

What is *On Your Time*?

Web-based Awareness Level Training Modules

On Your Time is a series of web-based modules addressing local public health program areas and cross cutting competencies at the awareness level. The modules are provided at no charge to trainees and can be completed at any time.

Benefits to participants:

- Greater flexibility and affordability via distance learning
- Opportunity to earn continuing education credits

Planning Team representatives come from academia, governmental agencies, and professional associations in Massachusetts, including:

- Boston University School of Public Health, which houses the Local Public Health Institute of MA and the New England Alliance for Public Health Workforce Development (a HRSA public health training center)
- State and local boards of health and health departments
- Professional public health associations



Who are the modules for?

Target Audience

Primary trainees are public health professionals from municipal and state agencies charged with enforcement of health and environmental regulations in Massachusetts. Job titles include, but are not limited to:

- Health Inspectors
- Public Health Nurses
- Sanitarians or Environmental Health Specialists
- Health Agents, Directors, or Commissioners
- Compliance Officers

Additional trainees are from agencies that partner with public health (e.g., public safety, schools, emergency management) and from regulated operations or facilities (such as Tanning and Wastewater).



Images from some of the modules

Workforce competency

Standard Information and Uniform Presentation

Standard training modules help assure that members of the Massachusetts public health workforce are aware of duties and responsibilities and are prepared and competent to perform them. Each program area module contains:

Title and Credits

Introduction and Learning Objectives

Background (Science and Health)

Administration Authority

- Regulations and Laws
- Inspection Tools and Equipment,
- Enforcement Strategies
- Summary of Standards

Resources

Modules

Introductory

- Orientation to Local Public Health in Massachusetts
- Public Health Law and Legal Issues in Massachusetts

Program Areas

- Body Art
- Drinking Water
- Food Protection
- Hazardous Waste
- Housing
- Medical and Biological Waste
- Nuisance Control and Abatement
- Recreational Camps for Children
- Recreational Waters: Bathing Beaches
- Recreational Waters: Swimming Pools
- Special Food Operations: Sushi
- Tanning Facilities
- Wastewater and Title 5



Emergency Preparedness

- Dealing with Stress in Disasters: Building Psychological Resilience
- Emergency Preparedness Begins at Home
- Emergency Preparedness in Massachusetts
- Legal Nuts and Bolts of Isolation and Quarantine
- Public Health Workforce Protection
- Using the Health and Homeland Alert Network (HHAN)

Population Focus and Cross Cutting Competencies

- Bed Bugs
- Hoarding
- Lyme Disease
- Massachusetts Virtual Epidemiologic Network (MAVEN)
- MAVEN - TB



Image of the MA Emergency Management Agency Bunker

In Development (due December 2013)

Animal Control, Community Recovery, Disease Case Management, Emergency Dispensing Sites, Health Promotion, Ice Rinks, Solid Waste, Surveillance, and Vaccine Management

Moving forward

New Modules, Multiple Delivery Methods, and Certificate Options

The *On Your Time* team continues to:

- Create new modules
- Systematically review existing modules (web links quarterly and content annually)
- Develop Facilitator's Guides for most modules (available for download as a pdf document). Guides are designed to assist with a facilitator-led, classroom-based delivery in flexible time segments and provide instructions, additional activities, and teaching tips.
- Develop (for 2014) a Certificate option for bundled courses (e.g., offering a Certificate for Environmental Health upon proof of completion of an identified set of modules)

