



Maryland
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Office of Preparedness and Response (OP&R)

New Employee Orientation

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Presentation Overview

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Introduction to OP&R

The Office of Preparedness and Response (OP&R) manages two preparedness programs (Public Health Emergency Preparedness and the Hospital Preparedness Programs), collaborating with the following groups:

- Local Health Departments
- Hospitals
- Healthcare Coalitions
- Federally Qualified Health Centers
- Maryland Emergency Management Agency
- Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems
- Other local and state partners
- Federal partners

Introduction to OP&R

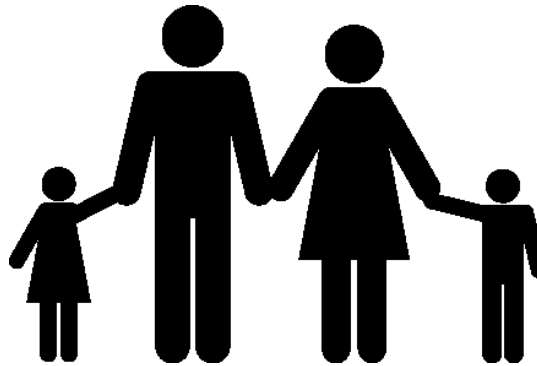
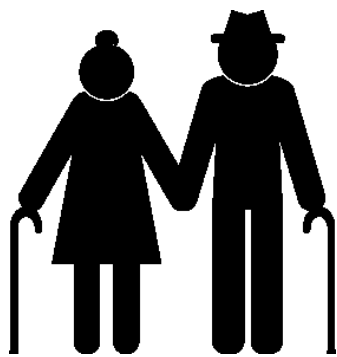
- OP&R coordinates the state's public health and medical response during an emergency, including:
 - Infectious disease outbreaks and pandemics
 - Natural disasters
 - Acts of terrorism (use of chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive weapons)
- MDH employees may be asked to support response to emergencies

MDH Emergency Response



Why Be Prepared?

- Emergency resources in your community may be limited
- Reduce fear and anxiety
- Help you and those around you



Steps to Preparedness



Maryland Responds

- OP&R and local health departments coordinate the community-based volunteer program
- Supports public health initiatives and response capabilities in Maryland
- Assists MDH and local health departments with disaster and emergency response and recovery
- Volunteers include physicians, nurses, and other health professionals, as well as non-clinician community members

Maryland Responds

Requirements:

- 18+ years old
- Volunteer Orientation Training
- Able and willing to assist in an emergency
- Participate in annual exercises and drills
- Support ongoing public health projects

Emergency Management Team

- MDH employees interested in participating in emergency management and coordination activities
- Quarterly meetings
 - Seasonal or topical emergency discussion
 - Tabletop exercises
- Activities may take place at MDH or at MEMA's State Emergency Operations Center

Conclusion

- MDH is responsible for coordinating the state's public health and medical response for emergencies in Maryland
- All MDH employees can take steps to be prepared, both at work and at home
- Consider volunteering to become a member of Maryland Responds Medical Reserve Corps or the MDH Emergency Management Team

Learn More

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