

## 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](https://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