

LTC Planning and Training

CDPH has implemented the Collaborative Healthcare Urgency Group's (CHUG) Evacuation Plan for all Long Term Care and Assisted Living Facilities in Chicago. CDPH has selected the CHUG plan because of its success in Illinois and Indiana as well as its ability to significantly address gaps in Long Term Care preparedness, response and recovery planning for evacuations and other emergencies.

The CDPH-CHUG Plan is designed to integrate with existing organizational, local, regional and statewide plans. The CDPH-CHUG plan is National Incident Command System (NIMS) compliant, providing organizations with the tools and resources to effectively evacuate transport and relocate residents and patients. The most critical component of the plan is the intent to maintain the health and medical continuum of care of each patient by utilizing a systematic triage process and then transporting the patient via the appropriate level of transport to the appropriate level of receiving facility.

The CDPH-CHUG plan is a comprehensive system that utilizes Standard Operating Guidelines, Job Action Sheets and NIMS compliant forms for Triage, Patient Tracking and Resource Utilization. The CHUG plan also includes an activation/notification system, communication plan and resource management component.

The CDPH-CHUG Plan is a time tested and proven plan, having been implemented on several occasions. The CDPH-CHUG Plan is continually revised and upgrade following major events, and large scale exercises. The CDPH-CHUG implementation and training program is state-of-the art providing participating organizations, with the education, training and confidence to safely and effectively execute the plan when needed.

CDPH -CHUG, Evacuation planning; this class is an interactive class providing the participant training on evacuation guidelines used by CHUG during an urgent event. The participant will be trained on the basic principles of Incident Command System and the structure to implement a safe and efficient evacuation, transportation, and relocation system and planning through mutual aid and collaborative partnership. The class will help the participant, staff, and facility prepare for sheltering in place, or executing an evacuation of your special needs patients/residents. All components taught are based on the CHUG tested mutual aid program that meets all local, state and federal requirements. The attendees will also participate in a simulated table top exercise that will tie together the evacuation plans and teaching in a classroom setting. This class helps your organization comply with the upcoming new legal requirements for emergency preparedness. As a participant your organization will at no cost become a CHUG.