

MEMORANDUM

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To: Mississippi Licensed EMS Providers

From: Keith Parker, Director
Bureau of Emergency Medical Services

Subject: ThreatScreen

The Mississippi State Department of Health has a new program that has been made available to all Mississippi licensed Emergency Medical Services providers. ThreatScreen is an exposure-diagnostic/identification, data collection, and reporting tool that is used to quickly assess the probability of patients being exposed to chemical biological, or nuclear agents. ThreatScreen not only provides immediate access to response protocols but also collects patient information from the field. This information initiates a notification process that can be shared inter- or intra- office, and can be used in performing symptomatic surveillance across local, state and national areas.

EMS providers that operate in Mississippi were sent an invitation to use this system in December 2005 that included a CD detailing the ThreatScreen program. The contents included a user guide, sign up forms/procedures, and contact information for ThreatScreen staff. Since this time, the materials have been placed on the EMS website, <http://www.ems.doh.ms.gov>, for easy access and sign up.

We are all responsible for the welfare of all Mississippians. The MDH invites you use this tool in the fight against bioterrorism. Should you have any questions please contact me via phone at 601.576.7380 or the ThreatScreen administrator, Robert Mozingo, at 601.576.8121 (or e-mail at Robert.Mozingo@msdh.state.ms.us).