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**Leadville, Lake County**

**(Leadville, Colo, June 6, 2017) --** Lake County Emergency Planners, Responders and Volunteers, Come Together to Practice Public Health Emergency Response Procedures to a Statewide Health Crisis

On June 16, 2017 at the Lake County Intermediate School - Lake County Public Health Agency, Lake County Government, Lake County Office of Emergency Management, St. Vincent Hospital, Lake County Sheriff, Leadville Lake County Fire Rescue and the American Red Cross will be participating in a full-scale Public Health Emergency Dispensing exercise to ensure our ability to meet the community's needs and enhance response procedures during a health crisis.

As part of this exercise you are invited to attend to participate on Friday, June 16 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. We will have food, raffles, prizes, and childcare. There will also be emergency responders available to answer your questions and address community concerns. Please come join us.

Have you ever seen the news about a new health outbreak and wondered what would happen in Colorado let alone Leadville? This dispensing exercise will allow Public Health to test our capability of providing lifesaving medication to the community in the event of a real-world emergency that involves an outbreak.

If media are interested in participating in this exercise as media or would like more information, please contact Betty Benson, Leadville/Lake County PIO at [lakecountypio@leadvilleonline.net](mailto:lakecountypio@leadvilleonline.net). Local emergency response agencies always look to foster partnerships with local media before an emergency response is needed.

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