Welcome to the updated Partners in Prevention, an interactive web-based training course designed to prepare the following audiences to respond to infectious disease cases and emergencies:

- State and local public health professionals: health directors/agents, sanitarians, and public health nurses
- Healthcare providers: physicians, infectious disease specialists, nurses, and emergency room staff
- Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs)
- Infection control professionals
- Laboratorians
- Community-based healthcare providers: including staff of HMOs, VNA's, community health centers, and private practices
- School health professionals

This is an awareness level, competency-based course for persons who are mandated by Massachusetts laws and regulations to participate in infectious disease surveillance and reporting, and may be called upon to implement isolation and quarantine measures but may be new to or unfamiliar with their roles and responsibilities.

This course was developed to complement the Infectious Disease Surveillance, Reporting, and Control: What is it all about? classroom training that has taken place annually since 2001. Partners In Prevention is for those individuals who have been unable to attend the classroom training but still require a foundation in infectious disease surveillance. Each of the five sections takes about 15 minutes to complete and has study questions to help you prepare for the final test.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

After taking this course, participants should be able to:

- Describe the principles of infectious disease surveillance, reporting and control.
- Describe the infectious disease reporting requirements and legal authority as defined in the Massachusetts General Laws (M.G.L.) and in 105 Code of Massachusetts Regulation 300.000.
- Describe the implications of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Privacy Rule for public health activities.
- Explain isolation and quarantine strategies, and how they may differ depending on the disease.
- Identify appropriate infection control measures to minimize the risk of exposure to infectious diseases.

REGISTRATION

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Continuing Education Credits are available for this course. Participation is free of charge.

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