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## Introduction to Public Health Preparedness Course

### Module 1: Definition of Public Health

Module one provides a basic overview of public health and the role of public health in the 21st century. This module will highlight historical accomplishments in public health, its mission, the ten essential services, and partnerships in public health.

#### Learning Objectives:

After completing this module, you will be able to:

1. Define the mission of public health
2. Recognize new and emerging threats that are addressed by public health
3. Identify organizations that a public health agency can partner with to fulfill its obligations
4. Describe your role in public health
5. Name three historical achievements that are critical to public health preparedness
6. List the seven core public health system capacities that are critical to emergency preparedness
7. Identify your strengths and weaknesses with respect to bioterrorism and emergency readiness

#### Core competencies addressed:

- Competency 1: Describe the public health role in emergency response in a range of emergencies that might arise.
- Competency 4: Describe his/her functional role(s) in emergency response and demonstrate his/her role(s) in regular drills.
- Competency 7: Identify limits to own knowledge/skill/authority and identify key system resources for referring matters that exceed these limits.