



## What is the Medical Needs Registry?

The Medical Needs Registry contains the names and addresses of individuals with medical needs or health conditions who cannot manage independently in a general shelter or evacuation center. It is an emergency preparedness tool that will be used by Fairfax County to communicate with people with medical needs for emergency planning purposes and during actual emergencies for evacuation and sheltering. The registry may be used for any emergency requiring evacuation such as floods, hurricanes, hazardous material spills and gas leaks. The Medical Needs Registry is voluntary and all information collected will be kept confidential and stored on secure Fairfax County servers.

## Where do I Get Information During an Emergency?

Use the following resources for critical information during an emergency:

- Community Emergency Alert Network (CEAN): [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cean](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cean)
- Local media outlets
- Cable Channel 16
- County Web site: [www.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov)
- Emergency Information Line: 703-817-7771, TTY 711
- RSS feeds: available at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov)
- Health and Safety Podcast: available at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov)
- General information line: 703-FAIRFAX (324-7329), TTY 711
- Police, fire and emergency response: 9-1-1

**There is never a guarantee of immediate assistance during an emergency, so you should be prepared to be self-sufficient for at least three days.**



To request this information in an alternate format, call the Office of Emergency Management, 703-324-9000, TTY 703-324-9001



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## How Does the Medical Needs Registry Work?

Individuals with medical needs and their caregivers register using the online form or by completing and mailing in a Medical Needs Registry form. After registering the individual or their caregiver will be contacted by a representative of the Office of Emergency Management to verify the information submitted. After the information has been verified and the individual is found to be eligible for the Medical Needs Registry it will be entered into a database. To keep the registry current, each registrant or their caregiver will be contacted annually to determine their interest in remaining on the registry.

The Medical Needs Registry will be used to generate reports that will be used during an emergency by first responders, shelter managers and transportation professionals to address the needs of people with medical needs. These reports will be used to identify and coordinate medical needs shelter locations and transportation routes.

## Who is Eligible for a Medical Needs Shelter?

All medical needs registrants, as well as anyone who requires assistance in performing activities of daily living (bathing, dressing, feeding, toileting and/or transferring) and/or the care for and monitoring of health conditions, is eligible for a Medical Needs

Shelter. Individuals who require access to electricity to maintain or treat a health condition are also eligible.

Only individuals with medical needs and their caregivers, dependent children and service animals will be admitted to medical shelters. Minor children will be permitted to stay in a Medical Needs Shelter with their parent(s) or guardian(s) who are residing there. Household pets will be transported with their owners to medical shelter sites and will be sheltered at an alternate site.

## What Do Medical Shelters Provide?

Medical shelters provide staff, access to electricity, food and cots, although during an emergency resources can be limited. For these reasons it is important to think of shelters as a last resort, and you should have contingency plans in place for times of emergency – like staying with friends or relatives or in a motel.

## Am I Eligible for the Medical Needs Registry?

If you are not sure of your eligibility for the Medical Needs Registry you are encouraged to register. After submission of the application you will be contacted by the Office of Emergency Management for verification. You will be contacted annually to confirm your need for the program, but you will not need to complete a form each time.

## How do I Register?

- Use the online form ([www.fairfaxcounty.gov/specialneeds](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/specialneeds))
- Download the form and fill it out by hand and mail it in
- Call to request information or assistance
- E-mail or call with questions

## If you do need to utilize a shelter, plan to bring:

- Medications and medical supplies, enough for three days
- Special dietary foods, enough for three days
- Medical equipment such as wheelchairs, canes, walkers
- An adequate supply of items you use every day
- Household pet/service animal supplies: food, bowls, cat litter and pan, plastic bags, can opener, and toys for companion animals/service animals. Service animals can stay with you in the medical shelter. Pets will be provided shelter.