

LODGING INFORMATION

DHEC has reserved a block of rooms for the nights of May 10 & 11, 2010 at the **Radisson Hotel Columbia and Conference Center**, 2100 Bush River Road (I-20 at Bush River Road) in northwest Columbia.

For reservations, call the Radisson directly: 800.333.3333 or 803.744.0142.

Reservations must be made by Sunday, April 25, 2010. Mention the DHEC Epi-Conference to receive the Conference Rate of \$93. Conference Rate and room availability are not guaranteed after April 25, 2010.

DHEC Staff

1. Make reservations with the Radisson Hotel Columbia and Conference Center, using a personal credit card to hold the room. Mention the DHEC Epi Conference when making your reservations to get the conference rate of \$93.00 per night. Your credit card will not be billed.
2. Please be sure to note your hotel confirmation number and roommate name on the Epi Conference Registration Form. Return the registration form to Gloria McCurry by Friday, April 16, 2010.
 - a. Rooms for DHEC participants are will be paid, via direct-billing, for the Epi Conference.
 - b. As per Health Service management directives, sharing of rooms is strongly recommended.
3. DHEC direct billing covers lodging costs limited to room and taxes. Participants are responsible for incidental charges, e.g., room service.
4. Participants who cancel fewer than 24 hours before the start of the Epi Conference will be responsible for one night's lodging costs.
5. DHEC will cover lodging costs only for those staff whose offices and/or homes are beyond a 50-mile radius of the conference site.

Non-DHEC Participants

Non-DHEC participants are entitled to the reduced conference block rate, but will not be able to use DHEC direct billing for lodging costs.

REGISTRATION

Conference registration costs, as noted below, are underwritten by the DHEC Division of Acute Disease Epidemiology.

Epi Conference One Day (5/11 or 5/12)	\$65.00
Epi Conference (5/11 and 5/12)	\$130.00

Registration forms (due by Friday, April 16, 2010) are available from Gloria McCurry: mcurruga@dhec.sc.gov or 803.898.0721. Confirmation of registration will be sent via e-mail.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Notice of cancellation of registration must be received in writing by DADE (Fax to 803.898.0897 or email mcurruga@dhec.sc.gov) **no later than Tuesday, April 27, 2010.** Cancellations made after April 27 or "no shows" will result in a charge to the agency/facility/region equal to the full registration fee.

DHEC reserves the right to cancel the program if necessary. The conference sponsors cannot be responsible for reimbursement of airline or other transportation fares, hotel or rental car charges, including penalties.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Nursing contact hours will be awarded. SC DHEC is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the South Carolina Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

All SC DHEC employees will receive credit for Epi-Conference attendance through the agency's eLearning Management System.

All participants must sign in both days to receive credit for participation. Participation and Nursing continuing education certificates will be mailed out after the conference.

FUNDING

DHEC Staff: Funding for the DHEC Epi Conference is provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant Program.

Hospital staff: Conference registration costs are underwritten by the Division of Acute disease Epidemiology. Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) grant funds may be used to reimburse staff for costs incurred with Epi Conference attendance, including lodging and travel (state / GSA rates apply.) Hospital staff should contact the HPP point of contact within their hospital to use HPP funds for this training. Conference reimbursement will be made in accordance with pre-existing HPP reimbursement guidelines and procedures.

HPP reimbursement questions should be directed to Colleen Donovan: donovacm@dhec.sc.gov

QUESTIONS?

◆ Registration and Logistics

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◆ Conference Content

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◆ HPP Reimbursement for Hospital Staff

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16TH ANNUAL DHEC EPI CONFERENCE



MAY 11 & 12, 2010

RADISSON HOTEL
COLUMBIA AND
CONFERENCE CENTER

AN EPI ODYSSEY

The annual DHEC Epi Conference is designed to enhance the capacity of Public Health and partner organizations to conduct disease surveillance and outbreak response activities.

Staff from DHEC, and from local and national agencies will present on key Epi topics, including:

- ◆ Responses to rare diseases and conditions
- ◆ Revisiting the “basics” for commonly encountered illnesses and conditions
- ◆ Continued development of critical Epi skills and competencies
- ◆ Refugee health issues
- ◆ Pesticides and toxic exposures

As in previous years, the DHEC Epi Conference will conclude with an outbreak investigation exercise, giving participants an opportunity to identify and strengthen their roles in response to an outbreak.

Speakers will include:

- ◆ Dr. Michael Blackwell, former Assistant Surgeon General (Rear Admiral) of USPHS Commissioned Corps and former Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Tennessee
- ◆ Dr. William Richardson and Dr. Jill Michaels, Palmetto Poison Center
- ◆ Dr. Steve Shelton, Medical Director, Emergency Medicine, Palmetto Healthcare Richland
- ◆ Subject-matter experts from our reporting partners within the State.
- ◆ Our very own Outbreak Response Teams and Central Office staff.

EPI CONFERENCE TENTATIVE AGENDA

TUESDAY, MAY 11

Registration & Breakfast (<i>provided</i>)	8:00 AM
Welcome	9:00 AM
Plenary Session I	9:15 AM
2009 H1N1: Hospital perspectives — How prepared were we?	
<i>Speakers: Dr. Steve Shelton, Sue Boeker, Dr. Kathleen Antonetti</i>	
Keynote Address:	10:45 AM
Zoonotic diseases and the future of public health	
<i>Speaker: Dr. Michael Blackwell</i>	
Lunch (<i>provided</i>)	Noon
Regional Presentations:	1:00 PM
<i>Outbreak Responses from Selected Regions</i>	
Concurrent Session I	2:45 PM
1. <i>Rarely seen conditions: Botulism</i>	
2. <i>Radiation Emergencies</i>	
3. <i>Vector-borne Disease: “Spotted Fevers”</i>	
4. <i>Emerging Zoonotic Diseases</i>	
5. <i>Drinking and Recreational Water: Health</i>	
Concurrent Session 2	4:00 PM
1. <i>Rarely Seen Conditions: Botulism (repeat)</i>	
2. <i>Radiation Emergencies (repeat)</i>	
3. <i>Vector-borne Disease: “Spotted Fevers” (repeat)</i>	
4. <i>Emerging Zoonotic Diseases (repeat)</i>	
5. <i>Drinking and Recreational Water: Health (repeat)</i>	
Adjourn	5:00 PM
Group Dinners, if interested	5:30 PM
<i>Meet in Hotel Lobby</i>	

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

Registration & Breakfast (<i>provided</i>)	8:00 AM
Welcome	9:00 AM
Plenary Session II	9:15 AM
<i>Epi Review 2009: International, National and State Perspectives</i>	
<i>Speakers: Dr. Eric Brenner & Dr. Jerry Gibson</i>	
Concurrent Session 3	10:30 AM
6. <i>VPDs: Focus on Mumps</i>	
7. <i>Refugee Health</i>	
8. <i>Antibiotic Stewardship</i>	
9. <i>Pesticides and Toxic Exposures</i>	
10. <i>Epi Skill Building: Part I</i>	
Concurrent Session 4	11:25 AM
6. <i>VPDs: Focus on Mumps (repeat)</i>	
7. <i>Refugee Health (repeat)</i>	
8. <i>Antibiotic Stewardship (repeat)</i>	
9. <i>Pesticides and Toxic Exposures (repeat)</i>	
10. <i>Epi Skill Building: Part II</i>	
Lunch (<i>provided</i>)	12:15 PM
Plenary Session III	
External partner spotlight: Palmetto Poison Center	
<i>Speakers: Dr. William Richardson & Dr. Jill Michaels</i>	
Outbreak Exercise	1:15 PM
Outbreak Exercise Wrap-up	3:45 PM
Evaluation	4:00 PM
Door Prizes	4:05 PM
Adjourn	4:15 PM

Please note: Concurrent and plenary session topics and times are subject to change. A final agenda will be available after April, 2010.

At the 16th Annual DHEC Epi Conference, you will:

- ◆ Learn more about disease surveillance and response
- ◆ Share and learn about Epi best practices
- ◆ Network with other public health and hospital professionals

SHOULD I ATTEND?

The target audience for the DHEC Epi Conference is DHEC Outbreak Response Team Members and our community partners, including:

- ◆ Regional and Central Office Public Health Disease Surveillance and Response Staff
- ◆ Public Health Laboratory Staff
- ◆ Public Health Environmental Health Staff and Environmental Quality Control Staff with outbreak investigation responsibilities
- ◆ Other Public Health Staff with outbreak investigation responsibilities
- ◆ Hospital Infection Preventionists, Pharmacists, Microbiologists and Laboratorians