

# Expanding Disaster Preparedness Training for School Nurses to a Comprehensive School Preparedness Program

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# Disaster Preparedness for School Nurses Training

- National Association of School Nurses (NASN) existing curriculum
  - Covers disaster preparedness, mitigation, response, recovery, & emerging diseases
  - Continuing education
  - Audience specific
  - **Highlights role of school nurse as first responder**
- Total trained for Year 1 = 352 school nurses during 8 trainings!



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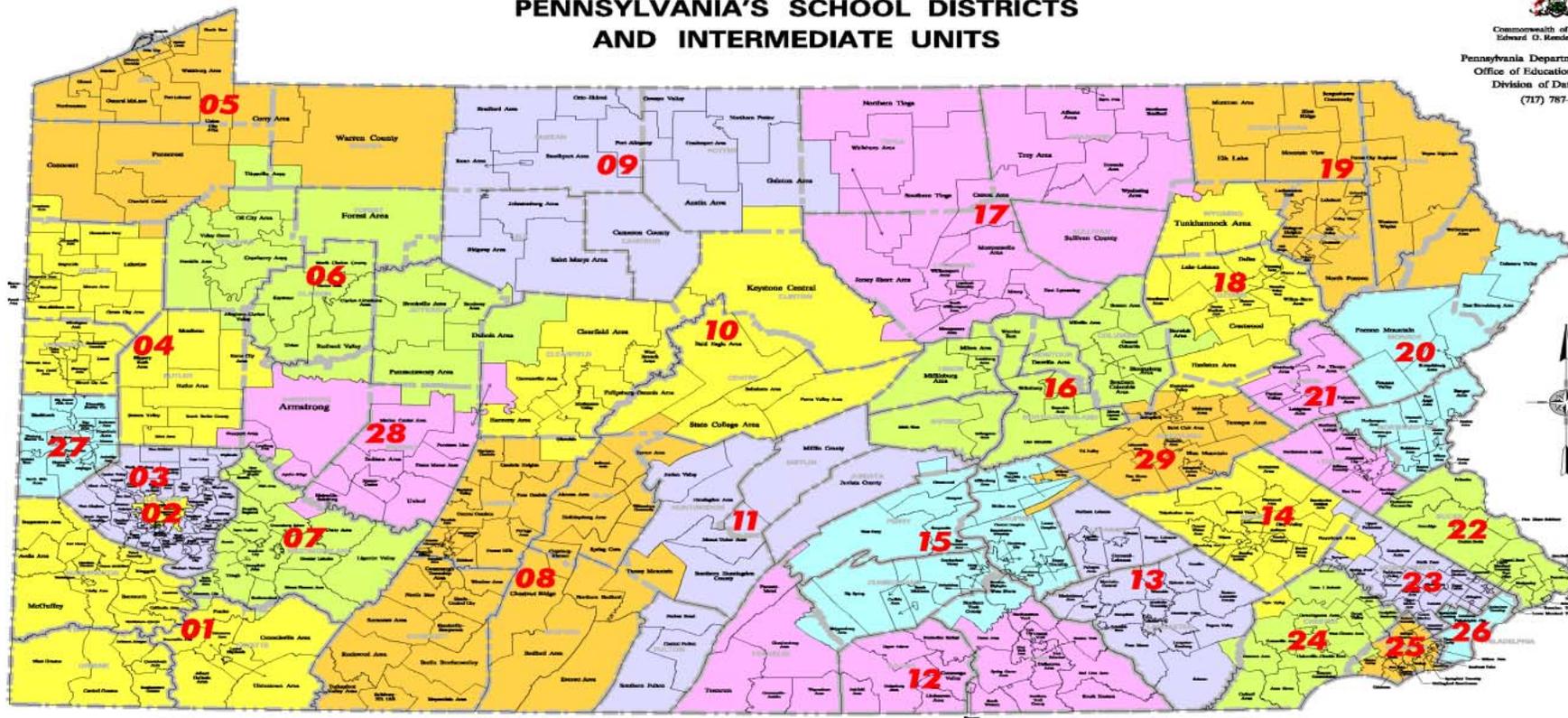
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# PENNSYLVANIA'S SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND INTERMEDIATE UNITS



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## PENNSYLVANIA'S INTERMEDIATE UNITS

### Key - IU Name

- 01** - Intermediate Unit 1
- 02** - Pittsburgh - Mt. Oliver IU 2
- 03** - Allegheny IU 3
- 04** - Midwestern IU 4
- 05** - Northwest Tri - County IU 5
- 06** - Riverview IU 6
- 07** - Westmoreland IU 7
- 08** - Appalachia IU 8

### Key - IU Name

- 09** - Seneca Highlands IU 9
- 10** - Central IU 10
- 11** - Tuscarora IU 11
- 12** - Lincoln IU 12
- 13** - Lancaster - Lebanon IU 13
- 14** - Berks County IU 14
- 15** - Capital Area IU 15
- 16** - Central Susquehanna IU 16

### Key - IU Name

- 17** - Blast IU 17
- 18** - Luzerne IU 18
- 19** - Northeastern Educational IU 19
- 20** - Colonial IU 20
- 21** - Carbon - Lehigh IU 21
- 22** - Bucks County IU 22
- 23** - Montgomery County IU 23
- 24** - Chester County IU 24

### Key - IU Name

- 25** - Delaware County IU 25
- 26** - Philadelphia IU 26
- 27** - Beaver Valley IU 27
- 28** - ARIN IU 28
- 29** - Schuylkill IU 29
- County Boundary Line

Disclaimer:  
Map is for reference purposes only.  
School District boundaries are approximate.

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# Training in Demand!

- Evaluation data indicated trainees rated training highly & wanted more offerings for colleagues & administrators



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# UPCPHP & NASN partnership for more trainers

- Training of Trainers on December 6, 2006
  - 4-6 PA school nurses, others from out of state up to 10
  - Prerequisite – completed *Disaster Preparedness for School Nurses*
  - UPCPHP covered travel, lodging, & per diem for PA school nurses; arranged training location & facility fees
  - NASN provided training materials, instructor, & travel, lodging, & per diem for instructor
  - NASN gives PA trainers priority to PA trainings



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*National Association of School Nurses*

# School Nurse Trainers



- 7 PA school nurses (current total = 8 in PA)
- Current & active NASN/PASNAP membership
- Current nursing license
- Previous attendance at a *Disaster Preparedness for School Nurses* training
- Educational prep. (min. bachelor's degree, master's preferred)



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# School Nurse Trainers



- Experience in emergency care &/or disaster prep.
- Experience in teaching &/or public speaking
- Written commitment of school district in support of candidate
- Computer skills to provide Power Point presentation
- Agreement to conduct trainings with fidelity & to follow through with outlined expectations



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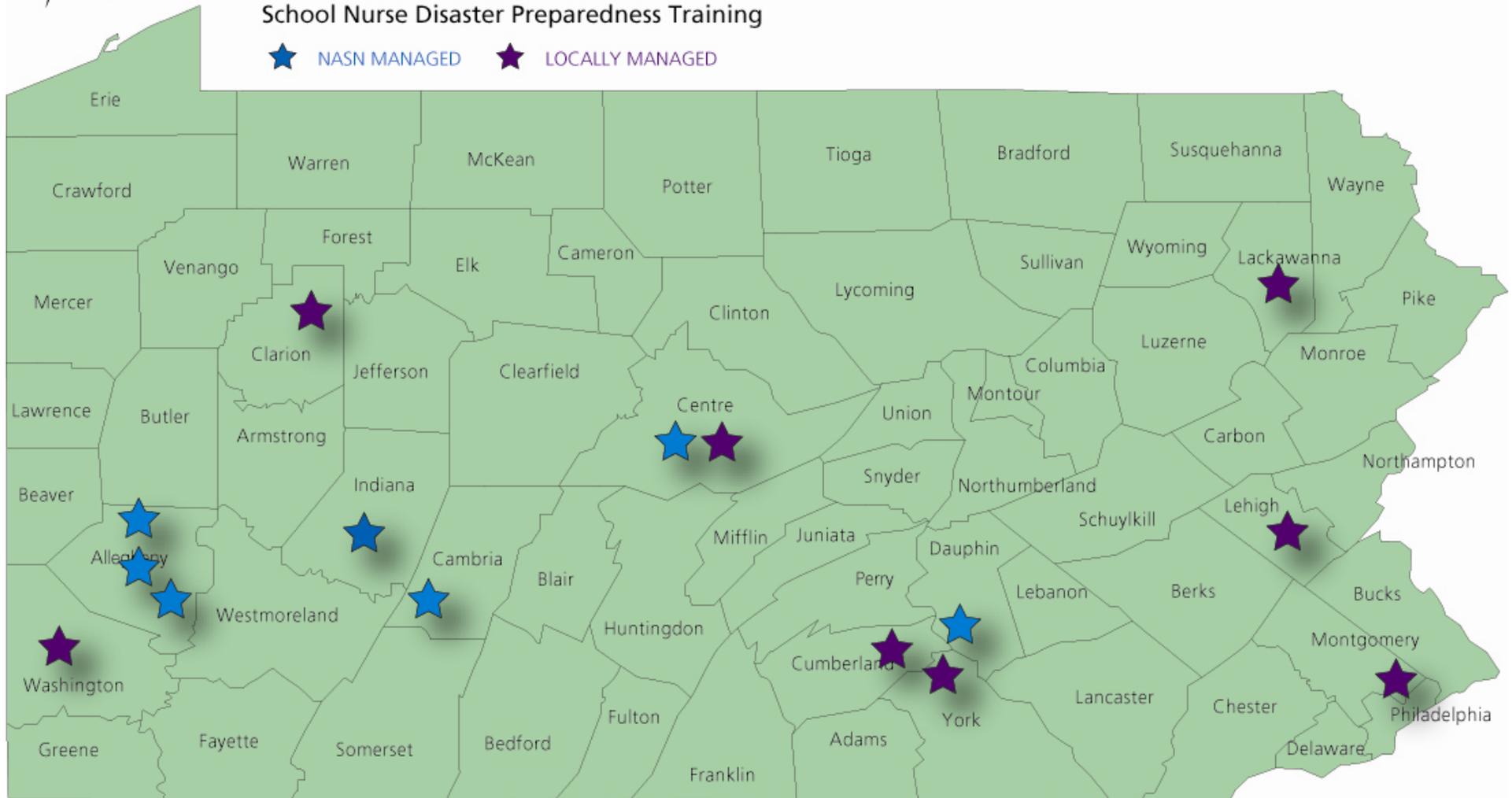


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## School Nurse Disaster Preparedness Training

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# Expanding Training to School Administrators

- Based on –
  - Consistent requests in evaluations
  - Decision makers in the schools
  - Preparedness has to include more than the school nurse
- Conferences – what schools need to know about public health preparedness
- Incident Command System/National Incident Management System (ICS/NIMS) training
- Individual requests



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# ICS/NIMS Training

- Started in '06-'07 in response to Jan 23, 2006 memo from PA Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) to school districts instructing them to be NIMS compliant if in receipt of federal prep funds
  - Recommended by Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools
- Partner with local Emergency Management Agency (EMA) to deliver ICS/NIMS component, UPCPHP adds public health perspective
- Participants take actual Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) exams



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# ICS/NIMS Training Evaluation

- 2 trainings with local school organizations
- Evaluation quotes:
  - Participants learned “the importance of communication, collaboration, and coordination in an emergency”
  - Participants “learned how to set up command and take action”



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# School Preparedness

## Training for First Responders

### In the Spotlight

#### Meningitis

Meningococcal disease is a serious, potentially fatal bacterial infection that strikes nearly 3,000 Americans annually. In particular, adolescents and young adults are at increased risk of contracting meningococcal disease.

Therefore, schools should include policies and procedures for identifying and containing infectious diseases such as Meningococcal disease in their all-hazards preparedness plan. For information specific to Meningococcal disease, visit the following sites:

[The Center for Health and Health Care in Schools](#) provides facts about meningitis and provides guidelines in the event there is an infection in your school.

Download the [Disease Fact Sheet](#) and learn additional facts about meningococcal disease.

The [Vaccination Clinic Resource Guide](#) provides various avenues where you can review different resource materials and forms on the meningococcal vaccine.

The CDC has published an article discussing new recommendations for



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## School Prep Links

Resources:

[Courses and Training](#)

[Color Code Guide](#)

[Additional Resources](#)

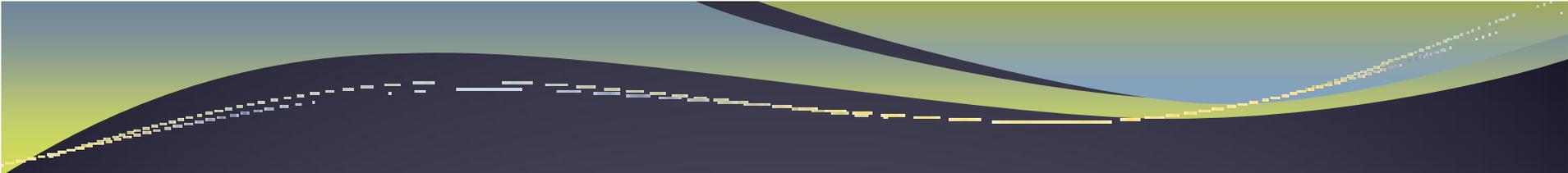
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