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**New Braunfels to host regional infectious-disease workshop**

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*NEW BRAUNFELS* — The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) will host a regional workshop on high-consequence infectious diseases at the New Braunfels Civic/Convention Center Jan. 20-22.

The workshop will be one of eight hosted across Texas in 2016 to help public officials, first responders and others assess their readiness and plan for potential future outbreaks of highly infectious diseases.

“This is a great way to showcase not only what our partners are doing, but what we are doing to plan and prepare in Comal County,” said Angela Lopez, emergency preparedness coordinator for the Comal County Public Health Office. “Attendees will hear about topics ranging from Texas’ 2014 Ebola response to hospital readiness, decontamination and media relations.”

Jeff Kelley, the county’s emergency management coordinator, will be among those presenting.

[Registration is free](#) for the workshop, which is funded through federal grants. It is open to professionals with direct involvement in emergency response where infections of high consequence are involved.

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