Field Epi 201 Frequently Asked Questions

1. The online course “Field Epidemiology” is a pre-requisite. If I have taken the one day live training “Field Epi 101: Outbreak Investigation” training with Stan Kondracki as instructor, can that be waived?

The online course “Field Epidemiology” is also pre-requisite to the one day training “Field Epi 101: Outbreak Investigation” training with Stan Kondracki as instructor. Chances are that if you participated in the one day live training, you have already taken the pre-requisite.

2. I have an extensive background in outbreak investigations; can the pre-requisite be waived for me?

This course is meant for front line nurses and environmental health staff without a lot of experience in outbreak investigation. However, we do not dis-allow anyone to take the course. Contact Dawn Bleyenburg at 518-402-0339 if you are seeking to waive the pre-requisite.

3. How is this different from the online course “Field Epidemiology”?

“Field Epidemiology” is a self-paced online course that participants take individually and is available 24/7 and open to anyone. “Field Epi 201” utilizes Moodle (a course management system similar to Blackboard). A variety of online teaching methods (webinars, discussion forums) are part of Moodle. Students will have weekly activities and are encouraged to dialogue online with other students. There is a set start date and end date, and the course is only open to those who are registered for that section.

4. Are there any tests/exams?

In order to receive the continuing education credits (CNE, CME, CHES), students will have to complete a simple post-test and evaluation. This will be the only test and it will be brief. It will be online and you may use your notes/resources.

5. Do I have to log in separately if I others in my office are taking the course too?

Each person should log into the course separately to complete the activities. However, participants are welcome to view the webinars together. Please be sure that someone is at the computer to move the mouse and answer questions for the group.

6. Will more courses be offered?

We plan to hold at least 5 more “Field Epi 201 courses this year. The grant that funds this training ends December 31, 2011.