

## Who can be a Public Health Preparedness Partner?

- Public Health Professionals
- Medical Care Providers
- Mental Health Practitioners
- Pharmacy Professionals
- Veterinarians
- Military Personnel
- Environmental Health Specialists
- Clergy
- Food Service Workers
- Child Care Workers
- Social Workers
- Local Businesses
- Professional Organizations
- Eager and Helpful Citizens like YOU!

There are so many ways to help; from planning to training to emergency response to follow-up. Find out how you can get involved today!

**“IN THE EVENT OF A LARGE-SCALE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY, WE WILL NEED TO WORK TOGETHER TO HELP OUR COMMUNITY”**

## Would you like to be a Public Health Preparedness Partner?

Please complete and submit via fax or mail the *Volunteer Registration Form* at the Wells County Public Health Preparedness & Emergency Response website:  
[www.wellscounty.org/pubHealthPreparedness.htm](http://www.wellscounty.org/pubHealthPreparedness.htm)  
or contact the Wells County Health Department directly for forms.

Help make our community safer, stronger, and better prepared to respond to public health emergencies.

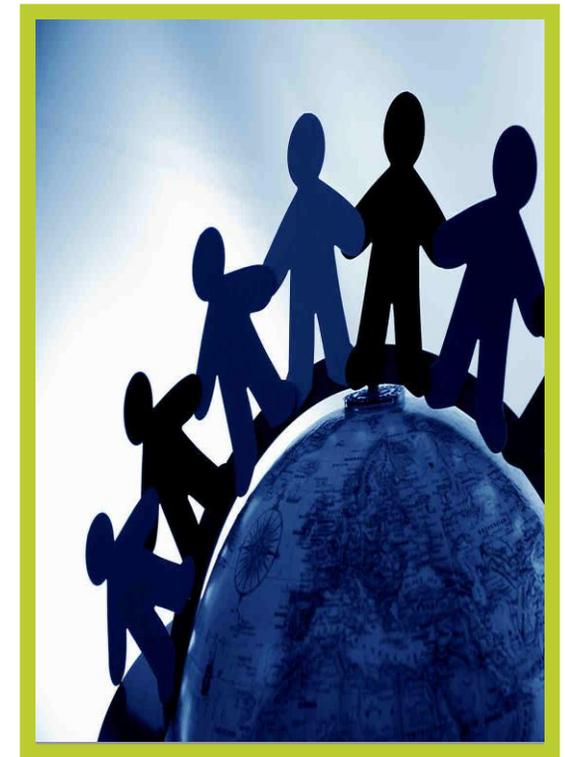


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## Wells County Health Department

Public Health Preparedness & Emergency Response

Community Partnerships

# Public Health Emergencies

## Is Wells County Prepared?

Floods. Tornados. Pandemics. Bioterrorism. Chemical Spills. Just to name a few.

A large-scale public health emergency in our community could lead to a disaster of unimaginable proportion.

While many say “it could never happen here”, we know that it is wise to be prepared.

The Wells County Health Department is working closely with community partners to ensure plans are in place to respond to public health emergencies, should they occur.

Preparing for the unexpected is one of the most important things we can do for our families, neighborhoods, and community.

## Who is involved in Emergency Response?

- Public Employees: 10% or less.
- Other First Responders: 10% or less.
- Partners & Volunteers: 80% or more

**“Coming together is a beginning.  
Keeping together is progress.  
Working together is success.”**

**-Henry Ford**



## Cooperation.

In the event of a large-scale public health emergency, we will need to work together with our community partners.

Our community partners are people who serve Wells County residents and make our community great.

In an emergency situation, the Wells County Health Department will be able to respond within 24 hours, providing resources and personnel. If needed, we are prepared to open a dispensing point in order to get medications or supplies out to individuals in our community. However, we cannot do it alone. To effectively respond to the needs of the community during a crisis, we will need to work with our public health partners to provide further resources and volunteers. We may call on you for assistance, as you play a vital role in the county’s response to a large scale event.

**“PREPARE LIKE LIVES  
DEPEND ON IT. . .  
BECAUSE THEY DO!”**

## Get Involved!

### Help yourself.

You cannot help others if you, your family, friends or colleagues are not safe.

We encourage you to plan ahead for emergencies by being informed of the types of emergencies that could occur, creating a plan for your family and/or business, and assembling supply kit to help sustain you through life threatening events. To explore ways to best prepare for a disaster, visit:

[www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)

or

<http://arcbrcr.org>

### Help our community.

As a valued member of Wells County, your involvement is critical to effective emergency response. There are many ways you can help.

The Wells County Health Department is available to talk to you or your organization about how you can join us in our effort to prepare for emergencies. Please contact us for more information.