

**The
Galveston County Health District**

Presents

**DISEASES AND DISASTERS:
ARE WE READY?**

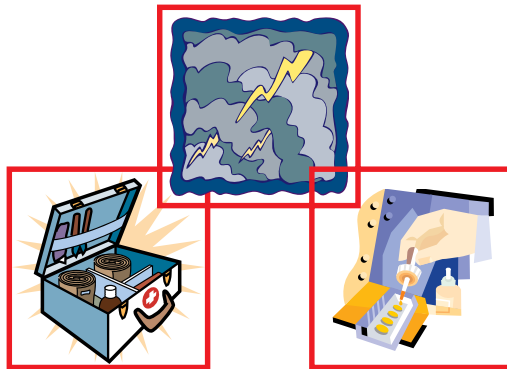
September 1, 2004

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Johnnie Arolfo Civic Center

400 W. Walker

League City, Texas



The Galveston County Health District (GCHD) would like to invite you to a conference that will help educate local officials and community partners on the many aspects and challenges related to bioterrorism planning and other public health emergencies.

Keynote Speaker



Mary desVignes - Kendrick, M.D.,
M.P.H., F.A.A.P.

Dr. desVignes-Kendrick received her medical degree from Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee and completed her pediatrics residency at Baylor College of Medicine Affiliated Hospitals in Houston, Texas. She earned her Master of Public Health at the University of Texas School of Public Health in Houston, Texas. Dr. Kendrick currently serves as the Deputy Director of the Center for Biosecurity and Public Health Preparedness at the UT Health Science Center at Houston and is also a Professor of Management, Policy and Community Practice. For twelve years Dr. Kendrick was the Health Authority and Director of the City of Houston Department of Health and Human Services. Dr. Kendrick is board certified in pediatrics. She is listed in the congressional record of the 108th Congress of the United States House of Representatives for outstanding work to improve public health in the City of Houston. Dr. Kendrick brings a level of experience to the preparedness planning process that is valuable to all communities.

Conference Agenda General Session

- 9:00 AM Welcome
Warren J. Holland - GCHD
- 9:10 AM Opening Remarks
County Judge Jim Yarbrough
- 9:20 AM Overview: Are We Ready?
Harlan "Mark" Guidry, M.D., MPH
Galveston County Health Authority
- 9:40 AM Public Health Preparedness in
Galveston County
Brian Rutherford - GCHD
- 10:00 AM Break
- 10:30 AM Emergency Management Role in
Public Health Emergencies
Tesa Duffey-Wroblewski - Galveston
County Office of Emergency Mgt.
- 10:45 AM Strategic National Stockpile
Carmen Castro, M.S. - GCHD
- 11:30 Lunch/Keynote Address
Mary desVignes-Kendrick M.D.,
M.P.H., F.A.A.P.

1:00 PM - 1:45 PM First Break-out Session

- 1 Delivering accurate, consistent and timely messages to the public
- 2 Identifying a public health threat through surveillance and disease reporting
- 3 Maintaining a secure environment in an emergency
- 4 Coordinating planning and communications among large, diverse groups and special populations

2:00 PM - 2:45 PM Second Break-out Session

- 5 Operating mass vaccination clinics and the critical role of volunteers
- 6 How to prepare for mental health consequences
- 7 How to deal with environmental and zoonotic issues
- 8 Readiness of first responders and hospital emergency rooms

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM General Session

Report on next steps from break-out session discussions.

Dr. desVignes-Kendrick is the Deputy Director of the Center for Biosecurity and Public Health Preparedness - University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston. For more information see Keynote Speaker page.

Mail Registration Today!

Mail registration to:
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Online information
www.gchd.org

Pre-registration Fee \$15
Check or Money Order to "GCHD"
DUE AUGUST 16TH
Limited Capacity

Name: _____

Address: _____

Organization: _____

Email: _____

Please check the break-out sessions
you will be attending:

First Session: (check one)

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Second Session: (check one)

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