

**WVU SCHOOL OF PHARMACY WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION (WMD)
TASK FORCE**

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Do I have to get the smallpox vaccine to participate in the Task Force?

NO. This is absolutely not required and is not being offered. A participant would be able to do *at least* 95% of the National Pharmaceutical Stockpile (NPS) activities without this. Smallpox is just one piece of what is available with the NPS program and many activities in a smallpox clinic do not require vaccination.

2. Is the training going to be in the Summer?

NO. The core training (the 2 day equivalent) will be in April.

The WV Bureau for Public Health NPS drill has not been planned yet. While the drill may be in the summer, it is also very likely it would be in the early Fall after everyone gets back from vacations but before the weather gets bad. As Dr. Scharman would be helping to plan this drill, the student's schedules would be taken into consideration.

3. What is the exact date/times of the training? What if I am on rotations?

Once Dr. Scharman has the list of those interested, she will pass around possible dates and times and coordinate the best times with those involved. Dr. Scharman will work with the School of Pharmacy so that students will be able to participate given their class and rotation schedules.

As this would be an approved School activity, students who have signed up would be given a letter to show preceptors allowing them to be excused for a day from rotations.

4. Where will the training sessions and the drill take place?

The location of these 2 original training sessions will be in Morgantown.

The drill will most likely be in Charleston as this is the location of the WV Bureau for Public Health and the WV Office of Emergency Services. Again, as this would be a School approved activity, students would be provided release time (including from rotations) to attend. Other options may be available for those students who would happen to be out of state doing a rotation so these students should not be afraid to participate. Planning will take into consideration the necessity of avoiding an overnight stay in Charleston.

5. Does it matter where I live now or in the future?

NO. Following a terrorist event, volunteers may be needed in their own communities or may be needed in other locations. For many communities, they will need extra people as their populations are small and response teams can travel to them to provide assistance. With the NPS taking up to 12 hours to deploy, there is time to travel to the needed location.

6. I am a faculty member or another member of the WVU School of Pharmacy staff. How do I sign up?

Use the same form the students were given.

7. I have a friend or relative who is a pharmacist or pharmacy technician. Can they participate?

YES. While this is a WVU School of Pharmacy project, and while students are the main focus, successful

NPS deployment in WV after a terrorist event is very labor intensive and will require lots of people. They can use the same student sign-up form; just have the write in their address. All correspondence will be via e-mail. Continuing Education credit will be sought in the future but is not available at this time.

8. I did not get or lost my sign up form. How do I get another one?

Ms. Jennifer Clutter has additional forms.

9. What if I have any more questions?

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