest public health news. Examples include:

- ◆ Government Officials
- ◆ Hospitals and physicians
- ◆ Nurses and Nurse practitioners
- ◆ Pharmacies
- ◆ Schools and their nurses
- ◆ Service and community organizations
- ◆ Colleges and Universities
- ◆ Public Utilities and Public Works
- ◆ Community Organizations



Being a part of the LINCS Network will allow you to stay on top of emergency issues and provide you with reliable information during a public health emergency.