Public Health Coordination Efforts

Security Committee
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Planning Efforts

- In 2009 in response to the N1H1, PANYNJ formed the Pandemic Working Group with membership representing all line and staff departments.

- In 2013 PANYNJ started discussion with NYC Health for protocol dealing with Infectious Diseases.

- In August 2014 PANYNJ had discussions with NJ & NY State Health Departments.

- In October 2014
  - PANYNJ begins weekly meetings of Pandemic Working Group.
  - PANYNJ initiates daily executive and managerial conference calls.
**Enhanced Screening**

CDC and Customs & Border Protection are on station 24/7 and have increased staffing including 3 to 4 additional doctors.

As of 10/17 - 267 person have been screened

- All travelers arriving from three West African countries
  - Have their temperature taken
  - Answer questions about their health and exposure history
  - Are visually assessed for signs of potential illness

- Travelers with symptoms are separated and assessed further

- Assessment determines whether they are
  - Allowed to enter the US
  - Not allowed to travel on commercial aircraft or mass transit and are referred to public health for further evaluation

- A similar process is also in place in the ports with the USCG
Coordination / Communications

- Port Authority:
  - Facilities
  - Police Department
  - Emergency Management
  - Media Relations
  - Government Affairs
  - Risk Management
- Center for Disease Control
- Transportation Security Agency
- Customs & Border Protection
- Federal Bureau of Investigation,
- USCG
- NJ Office of Homeland Security
- NYS Office of Homeland Security
- NYS and NJ Departments of Health
- FDNY EMS
- University Hospital EMS
- NYC Office of the Medical Examiner
- NJ Regional Medical Examiner Office
- NYC Dept. of Health
- Newark Dept. of Health
- Elizabeth Dept. of Health
- Tenants
Training

- PAPD has department wide Blood Borne Pathogen training
- Additional Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) training currently underway for PA staff, contractors and tenants
- After Action Review (AAR) of events that occurred at PA facilities in respect to Ebola or other infectious diseases
- Collect AARs from other like agencies
- Incorporate findings of AARs as basis of table top exercises for executive / managerial staff
- Facilitate table top exercises based on AARs at facilities including external stakeholders
Next Steps

- Continued and enhanced communication, coordination and notifications between the PA and all Stakeholders
- Provide additional and continued training for staff in the handling of infectious material
- Continued awareness / training of infectious diseases and preventive measures for PA employees
- Directive issued to Airlines, Terminal Managers, CDC and CBP for enhanced cleaning of planes with passengers from 3 West African countries; and restrooms in CBP – controlled space