



Preparing for and Initiating Public Health Containment Activities with Local Communities

CHECKLIST

Conducting outreach activities is key to preventing new infections and minimizing death and disability caused by an outbreak. Example activities include active surveillance, case-finding, clinical care and treatment, and contact-tracing. Yet as previous experiences have shown, how frontline workers conduct this work can be as important as what they do. Frontline workers should approach local communities respectfully, as partners in response. A response driven by the needs and demands of the community will pay off in terms of local acceptance, time, and trust. This checklist is designed to help responders act with respect, compassion, and fairness when entering at-risk and affected communities

Directions: Review this checklist while preparing to initiate public health containment activities.

- Learn about local history, customs, networks, and tensions.
 - Identify **local values and traditions** that might overlap with transmission pathways.
- Develop strategies to safely modify procedures that will **respect traditions and mitigate risk** of transmission.
- Identify influential leaders** who can accompany you in the community, make introductions, and “host” the response team.
- Work with local leaders to identify **evidence-based strategies** and approaches to containment at the community level.
- Engage with local leaders** to identify who in the community is least-well off or subject to discrimination and what might be needed to protect them.
- Develop policies and practices for the **equitable implementation** of containment activities.
- Coordinate with local community leaders to discuss what response teams are planning to do.