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HANYS TO HOST HAZMAT/BIO DECONTAMINATION TRAINING AND DRILL Full Array of Specialized HazMat Equipment and Personnel Will be in Action

The Healthcare Association of New York State (HANYS) will host a three-day infectious and hazardous material (HazMat) training program for hospital and health system employees. The program, *HazMat for Health Care—Train-the-Trainer*, will be held October 9, 10, and 11 at HANYS' headquarters located at One Empire Drive in Rensselaer.

As part of the program, **a decontamination drill will take place Wednesday, October 10 from 1 to 4 p.m. in the HANYS parking lot.** Participants will be wearing personal protective equipment and will be simulating an actual patient decontamination operation.

A full array of HazMat equipment and resources will be in operation at the Wednesday drill, including:

- Decontamination Showers
- Personal Protective Equipment (sealed suits)
- Specialized Fire Engines, Equipment
- Specialized Personnel

This initiative, made possible by the Health Workforce Retraining Initiative and jointly administered by the Department of Health and Department of Labor, is designed to build a cadre of trainers at hospitals and health care systems throughout New York State to enhance facilities' ability to protect employees, patients, infrastructure, and communities during hazardous materials or biological emergencies. Successful completion of this course will enable participants to train other personnel as "HazMat trainers" within their institutions and at other health care organizations in their communities.

The Healthcare Association of New York State (HANYS) is the only statewide hospital and continuing care association in New York State, representing more than 550 non-profit and public hospitals, nursing homes, home care agencies, and other health care organizations.

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