

PREPAREDNESS

Preparedness was not a focus of discussion in Boston. The few comments on Preparedness were:

- *Preparedness on the Local Level:* It is important to think locally about preparedness. Strengthening all public health activities is a contribution to overall preparedness.
- *Disease Information for Certain Populations:* Disaster planning information should be prepared for, persons with low literacy, in other languages used in each community, and persons with special health care needs and/or the elderly
- *Flu Vaccine:* Distribution of flu vaccine was cited a very problematic; and a plea was made for stronger coordination between CDC and the State health department.
- *Quality of Responses:* Quality of responses to disasters is as important as timely responses. The Goals and Objectives do not mention quality.