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The health, wellness, and safety of Michigan's residents are top priorities for the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), to include emergency preparedness and response planning. Functional and operational plans are essential to the success of responding to an emergency. In doing so, the MDHHS Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) is a key component.

The National Health Security Strategy has two goals: to build community resilience and to strengthen and sustain health and emergency response systems. The MDHHS strategic priorities to transform the healthcare system; improve behavioral health coordination; and promote and protect the health, wellness, and safety of all Michigan residents are consistent with these goals.¹

This EOP was developed and is maintained in accordance with Michigan's Emergency Management Act² and supports the Michigan Emergency Management Plan.³ The Bureau of EMS, Trauma, and Preparedness is the central coordination

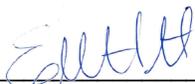
point for public health and healthcare preparedness. It is, therefore, responsible for ensuring the development and maintenance of the MDHHS EOP.

In alignment with the EOP, all department personnel will follow the systems, assignments, and protocols outlined, to the extent practical, when responding to disasters or emergencies, or when providing supplemental relief assistance in support of local health departments, healthcare partners, community mental health services programs, other state agencies, and non-governmental organizations.

Personnel with assignments under this plan are authorized and responsible for performing the support functions described within the functional annexes of the EOP. They are also tasked with the following:

- Prepare and maintain operational protocols, standard operating procedures, job action guides, and personnel contact information
- Provide revisions, as necessary, based on new guidance, experience, and requirements
- Participate in training and exercises
- Contribute to further development and maintenance as new threats, hazards, and risks are identified

I would like to thank our committed staff for their work in assuring that Michigan is prepared for emergencies, as well as yourself for joining us in these efforts to protect the health, wellness, and safety of our residents.


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¹ MDHHS_Strategic_Plan_636923_7.pdf (michigan.gov)

² Emergency Management Act, 1976 PA 390, MCL 30.408.

³ Michigan Emergency Management Plan, MSP, EMHSD August 2019.