# Chicago Department of **PUBLIC HEALTH**



BUREAU OF HEALTH PROTECTION Office of Public Health Preparedness & Emergency Response

#### 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 distrubution 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

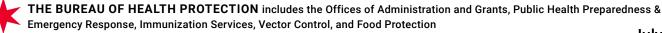
Emergency Contact Cards, Emergency Check Lists – and additional resources available <u>here</u>



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



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