

Terrorism: Public Health Concerns

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www.hopkins-biodefense.org – Johns Hopkins University Center for Civilian Biodefense Strategies.

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www.ready.gov – U.S. Department of Homeland Security. “Make a kit, make a plan, be informed.”

www.gao.gov – U.S. General Accounting Office. Click on “Homeland Security” or “Terrorism” to access two comprehensive collections of electronic documents.

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