

OUR MISSION

The Office of Public Health Preparedness & Emergency Response helps Chicagoans learn how to prepare for and respond in the event of a public health emergency.

WHAT IS A PUBLIC EMERGENCY?

A **public health emergency** is any adverse event (natural or man-made) that compromises the health of the population and has the potential to cause widespread illness. A public health emergency can be caused by an outbreak of infectious disease, a snowstorm, or a lengthy power outage that limits access to supplies and services for several days, especially affecting those who are medically dependent.

OUR MULTIFACETED RESPONSE

CDPH works with City, state, and federal agencies and with community partners to prepare the City of Chicago for emergencies in a variety of areas. These areas include:

- Disease outbreaks
- Healthcare System preparedness program
- Medications for the public during public health emergencies
- Facilitate distribution of medication for public health emergencies
- Training tools for health care workers and first responders
- Large-scale organization disaster recovery

DISASTER RECOVERY

Disasters often strike with little or no warning. In an instant homes and communities can be damaged or destroyed and forever changed. For many, a disaster continues as a very real presence even long after it has passed.

For Disaster Recovery resources, call **800.985.5990**
Or Visit: bit.ly/DisasterDistress



PREPARE TOGETHER

CDPH collaborates with community partners to prepare Chicago families for emergencies in a variety of ways.

- Individual, Family, and Community Preparedness
- Plan Together
- Learn what to do: Public Health Emergencies and Danger

Training and Exercise

In a disaster, neighbors will be the ones in a community that individuals and families turn to for immediate help.

Use the QR code below for tips on emergency planning, making emergency kits and more.



RESOURCES



Downloadable content

Emergency Contact Cards, Emergency Check Lists – and additional resources available [here](#)



2-1-1 is a free, 24/7/365 service that connects Chicagoans to essential health and social service support and information during times of nonemergency crisis and for everyday needs.



24 HOUR ASSISTANCE

