

To: All SUMC Staff and Community Physicians

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RE: BIOTERRORISM

In response to the September 11th tragedy and subsequent events we have appointed a Bioterrorism and Emergency Preparedness Planning Task Force co-chaired by Eric A. Weiss, MD and Lou Saksen. The task force, membership list attached, has representation from all relevant departments at SHC and LPCH, as well as representation from the University Environmental Safety Program and the School of Medicine safety office. The committee is tasked with reviewing the medical center's current procedures, coordinating the medical center's disaster planning with federal, states, county and local directives, and coordinating all internal and external communications on these topics. We are taking these steps to ensure the highest possible level of safety for our patients, staff, volunteers, and visitors.

Bioterrorism by its very nature is both complex and difficult to predict. Therefore, the most sensible policies and procedures require constant modification. The task force will issue updates, clarifications, and information as situations develop. Medical center wide information will be available on the LPCH, SHC and School of Medicine Web sites as appropriate.

In this time of heightened uncertainty and anxiety, all necessary resources will be provided to support and issue the highest level of safety and security at SUMC and for the communities we serve. Please direct all questions or issues to Lou Saksen's attention in order for Dr. Eric Alan Weiss and the Task Force to review and respond appropriately.

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