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Comments

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on this document. The draft meets all of the extensive needs that are needed before, during, and after a deployment.

The only suggestion that I have is that "food allergies" should be added to question #4 on page 67. This pre-deployment information may affect the selection of personnel to deploy to an altered environment. In a pandemic due to mad cow disease, one may elect not to deploy a responder with a seafood allergy as fish may be the primary edible food available. Likewise, there are cross-reactivity of allergies with some medications. For example, a person with a peanut allergy may experience an severe allergic reaction when given ipratropium (Atrovent). If only medication allergies are requested, this person would not report this medication if they had never received it or had been cautioned about the potential allergic cross-reactivity.

Thanks again for the opportunity to review this document.