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### [HISTORY: 2009 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WORKSHOPS](#)

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health in collaboration with the Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office, Office of Emergency Management (LAC OEM) and Los Angeles County Department of Health Services Emergency Medical Services Agency hosted a pair of emergency preparedness workshops entitled “Managing a Public Health Crisis at Your Doorstep” in June 2009.

Part I of the series of emergency preparedness workshops was held at the California Endowment Center for Healthy Families in downtown Los Angeles on May 26, 2009. Part II of the workshops was held at Descanso Gardens located in La Canada Flintridge on June 25, 2009.

Part II of the emergency preparedness workshop was geared for local government officials (elected and non-elected) to educate and train them in the event of a disaster and/or catastrophe in their city and/or jurisdiction.

The workshop also featured a Tabletop Exercise (TTX) that was comprised of three modules. The first module focused on responding to a 6.4 magnitude earthquake that struck near the Whittier Narrows area. The second module centered on handling and coordinating efforts in regards to an outbreak of pandemic flu, and in response to the pandemic flu the third module involved the planning and activation of Point of Dispensing (POD) operation that would be located throughout the Los Angeles County Operational Area.

### [2009 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WORKSHOPS PHOTOGRAPHS](#)

**May 26, 2009 – Press Conference held at the California Endowment Center for Healthy Families, downtown Los Angeles.**





## 2009 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WORKSHOPS MEDIA COVERAGE

- May 26, 2009 – Red Orbit Your Universe Online News, “County and City Leaders Coordinate to Just Be Ready.”
- May 26, 2009 – Examiner Online News, “County and City Leaders Coordinate to Just Be Ready.”
- June 11, 2009 – Los Angeles Sentinel, “County and City Leaders Coordinate to Just Be Ready...From new flu A H1N1 to earthquakes and fires, elected officials and city managers gather to prepare for potential public health emergencies.
- June 24, 2009 – Pasadena Star News, Local: Around Pasadena section, “County emergency office sets meeting for leaders” – Managing a Public Health Crisis At Your Doorstep, a workshop for elected officials and city managers, will be held from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Descanso Gardens, 1418 Descanso Drive. Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management and Department of Public Health will host the half-day workshop designed to provide critical information and instruction specifically for San Gabriel Valley city elected officials and city managers.
- June 25, 2009 – Pasadena Star News and Pasadena Star News.com, “City, county officials discuss disaster preparedness” written by Jessica Kwong, Correspondent. City officials and managers from 39 cities in Los Angeles County convened on Descanso Gardens on Thursday to respond to a 6.4 magnitude earthquake and virus outbreak – simulations aimed at preparing them to act in the event of actual public health emergencies...During the City Emergency Preparedness Workshop, hosted by county’s Department of Public Health and Chief Executive Office, Office of Emergency Management, the municipal officials met with county public health officials to become better informed and practice their roles in earthquakes, fires, viruses and man-made events such as terrorist attacks...The most important reason we’re doing this is because in an actual disaster (city and county public health officials) will have to plan, coordinate and collaborate said Kenneth Kondo spokesman for the county emergency office...Keith Harrison, the office’s assistant administrator said the workshop was

particularly valuable because the county is the lead coordinating agency in working with cities in reporting emergencies to the regional and state level...City of Covina Mayor Walter Allen said, "It was very useful training and table top exercise because cities are vulnerable if they do not prepare for worst case scenarios...It gives me a totally new perspective and tells me that in the cities of Los Angeles County, there is a continual need to assess preparedness," Mayor Allen said.

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