



Office of Developmental Programs Emergency Preparedness Update

Individuals and Families

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Topics

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Emergency Management System Overview

National Framework

- All emergencies start and end at the local level.
 - Local Municipality (City, Township, Borough, etc.)
 - County Emergency Management Agency (EMA)
 - Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA)
 - Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

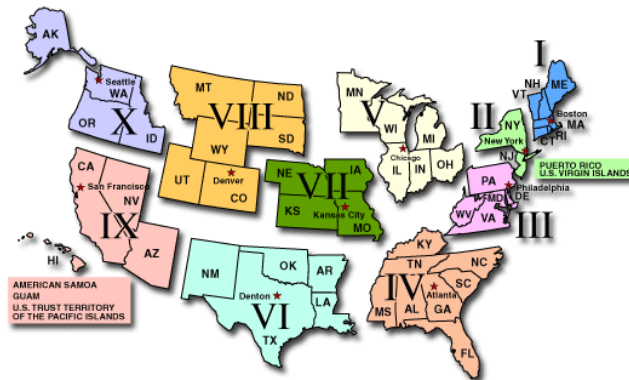
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FEMA

- PA is in FEMA Region III
- Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act



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PEMA

- PEMA is the Commonwealth liaison with FEMA Region III
- PEMA supports county emergency management agencies by coordinating and engaging the whole community including:
 - Federal and state partners
 - Volunteer organizations involved in disasters
 - Private sector business community
 - Citizens



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County EMA

- County EMA is the liaison to PEMA
- Resource Requests must be processed through the County EMA

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Disability Integration

- Alternate Care Sites (ACS)
 - Reduce the strain on healthcare system
 - Access and functional need support
- Disability Integration Calls
 - Ongoing information sharing process

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Emergency Preparedness

- Personal Responsibility
 - Provides more control and choices
- Go-Kit
 - “One-Pager”
 - 72 hours on own
 - Sensory/Comfort items to maintain routine
- www.ready.pa.gov
- www.aidinpa.org
- www.paautism.org
 - Future resource bundle

Emergency Preparedness Supply Kit

Make sure your emergency kit is stocked with the items on the checklist below. Most of the items are inexpensive and easy to find, and any one of them could save your life. Once you take a look at the basic items, consider what unique needs your family might have, such as supplies for pets, or seniors.

After an emergency, you may need to survive on your own for several days. Being prepared means having your own food, water and other supplies to last for at least 72 hours. A disaster supply kit is a collection of basic items your household may need in the event of an emergency.

Recommended Basic Items

- Water
 - Minimum, 3 gallons for each person
- Food
 - Minimum, 3-day supply of food that does not require refrigeration for each person
- Manual can opener
- Radio
 - Battery powered or hand-cranked powered
- Flashlight
- Extra batteries
 - Flashlight
 - Radio
 - Medical equipment
 - Other electronic powered items in kit
- Power charger
- Personal sanitation
 - Baby wipes
 - Garbage bags
 - Hand sanitizer
- First-aid kit
 - Plasters
 - Band-aids
 - Zip ties
 - Duct tape
 - Eye glass repair kit
- Local maps
 - Pin-points important locations and travel routes
- Emergency contact info
 - Medical supplies
 - Medications
- Medical equipment
 - First-aid kit
 - Comfort and sensory items
 - Noise-canceling headphones
 - Flight toys
 - Other sensory assistance items
 - Copy of insurance card
- Blanket, comforter, or sleeping bag
- Pillows
- Complete change of clothing
- Vehicle
 - PNT fluid and extra water
- Extra changes of clothes for all seasons
- Pair of sturdy shoes
- Shower shoes and personal hygiene items

Encouraged Additional Items

- Cash
- Copy of ID
- Emergency reference guides
- Handheld or pocket radio
- Zip lock bags
- Camp stove
 - Fuel
 - Lighter
 - Matches in a waterproof container
 - Camp cookware set
 - Camp stoves set
- Fire extinguisher
- Paper and pencil
- Books, puzzles, board games, etc. for entertainment

Practice Your Plan

Start a family discussion by visiting the ready.gov website and walking through the kit's and kit's games provided <http://www.ready.gov>

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Statewide Support & Referral Helpline



- Culturally competent
- Skilled at assisting those with ID/A
- Use principles of trauma-informed care to listen, assess needs, triage calls, and provide appropriate referral

The toll-free, round-the-clock support line is officially operational. The number to call is 1-855-284-2494. For TTY, dial 724-631-5600.

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Resources



<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>



<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/Pages/Coronavirus.aspx>



<https://www.myodp.org/mod/page/view.php?id=26808>

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Final Thought

- Pandemic planning/response is unique
 - 2 separate incidents related by topic
 - Must be managed simultaneously

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