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## Public Health Emergency Preparedness Orientation

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## Public Health Emergency

- An occurrence or imminent threat of an illness or health condition
- A situation becomes emergent when its health consequences have the potential to overwhelm routine community capabilities

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## Potential Public Health Threats

- Communicable disease outbreaks
- Natural disasters
- Radiological hazardous substance
- Terrorism – Nuclear, Biological and Chemical




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## Office of Preparedness and Emergency Health Care (OPEHC)



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## OPEHC

- Manage grants
- Provide technical assistance
- Conduct training
- Facilitate exercises
- Maintain emergency stockpiles
- Provide communication resources
- Respond to real incidents
- Maintain the volunteer registry
- Provide emergency alerting

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## Funding

- Budget Periods run from July 1 to June 30
- Local funding based on population formula
- Cannot use funds for
  - Promotional items and memorabilia
  - Lobbying or fund raising
  - Construction or major renovation
  - Purchase vehicles
- May use funds to support accreditation activities
- Questions contact Lisa Kelly, Grants Manager  
[lisa.kelly@wisconsin.gov](mailto:lisa.kelly@wisconsin.gov)

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## Funding

- Local contract objectives and deliverables
  - Complete the online Capabilities Planning Guide surveys
  - Provide and maintain 3 to 5 emergency contacts
  - Participate in the regional healthcare coalitions
  - Submit a proposed budget
  - Others based on public health preparedness capabilities
    - Change from year to year
- Questions contact Lisa Kelly, Grants Manager  
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## Planning

- Preparedness Capabilities
  - Public Health 15
  - Healthcare 8
- Pandemic Influenza
- Emergency Operation Plan
  - Emergency Support Function 8 – Health and Medical
  - Emergency Support Function 6 – Mass Care, Housing and Human Services
  - Some counties use annexes

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## Hazards



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## Hazard Vulnerability Assessment

- Jurisdictional assessment of health risks and vulnerabilities
- Threats drive planning and training
- Top five threats in 2016
  1. Cyber Attack
  2. Epidemic
  3. Ice Storm
  4. Civic/Sporting Event
  5. Severe Thunderstorm

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## Training and Exercise

- Online and classroom
- Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP)
  - Drills
  - Tabletop Exercise
  - Functional Exercise
  - Full-Scale Exercise
- Design, build, conduct and evaluate exercises

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## Respond

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## Wisconsin is a Home Rule State

- **Constitutional Home Rule**  
Allows municipalities to determine their local affairs and government
- **Statutory Home Rule**  
Except as otherwise provided by law, management and control of the municipality's property, finances, highways, navigable waters, and the public services

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## Home Rule

- By statute empowered to act for the health, safety, and welfare of the public
- Can declare, by ordinance or resolution, an emergency
- Control of an incident remains in the hands of the local jurisdiction
- Any and all state assistance must be at the request of the local jurisdiction
- Responsibility to plan for emergencies falls to local units of government

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## Legal Authority to Act

- U.S. Code Title 42 - The Public Health and Welfare
- Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002
- Project BioShield Act of 2004
- Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness (PREP) Act of 2005
- Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Reauthorization Act of 2013

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## Legal Authority to Act

- Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act of 1988
- Homeland Security Act of 2002
- Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act of 2006

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## Legal Authority to Act

Wisconsin Statute 250 Health; Administration and Supervision

- Power to execute what is reasonable and necessary for the prevention and suppression of disease
- Investigate the cause of disease or mortality
- Subpoena and compel the attendance of witnesses
- Department Health Services is lead agency for public health emergencies
- Purchase, store, or distribute pharmaceuticals and medical supplies

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## Legal Authority to Act

Wisconsin Statute 252 Communicable Diseases

- Close schools and forbid public gatherings
- Enforce rules or issue orders for guarding against the introduction of any communicable disease
- Authorize and implement all emergency measures necessary to control communicable diseases
- Compulsory vaccination during a state of emergency (Jacobson v. Massachusetts 1905)
- Isolation and quarantine
- local health officer may deputize quarantine guards

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## Legal Authority to Act

- Local Health Officers are the primary public health authority
- State Health Officer has statewide authority but must collaborate with local public health departments
- Department of Health Services supports and provides direct assistance to Local Public Health Departments

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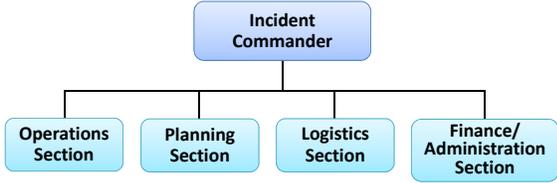
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## Incident Command System (ICS/NIMS)



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graph TD; IC[Incident Commander] --- OS[Operations Section]; IC --- PS[Planning Section]; IC --- LS[Logistics Section]; IC --- FAS[Finance/Administration Section];
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National Incident Management System (NIMS)

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## Healthcare Coalitions

- Broaden scope of healthcare partnerships
- Shift from planning to response and recovery
- Regional medical coordination
  - Situational awareness of medical resources
  - Alerting and communication coordination
  - Bed availability counts and patient tracking
  - Surge capacity for disaster events



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## Responding

- Comprehensive Response System
  - Focus – first 72 hours
  - Enable response
  - Survivor needs
  - Begin restoration



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## 24 Hour Emergency Hotline

### (608) 258-0099

*The Department of Health Services can provide advice or assistances for emergencies which involve public health and human services concerns*

The operator will contact technical staff for:

- ▶CHEMICAL INCIDENTS OR SPILLS
- ▶COMMUNICABLE DISEASE OUTBREAKS
- ▶EMERGENCY HUMAN SERVICES
- ▶NATURAL DISASTERS
- ▶RADIOLOGICAL/NUCLEAR INCIDENTS

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## Resources

- PCA Portal  
To get access please email [DHSPCAPortal@wi.gov](mailto:DHSPCAPortal@wi.gov)
- Wisconsin Emergency Assistance Volunteer Registry (WEAVR)  
[weavrwi.org](http://weavrwi.org)
- Preparedness Update
- Shared Mailboxes
  - [DHSResponse@wisconsin.gov](mailto:DHSResponse@wisconsin.gov)
  - [DHSStockpile@wisconsin.gov](mailto:DHSStockpile@wisconsin.gov)
  - [DHSICC@wisconsin.gov](mailto:DHSICC@wisconsin.gov)

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## Partners Communications and Alerting (PCA) Portal

<https://share.health.wisconsin.gov/ph/pca/default.aspx>

[DHSPCAPortal@wisconsin.gov](mailto:DHSPCAPortal@wisconsin.gov)

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## PHEP Q and A

Public Health Emergency Preparedness Question and Answer

- Every other Tuesday 10:00 am
- Opportunity to ask questions
- Recorded and posted on the PCA Portal

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