

# Ready Together

to

## Protect and Respond

during a Public Health Emergency



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### Planning

Planning is the process of defining the organization's mission, vision, and strategic goals, and developing a plan to achieve them.

### Capacity to Respond

Capacity to respond is the organization's ability to effectively respond to a crisis or emergency.

### Capabilities

Capabilities are the organization's strengths and resources that enable it to achieve its mission.

Capabilities

### At Hand

At hand is the organization's ability to quickly and effectively respond to a crisis or emergency.

At Hand

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Public Health Emergency  
is a role, incident  
& large disaster  
with a large number of  
people in the county  
response.

Response  
Recovery

## Collaboration

Regional  
Collaboration

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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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# Preparedness

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## Planning

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- 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**