

ESF 8

Public Health and Medical Services

Coordinating Agency: *Health Department*

Coordinating Agency	Health Department
Cooperating Agencies	Fire and Rescue Department
	Police Department
	Office of the County Attorney
	Fairfax County Public Schools
	Department of Purchasing and Supply Management
	Fairfax County Water Authority
	Northern Virginia Hospital Alliance
	Office of the Chief Medical Examiner
	Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board
	Office of the Sheriff

I. MISSION STATEMENT

Ensure a comprehensive public health and medical response following a disaster or emergency.

II. SCOPE AND POLICIES

- All emergency response and recovery operations coordinated by ESF 8 will be conducted in accordance with the National Incident Management System (NIMS).
- The coordinating agency will actively engage their cooperating agencies in ESF 8-related preparedness activities, such as planning, training, and exercises, to ensure an effective response.
- The coordinating agency will actively engage key non-governmental stakeholders, including the private medical provider

community and other partners, including the public, in ESF 8-related preparedness activities as needed.

- ESF 8 will utilize various information sources, including the Regional Hospital Coordinating Center (RHCC), surveillance data, and on-the-ground assessments as needed, to determine the public health and medical impact of a disaster or emergency, and will monitor for incident-related threats to public health.
- ESF 8 will enhance the common operating picture by providing information to critical recipients, including the EOC and ESF 15, on the public health and medical impact of and response to disasters and emergencies.
- ESF 8 will coordinate public health and medical services to the community during and after a disaster or emergency, including the protection of the water supply, ensuring adequate sanitation and food safety, providing medical services, coordinating mass fatality management and mortuary services, coordinating medical countermeasure distribution and conducting mass dispensing, and preventing and controlling epidemics.
- ESF 8 will maintain documentation for financial reimbursement in accordance with the Financial Annex to this Plan

III. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

1. As an incident or threat escalates, the coordinating agency will issue notifications to cooperating agencies and agency personnel in accordance with established protocols and checklists.
2. Upon activation of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), the coordinating agency will provide representation to coordinate public health and medical services.
3. The coordinating agency will interact with the Regional Hospital Coordination Center (RHCC), Inova Health System, and Reston Hospital to obtain information on the status of the healthcare infrastructure and related issues.

4. ESF 8 will provide emergency public health services in accordance with the priorities and objectives of the Senior Policy Group and the State Health Commissioner.
5. Coordination activities will continue at the EOC until the local emergency declaration is terminated or as otherwise directed.

IV. AGENCY ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Coordinating Agency – Health Department

Phase	Roles and Responsibilities
Preparedness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop supporting plans and procedures, including ancillary plans, as needed. • Establish memorandums of agreement (MOAs) with partners as needed for the distribution of medical countermeasures. • Maintain inventory of medical resources within the county. • Maintain notification rosters for agency staff, cooperating agencies, and other stakeholders. • Conduct recruitment and training of the Medical Reserve Corps. • Ensure protection of vital records for continuity of operations. • Conduct planning in conjunction with designated cooperating agencies. • Conduct training as needed for cooperating agencies and other stakeholders. • Conduct exercises that include cooperating agencies and other stakeholders as needed. • Coordinate the resolution of ESF 8-related after-action issues.
Response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate the distribution of medical countermeasures through established networks (i.e., closed point of dispensing (PODs)). • Establish and operate mass dispensing sites. • Coordinate medical resource acquisition and management.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate situational assessment of the medical infrastructure, services, and medical needs. • Coordinate mass fatality management and mortuary services. • Prepare and issue drinking water and food safety-related advisories. • Provide emergency public health services. • Provide disease surveillance, investigation and control. • Provide laboratory surveillance and technical expertise. • Conduct environmental health assessments.
Recovery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare and issue drinking water and food advisories. • Monitor for threats to public health identified during damage assessment activities. • Provide public health services. • Provide disease surveillance, investigation and control. • Conduct environmental health assessments. • Document, collect and submit information for cost recovery as needed. • Ensure ESF 8 after-action issues are documented.
Mitigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As appropriate, identify potential opportunities for mitigating the impacts of future incidents. • Assist with Northern Virginia Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan updates.

Cooperating Agency – Fire and Rescue Department

Phase	Roles and Responsibilities
Preparedness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in planning, training, and exercises. • Assist in resolving ESF 8 after-action issues. • Maintain agency notification roster. • Maintain inventory of agency resources. • Develop supporting plans and procedures.
Response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide emergency medical transportation. • Provide emergency medical services/pre-hospital care.
Recovery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in ESF 8 after-action review
Mitigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As appropriate, identify potential opportunities for mitigating the impacts of future incidents.

Cooperating Agency – Police Department

Phase	Roles and Responsibilities
Preparedness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in planning, training, and exercises. • Assist in resolving ESF 8 after-action issues. • Maintain agency notification roster. • Maintain inventory of agency resources. • Develop supporting plans and procedures.
Response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide assistance in victim identification. • Coordinate and ensure security at mass dispensing sites.
Recovery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in ESF 8 after-action review.
Mitigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As appropriate, identify potential opportunities for mitigating the impacts of future incidents.

Cooperating Agency – Office of the County Attorney

Phase	Roles and Responsibilities
Preparedness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in planning, training, and exercises. • Maintain agency notification roster. • Assist in resolving ESF 8 action-action issues.
Response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide assistance in the implementation of quarantine and isolation measures.
Recovery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in after-action review.
Mitigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As appropriate, identify potential opportunities for mitigating the impacts of future incidents.

Cooperating Agency – Fairfax County Public Schools

Phase	Roles and Responsibilities
Preparedness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in planning, training, and exercises. • Maintain agency notification roster. • Maintain inventory of agency resources • Conduct planning and preparedness activities designed to prepare staff to accomplish assigned emergency responsibilities. • Develop supporting plans and procedures, as needed. • Assist in resolving ESF 8 after-action issues.
Response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide available facilities for use in medical countermeasure distribution (i.e., mass dispensing operations) and all facility-related support staff.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide transportation for materiel from County warehouse to dispensing sites as needed. • Provide feeding services to staff and volunteers at dispensing sites. • Provide client transportation as agreed upon in existing plans.
Recovery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in after-action review.
Mitigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As appropriate, identify potential opportunities for mitigating the impacts of future incidents.

Cooperating Agency – Department of Purchasing and Supply Management

Phase	Roles and Responsibilities
Preparedness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop supporting plans and procedures. • Participate in training and exercises. • Develop and maintain inventory of assets. • Develop and maintain notification rosters. • Assist in resolving ESF-8 after-action issues.
Response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide support to dispensing/vaccination sites through distribution of site supplies and equipment stored in DPSM facilities.
Recovery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in after-action review.
Mitigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As appropriate, identify potential opportunities for mitigating the impacts of future incidents.

Cooperating Agency – Fairfax County Water Authority

Phase	Roles and Responsibilities
Preparedness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in planning, training, and exercises. • Maintain agency notification roster. • Train agency staff for emergency assignments. • Develop supporting plans and procedures.
Response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct assessment of FCWA water supply and control facilities. • Provide for emergency water supply and assist with distribution.
Recovery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in ESF 8 after-action review.
Mitigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As appropriate, identify potential opportunities for mitigating the impacts of future incidents.

Cooperating Agency – Northern Virginia Hospital Alliance (NVHA)

Phase	Roles and Responsibilities
Preparedness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in planning, training, and exercises. • Assist in resolving ESF 8 after-action issues. • Maintain internal notifications roster. • Maintain the NoVA Regional Hospital Emergency Operations Plan. • Maintain an inventory of resources and identify resource shortfalls. • Develop and maintain NoVA hospital disaster supply caches. • Provide guidance and assistance to area hospitals in developing emergency plans. • Train staff for emergency assignments. • Develop supporting plans and procedures. • Maintain the Regional Healthcare Coordinating Center (RHCC)
Response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide information on the status of the medical infrastructure, facilities, and medical needs. • Activate and operate the Regional Hospital Coordinating Center (RHCC). • Serve as single point-of-contact and collaboration for Fire and Rescue (emergency medical services). • Coordinate inter-hospital patient movements, transfers, and tracking. • Disseminate regional medical treatment and infection control protocols, based on coordinated guidance from the Virginia Department of Health and hospital clinical leadership. • Coordinate NoVA hospital requests for Strategic National Stockpile resources through the Logistics Section at the Fairfax County EOC. • Provide clinical resource management support to NoVA hospitals. • Coordinate NoVA hospital requests for federal medical resources through the Logistics Section at the Fairfax County EOC.
Recovery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in ESF 8 after-action review.
Mitigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As appropriate, identify potential opportunities for

	mitigating the impacts of future incidents.
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Cooperating Agency – Office of the Chief Medical Examiner

Phase	Roles and Responsibilities
Preparedness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in planning, training, and exercises. • Assist in resolving ESF 8 after-action issues. • Maintain notification roster. • Train agency staff for emergency assignments. • Develop supporting plans and procedures.
Response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate with the lead investigating authority to document, collect, and recover the deceased. • Assist in technical decontamination of the deceased as required. • Determine the nature and extent of injuries. • Provide technical assistance in requesting Disaster Mortuary Operation Response Teams (DMORT). • Assist in the transportation, storage, and recovery of forensic and physical evidence.
Recovery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As needed, provide expert testimony in subsequent legal proceedings. • Participate in ESF 8 after-action review.
Mitigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As appropriate, identify potential opportunities for mitigating the impacts of future incidents.

Cooperating Agency – Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board

Phase	Roles and Responsibilities
Preparedness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in planning, training, and exercises. • Assist in resolving ESF 8 after-action issues. • Maintain agency notification rosters. • Train agency staff for emergency assignments. • Develop supporting plans and procedures.
Response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide mental health services. • Provide psychological first aid services.
Recovery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide mental health services. • Provide critical incident stress management services.
Mitigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As appropriate, identify potential opportunities for mitigating the impacts of future incidents.

Cooperating Agency – Office of the Sheriff

Phase	Roles and Responsibilities
Preparedness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in planning, training, and exercises. • Assist in resolving ESF 8 after-action issues. • Maintain agency notification rosters. • Train agency staff for emergency assignments. • Develop supporting plans and procedures.
Response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide service and enforcement of Isolation and Quarantine orders, as directed.
Recovery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide service and enforcement of Isolation and Quarantine orders, as directed
Mitigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As appropriate, identify potential opportunities for mitigating the impacts of future incidents.

IV. MAPS AND SUPPORTING DATA

(Note: ESF 8 maps and related data will be maintained on WebEOC)	
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V. Supporting Plans and Operational Procedures

1. Fairfax County Health Department Emergency Operations Plan (2010).
2. Fairfax County Health Department Continuity of Operations (COOP) Plan (2010).
3. Fairfax County Health Department Pandemic Influenza Response Plan (2009).
4. Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Operations Plan, ESF 8 Annex (2009).
5. Virginia Department of Health Northern Region RSS Plan (2009).
6. Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board Emergency Operations All Hazards Plan
7. Northern Virginia Regional Health and Medical Surge Plan (2010).
8. Northern Virginia Hospital Alliance Regional Hospital Emergency Operations Plan (2010).
9. 2009 Emergency Medical Services Manual (December 2009)
10. Multiple-Casualty Incident Manual (August 2008)