

IN AN EMERGENCY, YOU CAN'T RESPOND EFFECTIVELY IF YOU'RE NOT READY

WHY IT MATTERS

Every community in the U.S. must be ready to respond to a pandemic, natural disaster, or chemical or radiological release. Our action - or inaction - in this area directly impacts the health of the American people and is a matter of national security.

PUBLIC HEALTH THREATS



BIOLOGICAL THREATS

like viruses (flu or other infectious diseases), bacteria, parasites, fungi or their toxins that can cause illness or death in people, animals, or plants



NATURAL DISASTERS

like heat waves, snow or ice storms, earthquakes, hurricanes, and floods



CHEMICAL AND RADIOLOGICAL MATERIALS

that if released accidentally or intentionally could create large-scale public health emergencies, especially in densely populated areas

A WELL PREPARED COUNTRY



Can stop outbreaks before they become epidemics



Can quickly recognize and respond to terrorist attacks



Can get help to people affected by natural disasters



Is fortified against the expected, and can quickly pivot to handle the unexpected

WHY CDC?

Through the Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response, CDC can:



PREPARE

We make sure people are trained, systems are functioning, and critical medicines and supplies are available before an emergency strikes



RESPOND

We combine emergency management expertise and the world's best scientists to monitor and respond to emergencies 24/7



CONNECT

We have a track record of working effectively with state and local health departments, federal partners, and across CDC to get fast results and communicate accurate and timely information when lives are at stake

READY FOR EMERGENCIES

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS

When every minute counts

STATE AND LOCAL READINESS

Every response is local

STRATEGIC NATIONAL STOCKPILE

A wise investment in protecting America's health

SAFEGUARDING RESEARCH

Keeping lifesaving research safe and secure

LABORATORY RESPONSE

On the front lines of America's health

GLOBAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Disease knows no borders

DURING EMERGENCIES, CDC:



Rapidly deploys scientific experts



Coordinates the delivery of supplies and equipment to the incident site



Monitors response activities



Provides resources to state and local public health departments



Disseminates timely and accurate information

