

Ready Together

to

Protect and Respond

during a Public Health Emergency



The Consolidation of the Health Departments in Summit County, Ohio Epilogue Supplement

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Preparedness

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Planning

Planning is the process of identifying and assessing risks to public health and determining the resources needed to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from those risks.

Capacity to Respond

Capacity to respond is the ability to mobilize and sustain the resources needed to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from public health risks.

Capabilities

Capabilities are the specific skills, knowledge, and resources that are needed to perform the functions and processes of public health.

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Public Health Emergency
Response Incident
A Large Cluster
A cluster of cases that is
unusually high for the
time and place.

Response
Recovery

Collaboration

Regional Partnership

Partnership

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Public Health Emergency

- Single Incident
- Large Disaster

An incident that poses a risk to the health of Thurston County Residents

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Planning

- Anticipating, detecting, assessing, and understand the health risks and impacts of an emergency on the community and residents.
- Ensuring there is adequate capacity and capabilities to respond.
- Building on the strengths of what we do everyday.

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Capacity to Respond



- Medical Reserve Corps Volunteers
- Staff Training – Prepared at home and work.
- Integration into all divisions of Public Health
- Pre-identify staff and roles they may fill during a response
- Continuity of Operations – Assure there are adequate resources and staff to continue protection of public health.
- Protection of employees, infrastructure and facilities

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Public Health Emergency Response Plan
Coordinated with other response plans in Thurston County

All Hazards

Communications

Public Information

Incident Specific

- Pandemic Influenza Plans
- Biological Terrorism
- Alternative Care System
- Mass Fatality
- Mass Casualty
- Strategic National Stockpile (SNS)

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Capabilities

Everyday business can become a Public Health Emergency

Public Health & Social Services
Incident Management Team
(PHSS IMT)

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Prepare in advance

Training and Exercises

Practice responding to what could really happen and with who will really be working with us.

Evaluate and make changes