



Preparing our Hawai'i communities for natural disasters, disease pandemic, bioterrorism and public health emergencies.

Public Health Preparedness News

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Happy Holidays

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It's been a busy 2014...

Working with federal, state, and local stakeholders in **Ebola** preparedness

Sending a PHASTMTeam to RIMPAC, the world's largest maritime exercise

Testing Chempack response capabilities on Maui, Kauai, and Big Island

Teaching keiki that "you don't have to be scared when you are prepared"

Collaborating with **partners like YOU** to promote the health and safety of Hawaii's people by strengthening our capacity to prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters.

Supporting the statewide **Stop Flu at School** program

Coordinating a Dept. Operations Center **Functional Exercise** with the statewide Makani Pahili hurricane exercise

Sponsoring the Honolulu Theater for Youth's "**Wash Wash Wash Wash Your Hands**" (view it now!)

Hosting **Tropic Care Kauai 2014** for U.S. military medical and logistics reserve and active personnel (who performed 22,000 medical procedures for Kauai residents)

Partnering with **Public Health Nurses and Medical Reserve Corps** on emergency preparedness outreach and action

Holding crisis and emergency risk **communications** training to build department surge capacity

Responding to shelter needs during **Hurricanes Iselle and Ana**

Exercising **Point of Distribution (POD)** set up and operations to effectively provide mass prophylaxis

Wishing you joy and good health in 2015!