

EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION (ESF)-8 – PUBLIC HEALTH & MEDICAL SERVICES

The Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS) provides most of the state's human services and health care programs including the Department for Community Based Services, Department for Medicaid Services and Department for Public Health. CHFS is one of the largest agencies in state government, with nearly 8,000 full and part-time employees. Within CHFS, the Department for Public Health is responsible for coordinating public health and medical preparedness, response and recovery activities for any all-hazards event involving public health, behavioral health, medical care and mass fatalities.

PRIMARY AGENCY – Kentucky Department for Public Health

SUPPORT AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

American Red Cross

FEMA Region IV Unified Planning Coalition

Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services

Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services

- Department for Aging and Independent Living
- Department for Behavior Health, Mental Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities
- Department for Community Based Services
- Department for Medicaid Services
- Office of Communications and Administrative Review
- Office of Inspector General

Kentucky Department of Agriculture

Kentucky Department of Education

Kentucky Department of Military Affairs

- Kentucky Air National Guard
- Kentucky Army National Guard
- Kentucky Community Crisis Response Board
- Kentucky Division of Emergency Management

Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs

Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet

- Kentucky Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- Office for the Blind

Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet – Department for Environmental Protection

Kentucky Hospital Association

Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet

- Kentucky Department of Corrections
- Kentucky Medical Examiner's Office/Kentucky Coroner's Incident Response Team
- Kentucky State Police

Kentucky Labor Cabinet

Kentucky Local Health Departments

Kentucky Medical Reserve Corps

Kentucky Pharmacists Association

Kentucky Regional Poison Center

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet

Ohio Valley Appalachia Regional Geriatric Education Center

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

- Assistant Secretary of Preparedness and Response
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- U.S. Food and Drug Administration

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

SCOPE

The scope of Emergency Support Function (ESF)-8 within Kentucky encompasses those activities necessary to coordinate, direct and support health and medical preparedness, response and recovery activities at the local, regional and state level before, during and after an emergency or disaster occurs. The scope of ESF-8 includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Assist communities to prepare, withstand, and recover from public health incidents;
- Conduct routine surveillance activities to monitor for disease trends and if required, epidemiological/environmental investigations;
- Coordinate public health services and non-pharmaceutical intervention strategies to prevent injuries and limit the spread of communicable diseases or chemical, radiological or biological contamination;
- Provide laboratory services for the identification of chemical, biological and radiological hazards on clinical and environmental specimens;
- Disseminate health-related information and maintain situational awareness among local, state, regional, and federal levels of government and the private sector;
- Coordinate support for the emergency care and treatment of casualties resulting from a natural or man-made disaster;
- Coordinate the provision of routine emergency and medical care for the general population;
- Coordinate with partner agencies to address the behavioral health needs of those impacted by an incident;
- Coordinate health and medical support and social services for Functional and Access Needs populations;
- Coordinate with other organizations for the recovery, handling, identification, transportation, tracking, storage, and disposal of human remains;
- Acquire, maintain, transport, distribute, track and recover medical materiel and critical resources;
- Coordinate environmental operations and resources for vector control, sanitation services, and safety of food and water supplies;
- Assist in preventing and remedying the effects of biological, chemical, and radiological incidents or warfare;
- Collaborate with law enforcement to provide preventative radiological/nuclear detection operations;
- Oversee radiological hazard mitigation activities, such as radiological threat assessment, personal and equipment decontamination, public health and safety, and environmental protection.

SITUATION AND ASSUMPTIONS

- An all-hazards approach will be used to develop and implement policies, plans, programs, procedures, and guidelines that will be utilized by ESF-8 – Public Health and Medical Services in response to emergencies or disasters;
- ESF-8 Support Agencies will coordinate with the Kentucky Department for Public Health (KDPH) throughout all phases of emergency management including preparedness, response, and recovery;
- Local health departments will coordinate response efforts through the respective local emergency management agency and contact the Commonwealth's Emergency Operations Center (CEOC) and/or KDPH if additional health and medical support is needed;
- Local governments have the primary responsibility to provide emergency medical and health services within their jurisdiction in response to an emergency or disaster;
- The Commonwealth of Kentucky will experience emergency situations and disasters that may cause death, injury, and damage, or may necessitate evacuation and sheltering of the public at risk;
- A major technological, natural disaster, disease outbreak or terrorist incident may cause an immediate demand for health and medical services in excess of normal demand;
- Isolation, quarantine, travel advisories or other non-pharmaceutical interventions may have to be implemented to prevent the occurrence or spread of infectious disease or chemical, biological or radiological contamination;
- The occurrence of a catastrophic event could cause widespread damage to critical medical infrastructure and key resources. Medical resources may be damaged or unavailable during an emergency or disaster;
- Normal communications systems may be destroyed, degraded, or rendered inoperable in a disaster;
- Disasters may require evacuation/relocation of large populations. Relocations sites may require potable water, wastewater control, vector control or other public health measures;
- A major disaster may require federal resources and activation of the National Disaster Medical System (NDMS) if local and state resources are overwhelmed;
- People with special medical needs may require additional levels of medical support and evacuation to facilities equipped to provide the required level of service;
- Disruption of sanitation services, loss of power, and massing of people in shelters will increase risk of disease and injury;

- Additional transportation will be needed to evacuate patients to the appropriate hospital or medical facility and to transport fatalities to funeral homes and hospital morgues;
- The damage and destruction of a catastrophic disaster will produce urgent needs for crisis intervention and disaster behavioral health services for victims and response personnel;
- In a catastrophic event, the need for emergency mortuary services and victim identification will be paramount;
- Additional regional, state, and federal capabilities may be needed to supplement and assist the local jurisdictions to maintain the continuity of medical and public health services. Mutual aid and assistance may or may not be available;
- Technical and subject matter expertise may be provided by an appropriate person(s) from supporting local, state and/or federal agency with skills or equipment pertinent to the type of event within the context of the Incident Command System.

DIRECTION AND CONTROL

- The Kentucky Department for Public Health (KDPH) shall be the coordinating agency for ESF-8 – Public Health and Medical Services;
- The Commissioner of the Department for Public Health, or designee, shall assign public health representatives to coordinate response and recovery operations upon activation of ESF-8. ESF-8 coordination may be provided through the Commonwealth's Emergency Operations Center (CEOC), designated Regional Emergency Coordination Centers, and/or the Department's Operations Center (DOC). The DOC may be activated prior to, in conjunction with, or after activation of the CEOC;
- KDPH and the Cabinet for Health and Family Services' Office of Communications and Administrative Review will coordinate the release of health and medical related public information and risk communications;
- KDPH will coordinate requests for public health and medical assistance through appropriate channels;
- KDPH will work with local, state, and federal partners to coordinate and direct the use of ESF-8 resources. As the ESF-8 Coordinator, KDPH will identify, request, receive, distribute, track and allocate resources through appropriate channels;
- Personnel responding under ESF -8 shall operate in accordance with the rules, regulations, and capabilities of their respective agency or organization;
- The direction of emergency operations shall be exercised at the lowest level of government affected whether local, state, or federal.

CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

Phases of Management

Preparedness - Kentucky Department for Public Health

The Kentucky Department for Public Health (KDPH) will collaborate with health care planning partners to implement a planning, training and exercise cycle to establish and maintain a state of readiness throughout the Preparedness Phase to include:

Planning

- Collaborate with local, state and federal agencies to develop and maintain public health and medical emergency operations plans and related planning documents to address preparedness, response, and recovery activities for the following functional areas:
 - Assessment of Health and Medical Needs
 - Behavioral Health
 - Disease Control and Prevention
 - Community Preparedness
 - Community Recovery
 - Communications
 - Critical Resource Logistics and Distribution
 - Emergency Operations Coordination
 - Emergency Public Information and Warning
 - Environmental Health
 - Fatality Management
 - Functional and Access Needs Populations/Long Term Care
 - Food and Water Safety
 - Information Sharing
 - Mass Care Support
 - Mass Prophylaxis
 - Medical Countermeasures Dispensing
 - Medical Material Management and Distribution
 - Medical Surge
 - Non-Pharmaceutical Interventions
 - Public Health Laboratory Testing
 - Public Health Surveillance and Epidemiological Investigation
 - Radiation Health
 - Responder Safety and Health
 - Volunteer Management
- Coordinate with local, state and federal agencies to conduct risk assessments to identify jurisdictional hazards and health vulnerabilities throughout the state;
- Coordinate with local and state agencies to develop an ESF-8 profile (structure, organization, and assets) for each of the 120 counties within Kentucky and apply Geographical Information Systems to identify the location of Functional and Access Needs populations, hospitals, critical healthcare sites, long term care facilities and regulated public facilities;
- Collaborate with local and state healthcare partners to identify, inventory, and maintain a supply of medications, medical supplies, and medical equipment ensuring these resources are available for deployment to disaster affected areas;
- Define early warning indicators and specific triggers that would require increased surveillance activities and activation of a public health and medical response;

Mutual Aid Agreements

- Develop intrastate and interagency mutual aid agreements with neighboring jurisdictions, military installations, private sector and non-governmental organizations;
- Develop pre-scripted federal action request forms (ARF) and Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) requests to meet resource needs for specific threats;

Training

- Develop and implement training programs with local, state, and federal planning partners to address the functional areas within this plan;

Exercises and After Action Reporting

- Collaborate with local, state, and federal agencies to design, conduct, and evaluate exercises that will test and stress “all-hazards” planning strategies. Exercise activity shall be documented through After Action Reviews and After Action Reports/Improvement Plans (AAR/IP); key problems and corrective actions shall be identified, implemented, and tracked.

Preparedness – ESF-8 Support Agencies

Support Agencies shall support the preparedness phase of ESF-8 as outlined in this plan to include:

Community Preparedness

- Participate in planning for incident management and recovery operations and the development of supporting operational plans, procedures, guidelines, checklists, job aids, or other planning documents;
- Identify personnel who can be contacted to provide support and technical assistance during and after-hours, to include weekends and holidays. These persons should maintain an account in Kentucky’s Health Alert Network (HAN) or provide their contact information to the Kentucky Department for Public Health;
- If applicable, identify trained personnel for assignment to public health emergency response teams. Personnel assigned to response teams should be registered and credentialed through the Kentucky’s Health Emergency Listing of Professionals for Surge (KHELPS);
- Participate in training and exercises to enhance preparedness efforts and evaluate emergency operations plans;
- Identify new equipment or capabilities to prevent or respond to new or emerging threats or to improve the ability to address existing threats;
- Liaison with affiliated state, regional and national agencies and associations.

Response - Kentucky Department for Public Health as the ESF-8 Coordinator

The Kentucky Department for Public Health (KDPH) shall be the ESF-8 Coordinator for health and medical response operations throughout the Response Phase to include:

Emergency Operations Coordination

- Coordinate health and medical operations from the Commonwealth's Emergency Operations Center (CEOC), designated Regional Emergency Coordination Centers (RECC) or the Department's Operations Center (DOC) upon activation of ESF-8;

Assessment of Health and Medical Needs/Information Sharing

- Coordinate with local, state and federal agencies to determine the nature and extent of an incident and the required level of public health and medical support needed;
- Coordinate with local, state and federal agencies to gather and disseminate health and medical incident related information through the use of communication systems including, but not limited to, WebEOC, Health Alert Network, Hospital Available Bed (HAVBED) system, email and audio or video conferences;
- Coordinate with ESF-3 – Public Works and Engineering to obtain personnel to evaluate the structural integrity of hospitals and healthcare facilities damaged during an incident;

Behavioral Health

- Coordinate with the Kentucky Crisis Response Board (KCCRB) and local/state behavioral health agencies to meet the behavioral health needs of responders and those impacted by an emergency or disaster;

Communications

- Use interoperable communication systems to alert and share information with local, state, regional, and federal stakeholders including, but not limited to, the Health Alert Network (HAN), WebEOC, Satellite Radio Systems, UHF radio, VHF radio, amateur radio, and the Kentucky Health Emergency Listing of Professionals for Surge (KHELPS);

Critical Resource Logistics and Distribution/Medical Material Management and Distribution/Medical Countermeasures Dispensing

- Coordinate with the Kentucky Division of Emergency Management (KYEM) to request public health and medical support or resources through the federal action request forms (ARF), Mutual Aid or Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC);
- Coordinate with the KYEM to request federal medical assets through the Department of Health and Human Services and/or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention based upon relevant threat information including, but not limited to the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS), Federal Medical Station (FMS), antivirals, vaccines, and other ancillary medical supplies in accordance with the Kentucky Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) Support Plan;

- Coordinate with local, state and federal agencies to distribute state and federal assets to local health departments, hospitals, and other healthcare agencies in accordance with the Kentucky SNS Support Plan;

Disease Control and Prevention/Public Health Surveillance and Epidemiological Investigation

- Coordinate with local health departments, hospitals and other healthcare agencies to collect health data to recognize events of public health significance and conduct epidemiological investigations and contact tracing to identify the source and population at risk;
- Conduct disease surveillance activities in collaboration with local health departments, hospitals, sentinel laboratories, and clinical providers through disease surveillance systems and reporting;
- Provide public health and medical support to the Kentucky Department of Agriculture and ESF-11 – Agriculture and Natural Resources to manage zoonotic disease outbreaks and protect the health of livestock and humans;

Emergency Public Information and Warning

- Coordinate with the Cabinet for Health and Family Services' Office of Communications and Administrative Review and other local, state and federal agencies to gather and disseminate health and safety information to the general public in languages and formats that are understandable to individuals with limited English proficiency and/or individuals with disabilities;

Environmental Health /Food and Water Safety

- Coordinate environmental health and risk assessments with local health departments to identify environmental hazards;
- Conduct environmental health assessments of food facilities and regulated public facilities to ensure food operations and supplies meet state and federal health and safety codes;
- Coordinate with local and state officials, as well as the food industry, to conduct trace back and recall of adulterated product;
- Monitor the disposal of contaminated food products and the decontamination of affected food facilities to protect public health in coordination with local, state and federal officials;
- Support local health departments in assessing the water quality of private water sources such as wells and cisterns;
- Coordinate with local health departments to identify and control vectors that may transmit disease;
- Coordinate with Kentucky Department of Environmental Protection to assess potable water, waste water, solid waste disposal, and other environmental health situations;

Fatality Management

- Coordinate with the Kentucky Medical Examiner's Office and Kentucky Coroner's Incident Response Team for emergency mortuary services, personnel, equipment and supplies for managing mass fatalities or natural death surge victims;
- Monitor operations and provide guidance and support to ensure fatality management personnel are protected from infectious diseases and other hazards when handling remains;
- Monitor fatality data through the Mortality Data Management System (MDMS) and aid with victim identification;

Functional and Access Needs Populations/Long Term Care

- Coordinate with the local and state agencies to provide emergency services for Functional and Access Needs and long term care populations;

Mass Care Support

- Coordinate public health and medical support for mass care and shelter operations in accordance with Kentucky's ESF-6 - Mass Care, Emergency Assistance, Housing and Human Services Plan;

Mass Prophylaxis

- Provide guidance and assistance to local health departments and healthcare agencies for mass prophylaxes and non-pharmaceutical interventions;
- Monitor and track adverse events to identify adverse reactions to prescribed medications or vaccinations ensuring the appropriate follow up and medical care;

Medical Surge

- Coordinate medical support for emergency medical services and patient care including triage, treatment, and evacuation;
- Request activation of the National Disaster Medical System (NDMS) in coordination with the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Kentucky Division of Emergency Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, and participating NDMS hospitals;
- Provide support for the evacuation of patients to hospitals or locations where medical care is available. This may include coordinating the transfer of patients through the National Disaster Medical System;
- Monitor the blood supply via the American Red Cross and American Association of Blood Banks;

Non-Pharmaceutical Interventions

- Collaborate with local, state federal agencies to implement control measures to limit the spread of communicable diseases or contamination from incidents involving chemical, biological, or radiological agents. This includes strategies such as isolation and quarantine, restriction on movements, travel advisories, social distancing, external decontamination, hygiene, and precautionary protective behaviors;

Public Health Laboratory Testing

- Coordinate with the Division of Laboratory Services for collecting and transporting clinical and environmental specimens for biological or chemical analysis;
- Coordinate with the Radiation Health Branch for collecting and transporting clinical and environmental specimens for radiological analysis;

Radiation Health

- For radiological incidents, follow the Kentucky Radiological Incident Annex;

Responder Safety and Health

- Provide guidance concerning mass prophylaxes and non-pharmaceutical interventions for first responders;
- Coordinate with the Kentucky Department of Labor to issue safety and health guidance for healthcare workers and first responders concerning personal protective equipment and other safety and health related issues;

Volunteer Management

- Coordinate with local health departments to activate health professionals and/or Medical Reserve Corps volunteers via the Health Alert Network (HAN) and Kentucky's Health Emergency Listing of Professionals for Surge (KHELPS) that are registered, credentialed, and trained as required by state and federal regulations;

Response – ESF-8 Support Agencies

Support Agencies shall support the response phase of ESF-8 as outlined in this plan to include:

- Coordinate response efforts through liaison with the Kentucky Department for Public Health (KDPH) or Kentucky Division of Emergency Management (KYEM), as applicable;
- Conduct operations consistent with agency authority ensuring administrative control of resources;
- Maintain accurate documentation and records of response activities and expenses throughout an incident;
- Conduct situational assessments within their jurisdictional areas and provide incident related information to KDPH and KYEM;

- Provide technical assistance to the KDPH, ESF-8 Support Agencies and other ESFs concerning each agency's area of responsibility and expertise;
- Coordinate with KDPH and the Kentucky Community Crisis Response Board to ensure crisis intervention and behavioral health services are provided to persons affected by emergencies or disasters;
- Provide available personnel and resources to support health and medical operations as requested by KDPH or KYEM;
- Assist in the development of Crisis and Emergency Risk Communication (CERC) messages for release to public.

Recovery

Community Recovery

The Kentucky Department for Public Health (KDPH) and ESF-8 Support Agencies will coordinate with the Kentucky Division of Emergency Management, other Emergency Support Functions (ESFs) and lead jurisdictional agencies to support recovery operations including, but not limited to:

- Restoring essential healthcare systems, social services systems and regulated public facilities;
- Restoring permanent medical facilities to operational status;
- Restoring pharmacy services to operational status;
- Decontaminating equipment, supplies, and personnel as applicable;
- Continuing behavioral health crisis services;
- Continuing to coordinate services for Functional and Access Needs populations;
- Recover and restore radiologically impacted areas and facilities in accordance with the Kentucky Radiological Incident Annex;
- Continuing environmental and epidemiological surveillance to monitor for disease outbreaks and chemical, biological and radiological contamination and, if applicable, providing technical support for intervention and control measures;
- Supporting emergency services staff and operations until demobilized;
- Supporting the logistics for the return of human remains and personal affects to the families or designated legal authority;
- Supporting efforts to define, document, and recover disaster related costs from insurance, state, and federal sources.

During the recovery phase, KDPH shall:

- Demobilize response activities at the Commonwealth's Emergency Operations Center (CEOC), Regional Emergency Coordination Centers (RECC), and the Department's Operations Center (DOC) to include archiving records and restoring systems, supplies, and staffing to a pre-incident state;
- Coordinate with ESF-8 Support Agencies to evaluate and document response and recovery activities through After Action Reviews and After Action Reports/Improvement Plans (AAR/IP); key problems and corrective actions shall be identified, implemented, and tracked as applicable.

Assignment of Responsibilities

Primary Agency - Kentucky Department for Public Health (KDPH)

Emergency Operations Coordination

- Coordinate public health and medical services per the ESF-8 Plan for preparedness, response, and recovery;
- Provide public health and medical assistance and support to local health departments, hospitals, health care agencies and Healthcare Planning Coalitions during an emergency or disaster;
- Identify, train, and assign personnel to public health incident management teams to support health and medical health operations;
- Maintain spaces, equipment, and supplies ensuring the Department's Operations Center can be activated 24/7/365 to support public health and medical operations;
- Maintain 24/7 contact numbers for disease reporting and public health emergencies;
- Register key incident management personnel into Kentucky's Health Alert Network (HAN) system to allow for rapid notification and sharing of information;
- Maintain emergency contact lists of incident management personnel assigned to support ESF-8 from local, state, and federal agencies/organizations;
- Identify personnel and resources to support the FEMA Region IV Unified Planning Coalition's Resource Coordinating Task Force;
- Maintain accurate documentation and records of response activities and expenses throughout an incident;

Planning

- Develop and maintain the state's ESF-8 - Public Health and Medical Services Plan;
- Collaborate with local, state, and federal agencies to develop, evaluate, and maintain Incident-Specific and Support-Level emergency operations plans to address the functional areas as outlined in this ESF-8 Plan;

- Assist local health departments in the development of emergency operations plans to address the functional areas as outlined in this ESF-8 Plan;
- Liaison with affiliated state, regional, and national agencies and associations;

Training and Exercising

- Develop and implement a planning, training and exercise program in accordance with the Homeland Security and Exercise Evaluation Program (HSEEP) to ensure local, state and federal agencies are aware of the ESF-8 Plan and how to coordinate emergency response and recovery operations;

Communications

- Maintain and test interoperable communication systems with local, state, regional, and federal stakeholders including, but not limited to, the Health Alert Network (HAN), WebEOC, Satellite Radio Systems, UHF radio, VHF radio, amateur radio, and the Kentucky Health Emergency Listing of Professionals for Surge (KHELPS);

Critical Resource Logistics and Distribution/Medical Material Management and Distribution/Medical Countermeasures Dispensing

- Manage Kentucky's Strategic National Stockpile Program through coordination with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;
- Oversee the CHEMPACK program in Kentucky through coordination with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and local agencies ensuring nerve agent antidotes can be deployed quickly in response to a nerve agent event;
- Maintain an inventory management system to maintain and track medications, vaccines, medical supplies, medical equipment, and prepositioned resources;
- Identify facilities for the receipt, stage, and storage of state and federal assets as outlined in the Kentucky Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) Support Plan;

Emergency Public Information and Warning

- Maintain and test the Kentucky Outreach and Information Network (KOIN) to provide prompt, accurate information to the public in languages and formats appropriate for those with Functional and Access Needs;

Fatality Management

- Maintain the Mortality Data Management System (MDMS) to track missing persons and fatalities in collaboration with the Kentucky Medical Examiner's Office and Kentucky Coroner's Incident Response Team;

Public Health Laboratory Testing

- Maintain contact with the national Laboratory Response Network (LRN) for biological, chemical and radiological Reference Laboratories;

- Provide oversight of testing capabilities and maintain a contact directory of Sentinel Laboratories;
- Maintain an inventory of reagents and testing capabilities required for analysis of biological, chemical, and radiological agents as a LRN Reference Laboratory;

Public Health Surveillance and Epidemiological Investigation

- Maintain an electronic disease surveillance and reporting system to track notifiable diseases and conditions;
- Coordinate with state and local agencies to monitor potential disease outbreaks and provide technical assistance and consultation concerning disease prevention and control;
- Ensure reportable diseases and conditions are reported to the Kentucky Department for Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;

Radiation Health

- Provide public health oversight, support and technical expertise for radiological or nuclear related incidents in accordance with the Kentucky Radiological Incident Annex;
- Assist other agencies in the assessment of public health effects resulting from radiological agents. Such tasks may include assessing exposures of the general population and high risk populations; conducting field investigations, including collecting and analyzing relevant samples; and providing advice on protective actions related to direct and indirect exposures in accordance with the Kentucky Radiological Incident Annex;

Volunteer Management

- Oversee Kentucky's Medical Reserve Corps volunteer program ensuring volunteers are registered, credentialed and trained;
- Coordinate with local health departments to recruit, credential, and train medical and non-medical volunteers to be members of Kentucky's Medical Reserve Corps;
- Maintain a database of health professionals and Medical Reserve Corps volunteers through the Kentucky's Health Emergency Listing of Professionals for Surge (KHELPS).

ESF-8 Support Agencies

American Red Cross (ARC)

- Coordinate with regional blood centers to provide blood products and services at the request of ESF-8 – Public Health and Medical Services;
- Provide support services as requested by ESF-8 for accompanying family members/ caregivers when patients are evacuated through the National Disaster Medical System (NDMS);

- Provide preventative health services and behavioral health support to people in shelters, service centers, outreach teams, and emergency aid stations in designated safe zones in coordination with ESF-8 – Public Health and Medical Services;
- Distribute public health and behavioral health information to persons affected by disasters;
- Provide available personnel to assist in immunization clinics, morgues, hospitals, and nursing homes. Assistance may include administrative support, logistical support, or health services support within clearly defined boundaries;
- Provide supportive counseling to family members of the dead, for the injured, and for others affected by the incident;
- Acquaint families with available health resources and services, and make appropriate referrals.

FEMA Region IV - Unified Planning Coalition (*Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee*)

- Assure the continued readiness of the Resource Coordinating Task Force by maintaining accurate contact information, communication mechanisms and deployable cache of equipment and supplies;
- Initiate and disseminate regional alerts and notifications among FEMA Region IV states;
- Gather and disseminate information among FEMA Region IV states before, during and after an emergency or disaster;
- Coordinate public health and medical assistance through activation of the Resource Coordinating Task Force and Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC);
- Identify available health and medical assets within FEMA Region IV states during a disaster response;
- Assist with developing federal action request forms (ARF) and EMAC Requisition-A's for operational resource needs;
- Provide a channel for non-impacted states to offer assistance to impacted states and reduce redundancy in the deployment of resources.

Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services (KBEMS)

- Coordinate the notification of, and communication with, Emergency Medical Services agencies and personnel during an emergency or disaster;
- Coordinate emergency medical support, care and transportation in various settings;
- Coordinate needed resources through vehicles, equipment, and personnel for transporting casualties, and patients during an emergency or disaster;

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- Coordinate the movement of the Emergency Medical Services personnel and equipment traveling to and from an incident;
- Assemble and direct the deployment of Ambulance Strike Teams within the state to support health and medical operations through coordination with ESF-8;
- Coordinate the credentialing of out-of-state Emergency Medical Services personnel responding to assist Kentucky during an emergency or disaster.

Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS)*

***Department for Aging and Independent Living (DAIL)**

- Provide technical assistance concerning programs and services for the elderly and people with disabilities in long-term care facilities and in-homecare;
- Serve as a resource for identifying senior citizen centers within Kentucky;
- Initiate well check protocols for Guardianship clients and provide resources as appropriate;
- Serve as a resource in partnership with Aging and Disability providers to ensure the health, safety, and welfare during an emergency or disaster.

***Department for Behavior Health, Mental Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities (DBHMDID)**

- Maintain a directory of community mental health centers throughout Kentucky ensuring key personnel can be contacted 24/7 to facilitate continued operations during any all-hazards event;
- Provide technical assistance and situational awareness concerning the areas of behavioral health, developmental and intellectual disabilities, child and adult programs and services, deaf and hard of hearing services, substance abuse, suicide prevention, and supportive living during and after an emergency or disaster;
- Support the Kentucky Community Crisis Response Board and faith-based coalitions to provide behavioral health services during an emergency or disaster and plan for recovery of the community at large.

***Department for Community Based Services (DCBS)**

In accordance with applicable federal and state requirements governing the provision of these services and to the extent funding is available:

- Provide eligibility determination or replacement benefits for the Kentucky Transitional Assistance Program (K-TAP); Kinship Care Program; Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or "SNAP" (formerly known as Food Stamps); State Supplementation for people who are aged, blind, or have a disability; Medicaid Program; and the Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program (KCHIP);

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- Coordinate eligibility determination for the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) and/or Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) with area service providers;
- Work in cooperation with partners, such as technology and finance, to assure timely provision of benefits for DCBS administered programs;
- Serve as a resource in partnership with the Office of Inspector General and area agencies to identify licensed, certified, and registered child care providers across Kentucky and coordinate emergency child care;
- Provide protection and permanency services for children subject to abuse, neglect, and/or dependency in partnership with area resources, including law enforcement and the courts;
- Coordinate relocation, tracking, and benefit services for children in the custody of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services;
- Provide protective services and general assistance for vulnerable adults, including victims of domestic violence, in partnership with area resources;
- Offer services through the Repatriation Program;
- Offer resource referrals through local Department for Community Based Services offices and staff in each Kentucky county;
- Prepare waiver applications, as appropriate, for enhanced flexibility or federal relief.

***Department for Medicaid Services (DMS)**

- Coordinate with the Kentucky Department for Public Health (KDPH), Kentucky Pharmacists Association, subcontractors and participating pharmacies to ensure Medicaid recipients continue to receive prescribed, non-controlled medications and durable medical equipment during an emergency or disaster;
- Provide after-hour contacts to KDPH. These contacts have access to the Medicaid Pharmacy vendor 24/7 phone line ensuring Medicaid recipients can receive appropriate access to medications;
- Provide authorization, via contact with the Pharmacy Benefits vendor, for issuing replacement, non-controlled medications to Medicaid recipients;
- Provide assistance to local pharmacies for verification of Medicaid recipients and prescribed medications;
- Serve as a resource for identifying alternate pharmacies or other pharmaceutical resources.

***Office of Communications and Administrative Review**

- Coordinate the communications response and media relations for ESF-8 through coordination with the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Kentucky Department for Public Health and ESF-8 Support Agencies. Trained personnel from the Office of Communications and Administrative Review may serve in the Public Information role for ESF-8 from a virtual setting or at the Commonwealth's Joint Information Center (CJIC), KDPH's Department Operations Center or in field settings;
- Provide public health, disease, and injury prevention information for dissemination to the public in languages and formats that are understandable to all segments of the population, including those individuals with limited- or non-English proficiency, blind or visually impaired, deaf or hard of hearing, or individuals with disabilities;
- Ensure that risk communication principles to build trust and credibility are employed in all contact with the media, public and partner info release efforts;
- Oversee media monitoring systems (video clips/news clips/coverage—e.g. analyzing coverage environment and trends to determine needed messages, emerging issues, identifying misinformation for correction, identifying concerns, interests and needs arising from the crisis and the response);
- Manage all information distributed to the Kentucky Outreach and Information Network (KOIN), a grassroots emergency communication network comprised of vulnerable/at-risk populations.

***Office of Inspector General (OIG)**

- Serve as the primary point of contact for coordinating response and recovery efforts specific to Division of Healthcare, Division of Regulated Childcare, and Audits and Investigations;
- Provide technical assistance regarding licensed and certified healthcare facilities;
- Provide technical assistance regarding licensed childcare and child placing facilities;
- Serve as a resource for all licensed manufacturers and/or wholesalers of distributed controlled substances in Kentucky.

Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA)

- Coordinate with the Kentucky Department for Public Health (KDPH) on any agriculture related incident that may affect humans to include zoonotic diseases, crop diseases, vector-borne diseases (animal-borne diseases transferrable to humans via insects), food or drug contamination or hazards posed by exposure to pesticides or fertilizers;
- Coordinate with KDPH to conduct field investigations, collect samples, oversee laboratory tests, and provide technical assistance to local government in response to agricultural emergencies impacting the human population;
- Provide personnel and technical expertise to support operations involving Strategic National Stockpile assets.

Kentucky Department of Education (KDE)

- Coordinate with the Kentucky Department for Public Health and the Cabinet for Health and Family Services' Office of Communications and Administrative Review to develop and disseminate health and medical related information to students and their families.

Kentucky Department of Military Affairs*

***Kentucky Air National Guard**

- Provide support to ESF-8 before, during and after an emergency or disaster;
- Provide available personnel and equipment to support the triage, treatment, decontamination, transportation, evacuation and tracking of patients and casualties during an emergency or disaster;
- Provide available personnel and equipment to support the receipt and distribution of state and federal assets, to include the Strategic National Stockpile;
- Coordinate the activation and deployment of the Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and high-yield Explosive (CBRNE) Enhanced Response Force Package (CERFP) to provide immediate response capabilities including command and control, search and extraction, decontamination, and medical triage, treatment and transportation;
- Coordinate the activation and deployment of the Air National Guard's Expeditionary Medical Support (EMEDS) package to support humanitarian relief, wartime contingencies and disaster response operations.

***Kentucky Army National Guard**

- Provide support to ESF-8 before, during and after an emergency or disaster;
- Assist in the coordination of Active Duty Forces to support ESF- 8 operations;
- Provide available personnel and equipment to support the triage, treatment, decontamination, transportation, evacuation and tracking of patients and casualties during an emergency or disaster;
- Provide available personnel and equipment to support the receipt and distribution of state and federal assets, to include the Strategic National Stockpile.

***Kentucky Community Crisis Response Board (KCCRB)**

- Maintain and publish a toll free, 24/7 access phone number to request a response;
- Coordinate Crisis Intervention Teams to provide behavioral health services to disaster victims, emergency workers, and others suffering psychological trauma during and after an emergency or disaster occurs within Kentucky;
- Keep the Kentucky Department for Public Health (KDPH) apprised on the status of behavioral health organizations that are activated and services provided within Kentucky during an emergency or disaster;

- Support the Department for Behavior Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities to provide behavioral health services during an emergency or disaster and plan for recovery of the community at large;
- Coordinate with local school systems and KDPH when responding to crisis in schools;
- Coordinate with the Cabinet for Health and Family Services' Office of Communications and Administrative Review on the release of public information for addressing emerging behavioral health issues.

***Kentucky Division of Emergency Management (KYEM)**

- Support ESF-8 in coordinating public health and medical preparedness, response and recovery activities with other ESFs and local, state, and federal agencies;
- Maintain the 24/7 emergency contact information of key incident management personnel within the Kentucky Department for Public Health (KDPH) and applicable ESF-8 Support Agencies;
- Keep KDPH apprised of all matters of health and medical interest and alert incident management personnel;
- Provide a location at Commonwealth's Emergency Operations Center for ESF-8 representatives to coordinate public health and medical operations ensuring needed equipment and supplies are available during activation;
- Liaise with affected jurisdictions to receive and act on requests for assistance from county emergency managers and county elected officials;
- Prepare Situation Reports and Incident Action Plans (IAPs) through coordination with ESF-8;
- Coordinate requests for assistance through Mutual Aid, Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) and/or federal action request forms (ARF) when the capabilities of the state to respond to a disaster are exceeded;
- Provide consistent and accurate information to the public during an emergency or disaster through ESF-15 – External Affairs and/or activation of a Joint Information Center (JIC);
- Provide administrative support to recovery efforts by assisting in the processing of documents authorizing payments to individuals, families, local governments, and state agencies.

Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs (KDVA)

- Provide technical assistance and support to the Kentucky Department for Public Health (KDPH) and the Department of Veterans Affairs to ensure healthcare services are available for veterans located throughout Kentucky;

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- Maintain a directory of Kentucky Veterans Centers ensuring key personnel can be contacted 24/7 to facilitate continued operations during any all-hazards event;
- Keep the KDPH informed of disease trends and other health situations in Kentucky Veterans Centers before, during, and after an emergency or disaster.

Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet*

***Kentucky Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (KCDHH)**

- Provide technical assistance to the Kentucky Department for Public Health concerning policy, programs and services for the deaf and hard of hearing populations;
- Coordinate with state and local agencies to ensure services are provided to the deaf and hard of hearing before, during and after an emergency or disaster;
- Provide specialized telecommunications equipment (STE) to citizens of the Commonwealth who are deaf, hard of hearing or speech-impaired through the Telecommunication Access Program (TAP);
- Coordinate with the Kentucky Assistive Technology Service (KATS) Network to provide information and related services to all persons with disabilities including the deaf and hard of hearing;
- Maintain and publish a Directory of Services to provide information for the deaf and hard of hearing populations concerning referral and advocacy services.

***Office for the Blind**

- Provide technical assistance related to the programs and delivery of services to the blind and visually prepared;
- Provide technical assistance to ESF-8 for providing health and medical related information in accessible formats (Braille, audio recording, large print, etc) to the blind and visually impaired;
- Maintain the Kentucky Blind and Deaf Resource Directory to provide resources and information available to those who are blind, visually impaired and deaf-blind (<http://blind.ky.gov>) including Office for the Blind locations.

Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet (EEC) – Department for Environmental Protection (DEP)

- Provide technical assistance and environmental information to the Kentucky Department for Public Health who will provide health and medical recommendations in situations involving hazardous materials, solid waste, drinking water systems, and wastewater systems;
- Assist in identifying alternate drinking water supplies, and wastewater collection and treatment for critical healthcare facilities;
- Provide environmental support for managing radiological or nuclear related incidents;

- Provide environmental technical assistance in the event temporary interment is necessary and/or human remains are contaminated by non-radiological agents.

Kentucky Hospital Association (KHA)

- Support public health and medical response efforts by acting as a liaison between the Kentucky Department for Public Health, hospitals, Healthcare Planning Coalitions, and other community healthcare partners;
- Provide subject matter expertise, support, and technical assistance to hospitals, Healthcare Planning Coalitions, and other community healthcare partners in planning and responding to bioterrorism and other public health emergencies;
- Assist with community and syndromic surveillance by monitoring hospitals and other healthcare agencies for infectious disease and injury cases;
- Provide subject matter expertise and support for mass fatality and natural death surge planning and coordination;
- Coordinate storage requirements and assists with inventory control of health and medical prepositioned response assets including, but not limited to, pharmaceuticals, antiviral medications, and medical surge units;
- Support the implementation and use of WebEOC and patient tracking, data sharing, and communication systems in each of the Healthcare Planning Coalition regions.

Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet (JPSC)*

***Kentucky Department of Corrections (DOC)**

- Keep the Kentucky Department for Public Health (KDPH) informed of disease trends and other health situations in correctional facilities before, during, and after an emergency or disaster;
- Assist KDPH in distributing medicines, vaccines and medical supplies to correctional facilities during an emergency or disaster;
- Coordinate with KDPH and the Cabinet for Health and Family Services' Office of Communications and Review to develop and disseminate health and medical related information to employees and incarcerated persons.

***Kentucky Medical Examiner's Office/Kentucky Coroner's Incident Response Team**

- Provide technical assistance to the Kentucky Department for Public Health (KDPH) during natural death surge operations;
- Activate the Kentucky Coroner/Medical Examiner Incident Response Team to support mass fatality operations by providing trained personnel, equipment, and supplies to locate, recover, and identify the deceased;

- Provide support to local coroners by determining the cause and manner of death, identifying the deceased, preparing reports, and maintaining evidence and personal property;
- Share missing person's data with the KDPH to help identify the seriously wounded or deceased.

***Kentucky State Police (KSP)**

- Provide relevant information to the Kentucky Department for Public Health (KDPH) of any credible threat or other situation that could potentially threaten the public's health;
- Coordinate with KDPH to provide security at Kentucky's Receipt, Stage and Store (RSS) sites during activation and for transportation of medicines, vaccines, medical supplies, blood, and blood products or medical equipment between the RSS and local Distribution Nodes as outlined in the Kentucky Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) Support Plan;
- Coordinate with the local law enforcement agencies and designated airfields for security and traffic control problems during operations involving patient movement through the National Disaster Medical System (NDMS);
- Collaborate with KDPH and local law enforcement agencies to coordinate law enforcement measures when isolation and quarantine measures are implemented;
- Collaborate with KDPH to provide preventive radiological/nuclear detection operations.

Kentucky Labor Cabinet

- Provide technical assistance to the Kentucky Department for Public Health concerning safety and health regulations, safety of responders and employees, exposure assessments, risk assessments, and personal protective equipment to include selection, distribution, training, and fit-testing;
- Provide technical assistance to support safety and health in field operations during deployment of health and medical response teams.

Kentucky Local Health Departments (LHD)

- Maintain a system for 24/7 notification or activation of the local public health emergency response system;
- Keep the Kentucky Department for Public Health (KDPH) informed of all matters of health and medical interest to facilitate situational awareness among all local health departments before, during, and after an emergency or disaster;
- Assess the impact of an incident on health and medical infrastructure within the local health jurisdiction and keep KDPH apprised of the situation;
- Use web-based systems to alert and/or share information with KDPH, local incident management personnel and volunteers including, but not limited to, the Health Alert Network (HAN), WebEOC, and the Kentucky Health Emergency Listing of Professionals for Surge (KHELPS);

- Coordinate with KDPH to provide personnel and resources to support health and medical operations;
- Activate and deploy Medical Reserve Corps volunteers to support health and medical operations at the local or state level through the Kentucky's Health Emergency Listing of Professionals for Surge (KHELPS);
- Coordinate with local emergency management agencies to request public health and medical assistance from the Kentucky Division of Emergency Management and/or KDPH;
- Request, receive, distribute and dispense medical supplies, medical equipment, antibiotics, antivirals, other pharmaceuticals, vaccines, and prepositioned resources as outlined in state and county Strategic National Stockpile Support Plans;
- Conduct disease surveillance within the respective jurisdiction and promptly report notifiable conditions or disease trends of concern to KDPH.

Kentucky Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)

- Engage volunteers to strengthen public health and medical services, emergency response capabilities, and community resiliency;
- Support preparedness, response and recovery efforts by providing trained medical and non-medical personnel to augment health and medical operations at the local, state, or regional level to include, but not limited to, medical surge, emergency triage, emergency treatment, mass prophylaxis, mass vaccination, mass care, behavioral healthcare, and emergency public information and warning through community outreach programs.

Kentucky Pharmacists Association (KPhA)

- Store and maintain the state's cache of antivirals and antibiotics in a secure, climate-controlled environment;
- Provide technical assistance and support concerning storage requirements, lot numbers, expiration dates and shelf life extensions and re-labeling of state-cached medications;
- Distribute medications during an emergency or disaster at the direction of the Kentucky Department for Public Health (KDPH) ensuring that KDPH is kept informed of the number and type distributed and inventory on hand;
- Coordinate with local pharmacies to maintain a minimum inventory of medications to support local needs during an emergency or disaster;
- Provide personnel and equipment to assist with the repackaging and labeling of medications upon receipt of Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) assets;
- Provide licensed pharmacists, support personnel and equipment to support medical operations upon deployment of the state's Pharmacy Trailer;

- Assist KDPH and Department of Medicaid Services to ensure Medicaid recipients continue to receive prescribed medications and durable medical equipment during an emergency or disaster;

Kentucky Regional Poison Center

- Maintain and publish a toll free, 24/7 access phone number to provide information and answer questions from the public and healthcare professionals via a call center on poisons, pharmaceuticals, vaccines, diseases, emergency care and treatment, location of antidotes, current recommendations and other related health topics;
- Maintain the Kentucky Regional Poison Control Center's website of <http://www.krpc.com/Home/PoisonCenter> to publish current alerts, public education and other related health, medical and safety topics;
- Monitor health and medical health related trends throughout the state and keep the Kentucky Department for Public Health informed of an increase or decrease in trends;
- Assist in preparing health and safety messages for incidents involving poisons or hazardous materials;
- Maintain a listing of doctors and nurses specially trained and certified in toxicology.

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC)

- Coordinate the state's transportation resources during a declaration of emergency;
- Provide technical expertise and support for routing and logistical movement of personnel and medical supplies, medical equipment, antibiotics, antivirals, other pharmaceuticals, vaccines, and prepositioned resources before, during, and after an emergency or disaster;
- Provide needed resources through vehicles, equipment and personnel for transporting ESF-8 assets and medical material during an emergency or disaster;
- Assist with routing and coordinating resources for transporting casualties, patients, and evacuees.

Ohio Valley Appalachia Regional Geriatric Education Center (OVAR/GEC)

- Serve as an ESF-8 resource to support long term care emergency preparedness, response, and recovery efforts;
- Provide technical assistance to the Kentucky Department for Public Health and Kentucky Division of Emergency Management to include long term care facilities into Kentucky's Tier 2 Critical Infrastructure;

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)*

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is the United States government's principal agency for protecting the health of all Americans and providing essential human services. The Department's programs are administered by 11 operating divisions, including eight agencies in the U.S. Public Health Service and three human services agencies. The following Divisions of HHS will provide support to Kentucky during each emergency management phase including preparedness, response and recovery as listed below:

***Assistant Secretary of Preparedness and Response (ASPR)**

- Serve as the lead agency for federal Emergency Support Function-8 (ESF-8) responsible for coordinating federal assistance to supplement state and local resources in response to a public health and medical emergency or disaster;
- Maintain an Emergency Operations Center (Secretary's Operations Center) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for command and control, communications, and information collection, assessment, analysis, and dissemination under non-emergency and emergency conditions to support a common operating picture;
- Oversee the Regional Emergency Coordinator (REC) for Region IV who has the responsibility for working with federal and state agencies to determine regional priorities for public health and medical emergency preparedness and in response to requests for federal health/medical assistance, will coordinate, activate, and deploy regional public health/medical personnel, equipment, and supplies;
- Oversee the Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) which administers cooperative agreement funding and provides technical assistance to enhance the medical surge capability and capacity of hospitals and healthcare systems during disasters and increases their ability to prepare for and respond to bioterrorism and other public health emergencies;
- Manage the National Disaster Medical System to supplement state and local capabilities through a specialized range of public health and medical capabilities including Disaster Medical Assistance Teams (DMAT), Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Teams (DMORT), International Medical Surgical Response Teams (IMSURT), and the National Veterinary Response Team (NVRT);
- Oversee the volunteer registration program through the Emergency System for Advance Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals (ESAR-VHP) to establish a national network of state-based programs for pre-registration of volunteer health professionals (in Kentucky, this system is titled Kentucky Health Emergency Listing of Professionals for Surge (KHELPS)).

***Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)**

- Provide technical assistance and funding for strategic planning through the Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response to enable Kentucky's state and local public health agencies to respond and recover from public health threats;

- Provide technical assistance and guidance for public health preparedness, response and recovery from subject matter experts including the National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH), Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), and National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD);
- Administer the Strategic National Stockpile Program and CHEMPACK Program through the Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response and provide guidance and approval for request, delivery and recovery of these federal assets;
- Maintain an Emergency Operations Center 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for command and control, communications, and information collection, assessment, analysis, and dissemination under non-emergency and emergency conditions to support a common operating picture across the world;
- Provide teams of experts to respond to infectious, occupational, or environmental outbreaks and events.

***U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)**

- Coordinate federal emergency and crisis response activities involving FDA regulated products or in situations when FDA regulated products need to be used or deployed;
- Maintain situational awareness to provide key agency officials with timely awareness of public health issues involving FDA regulated products;
- Manage FDA's incident management system that provides situational awareness and a common operational picture during incidents, outbreaks, or terrorist threats in the form of maps that geographically depict FDA regulated firms and other locations of interest;
- Foster the development of safeguards to effectively mitigate the effects of terrorist attacks and naturally occurring emerging threats by actively engaging with industry, federal, state and local partners to prevent the distribution of unsafe FDA regulated products.

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

- Coordinate with participating National Disaster Management System (NDMS) hospitals to provide incident-related medical care to authorized NDMS beneficiaries affected by a major disaster or emergency;
- Furnish available Veterans Affairs hospital care and medical services to individuals responding to, involved in, or otherwise affected by a major disaster or emergency, including members of the Armed Forces on active duty;
- Designate and deploy available medical, surgical, mental health, and other health service support assets;
- Provide a Medical Emergency Radiological Response Team for technical consultation on the medical management of injuries and illnesses due to exposure to ionizing radiation;

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- Alert Veterans Affairs Federal Coordinating Centers (FCC) and provide reporting instructions to support incident relief efforts;
- Alert Veterans Affairs Federal Coordinating Centers (FCC) to activate NDMS patient reception plans in a phased, regional approach, and when appropriate, in a national approach;
- Bury and memorialize eligible veterans; provide advice on methods for interment of the dead during national or homeland security emergencies.

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

The Kentucky Department for Public Health will coordinate an annual review of the ESF-8 – Public Health and Medical Services Plan with all ESF-8 Support Agencies. Additional reviews may be conducted after an exercise is conducted, a significant incident occurs or regulatory changes indicate a need. Recommended changes will be submitted through the Kentucky Division of Emergency Management for publication and distribution.

ESF-8 INCIDENT SPECIFIC PLANS

- Disease Outbreak Response Plan (Under Development)
- Kentucky Radiological Incident Annex
- Pandemic Influenza Emergency Response Plan

ESF-8 SUPPORT PLANS

- CHEMPACK Response Plan
- Disaster Behavioral Health Response Plan (Under Revision)
- Mass Fatality Response Plan (Under Revision)
- Medical Surge Response Plan (Under Development)
- Strategic National Stockpile Support Plan

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