

Project Public Health Ready (PPHR) statement on the use of the response to the H1N1 pandemic as evidence for Goal III of the PPHR Criteria **(Revised 5/11/10)**

Measure #6, Sub-measure A: Documentation of individual aspects of the response to H1N1, such as a one-day point of dispensing (POD) or mass-vaccination clinic or extended activities such as vaccine operations that cover a defined period, can be submitted as evidence of an exercise under sub-measure A (tabletop, functional or full scale exercise) of Measure #6 of the PPHR Criteria. These activities must be submitted as exercises because they provide a review of only one aspect of the overarching response of a health department to H1N1. As with any submission for sub-measure A, the agency must submit a comprehensive after action report or improvement plan that spans the entire length of the exercise, from beginning to end.

Measure #6, Sub-measure B: Documentation of an agency's full H1N1 response, or a specified, time-bound portion of that full response (such as the response to the first or second wave of the epidemic), may be submitted as evidence of a REAL EVENT response under sub-measure B (an actual emergency event to which the agency activated its response plan) of Measure #6 of the PPHR Criteria. This submission must span such a segment of time (i.e., one wave) to allow for a meaningful review of the LHD's full H1N1 response activities. There is no requirement of a specific amount of time defining a department's H1N1 response, however, LHDs must provide evidence for the full scope of the response covered within the Incident Action Plan and any other debrief or supporting documents. Examples of such response activities would include Points of Dispensing (PODs), mass-vaccination clinics, communicating with the public and media, epidemiological investigation, and laboratory testing. As with any submission for sub-measure B, the agency must submit several comprehensive reports reflecting the duration of the event, including the incident action plan (IAP) (if more than one incident action plan is created, then all incident action plans should be submitted), an after action report (AAR), and plan of correction.