

AGENDA for SUNY Pandemic Symposium

COMMUNITY COLLEGE ROLE IN PANDEMIC PLANNING

Key difference- Functions as a county agency- with responsibilities to both the college and the surrounding community

Community colleges can have significant positive impact on the community response to an emergency

- Develop coordinated emergency response integrated into the county plan
- Build a Public health information dissemination/health education campaign on prevention
- Ensure effective means of communication with the community
- Promote community awareness/facilitate preparedness/mediate risks
- Establish community resources for emergency use, point of dispensing
- Facilitate smooth recovery and return to business as usual

Key Concepts for planning

- Inclusive design -key stakeholders in college-wide committee
- Transferable process to ensure continuity
- Targets-Prevention, mediation and recovery
- Education and preparedness- Empower the community
- Planned shutdown
- Structured recovery promoting flexibility
- Student participation

Considerations for planning

- Timeliness of Shutdown
- Staff/faculty /student absenteeism
- Policy to support social isolation as prevention
- Flexible policies for course completion/ extension
- Health withdrawals/leave of absences
- Financial implications-possible decrease in enrollment
- Managing loss –students and staff
- Develop flexibility in hiring part-time/per diem staff
- Linkage to community resources