



***Interview with Dalton Sawyer***

*Director of Emergency Management for UNC Health Care*

*Questions & sound bites are listed below:*

**Preparedness regarding the possibility of a patient surge?**

“We’re always planning for any kind of influx of patients or what we might call a patient surge. We have really robust plans to be able to absorb that surge of patients regardless of what causes them to come here and be able to still provide the best possible care for those in-coming, as well as those already in the hospital.” *(More detailed information is included in this sound bite for general use.)*

**Groups that deal with infectious disease at UNC Health Care?**

“UNC has had a standing emergency management committee since the mid-80s. Over the last several years, we have developed a working group underneath the main committee that specifically deals with infectious disease. This is one of many, probably 50 or 60 different hazards that we assess every single year. We grade not only what the probability of it is, what the impact on us, our operations, and what our patients can be, but as well as our planning, training and exercises.” *(More detailed information is included in this sound bite for general use.)*

**How is emergency preparedness handled for UNC Health Care systems across NC?**

“UNC Health Care is really like a family. When one of our family members or a family member is in distress, we all rise to the occasion to assist. We operate as a family. Any disaster, any emergency that impacts one of the members of the UNC Health Care family really has an impact on all of us, and we all rise to the occasion to help them out regardless of who that impacted facility is or that family member is.”