

Emergency Support Function 8 Public Health and Medical Services

- ESF Coordinator:** Mills County Emergency Management Agency (MCEMA)
- Primary Agencies:** Mills County Department of Public Health (MCPH)
- Support Agencies:** Mills County Emergency Management Agency
Mills County Sheriff's Department
Glenwood Police Department
Mills County - County and Municipal Government (all departments)
American Red Cross of Nebraska and SW Iowa
Salvation Army
Mills County Medical Centers
Mills County Coroner
Mills County Environmental Health
**Note there is no hospital in Mills County.

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Purpose

The purpose of the Emergency Support Function 8 (ESF-8), Public Health and Medical Services, is to coordinate the organization and mobilization of public health, medical and mortuary services in the County prior to, during and following a disaster.

B. Scope

ESF-8 guidance in identifying and meeting the public health and medical needs of victims of an emergency or disaster. This support is categorized in the following functional areas:

1. Assessment of health and medical needs
2. Public health surveillance
3. Mental Health
4. Medical care personnel
5. Health/medical equipment and supplies
6. Patient evacuation
7. Victim identification and mortuary services
8. Worker health and safety
9. Potable water/drug/medical device safety

II. POLICIES

- A. ESF-8, through the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), will coordinate health and medical assistance to the County.
- B. The concepts of National Incident Management System (NIMS)/Incident Command System (ICS) will be used in the event of an emergency or disaster that results in the activation of the EOC.
- C. Emergency Medical Services may also be supported, in part, through ESF-8 but the main coordination of EMS operations will occur in ESF-4 Fire and EMS.

- D. The *Mills County Mass Casualty Incident Response Plan*, as located in ESF-4 Fire and EMS, details the operational concepts and responsibilities so the emergency medical system will be capable of providing mass casualty emergency medical services during an emergency/disaster.
- E. The Mills County Department of Public Health Director or designee in coordination with the Mills County Board of Health shall take such action necessary to maintain the health of his or her jurisdiction. The Director or designee may implement isolation and quarantine policies and/or health orders when required due to incidents of mass communicable disease exposure or contamination of food, water and/or environmental resources and in accord with established County Ordinances and State Codes.
- F. The Mills County Department of Public Health may invoke the powers of police officers, sheriffs, and all other law enforcement officers to enforce health orders authorized under County Ordinances and Chapter 137, Code of Iowa, 137.6 and 137.21.
- G. The local Board of Health has jurisdiction over matters pertaining to preservation of the life and health of the people in accordance with Chapter 137, Code of Iowa.
- H. The Mills County Medical Examiner has jurisdiction over the deceased.
- I. The State Medical Examiner has jurisdiction over declared mass fatality incidents.

III. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

A. General

1. The procedures in this plan may be activated by contacting the Mills County Emergency Management Agency.
2. With the potential for, or the occurrence of an event, the EOC will notify the Mills County Department of Public Health. This notification may be primarily made by telephone. Such notification could be to advise of a potential event, announce an activation of the EOC, or to pass a request from local jurisdiction officials requesting assistance.
 - a. The EOC notifies the primary agencies through the E-911 Communications Center or directly from the EOC.
 - b. The ESF-8 Coordinator will notify other primary and supporting agencies requesting their assistance as appropriate.
 - c. Primary and supporting agencies will report to the appropriate location as requested.
3. Primary and support agencies and organizations will be notified and tasked to provide representation, as necessary. Each agency or organization is responsible for ensuring that sufficient staff is available to support the EOC and carry out the activities tasked to their agency or organization on a continuous basis. Individuals representing agencies must have knowledge of the resources and capabilities of their respective agencies or organizations, and have access to the appropriate authority for committing such resources during response and recovery operations.
4. Coordination of health-related information may be done in cooperation with all health care partners.

B. Organization

1. If the EOC is activated, the disaster response will be coordinated through the EOC.
2. The Mills County Department of Public Health will coordinate and integrate overall county efforts to provide public health and medical assistance to the affected area.
3. Dependent on the event, other agencies may take operational leadership or joint leadership as appropriate.
4. Appropriate agencies should provide staff for EOC response.

C. Phases of Emergency Management**1. Mitigation and Preparedness**

Activities that maintain the health of the community and develop health and medical response capabilities. Activities include, but are not limited to, the coordination with appropriate primary and support agencies to:

- a. Maintain liaison among primary and support agencies.
- b. Promote public health programs and services.
- c. Environmental Health regulation of public water systems, food service establishments, on-site sewage disposal systems, water recreational facilities, recreational vehicle parks, and schools.
- d. Develop and register volunteers to respond during a disaster.
- e. Maintain communication systems between all public health partners.

2. Response and Recovery

Activities include, but are not limited to, the coordination with appropriate primary and support agencies to:

- a. Coordinate to provide care of the sick, injured or dead.
- b. Assess the health and medical needs of the community.
- c. Assistance to affected populations in clean-up or follow-up activities with technical advice on health and safety issues related to returning to damaged areas.
- d. Non-governmental, private, or non-profit organizations may be requested to support the area medical, health and mortuary services, and hospitals with their capabilities.
- e. Public Health Emergency Response Teams (Disaster Medical Assistance Teams [DMAT], Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Teams [DMORT], EPI Response Team, and the Iowa Community Health Assistance Team [ICHAT]), may be requested when the response needs exceed local capacities. These requests shall be coordinated through the EOC to the State EOC and the Iowa Department of Public Health.

- f. Primary and support agencies and organizations may support response and recovery activities.
- g. Participation in post event assessment of response activities and adjustment of plans and protocols as necessary.
- h. Coordinate with the identified PIO/JIC to ensure the EOC is updated with current and accurate information. All healthcare entities, public or private, shall operate through the identified PIO/JIC.

IV. RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Primary Agency

Mills County Public Health

Provides coordination for primary and supporting agencies and organizations.

Identifies, trains, and assigns personnel to staff the EOC for coordination of medical and health services.

- a. Conducts assessment of health and medical needs.
- b. Consults with the Board of Health and state health agencies.
- c. Provides direction for isolation and quarantine.
- d. Coordinates and/or administers pharmaceuticals for contamination or disease as deemed necessary by local and state health officials.
- e. Implements local Strategic National Stockpile operations as needed.
- f. Is responsible for implementation and delivery of medical countermeasures / point of dispensing procedures.
- g. Conducts assessments, surveillance, and monitors health effects.

Directs and coordinates the activation and deployment of volunteer resources in cooperation with ESF-7 Logistics Management and Resource Support.

Coordinate with the Public Information Officer to ensure the EOC is updated with current and accurate information.

Registers local emergency health volunteers.

B. Support Agencies

- 1. Mills County Emergency Management Agency
 - a. Activates and manages EOC.
 - b. Activates notification.
 - c. Maintains typed resource lists.

- d. Maintains main and backup contact information for primary agencies.
2. Mills County Sheriff and Glenwood Police Department
 - a. Assist with crime scene investigation, site security and containment, traffic control, enforcement of isolation and quarantine orders and other law enforcement responsibilities associated with a public health emergency. Collaborate with the appropriate agencies to identify victims and survivors by gathering information as requested and available within the law.
 - b. Provides security for temporary morgue sites.
 - c. Provide law enforcement support of emergency/disaster-related public health activities, including implementation of the medical assets distribution activities.
 - d. Coordinate with the Public Information Officer to ensure the EOC is updated with current and accurate information.
3. Mills County - County and Municipal Government (all departments)
 - a. Cooperates with Mills County Department of Public Health to implement isolation and quarantine policies and/or health orders when required due to incidents of mass communicable disease exposure or contamination of food, water and/or environmental resources and in accord with established County Ordinances and State Codes.
4. American Red Cross of Nebraska and SW Iowa and Salvation Army
 - a. Assists the Primary Agency with shelter and outreach activities.
5. Medical Centers
 - a. Maintains procedures and protocols for reducing patient population for events that may require evacuation and/or surge events.
 - b. Monitors and reports incidence of communicable disease to the Mills County Department of Public Health.
 - c. Coordinate with the Public Information Officer to ensure the EOC is updated with current and accurate information.
 - d. Ensures cooperation between the medical center and Mills County Department of Public Health.
6. Mills County Coroner
 - a. Has jurisdiction over bodies of the deceased.
 - b. Directs mass fatality operations by implementing procedures within the Mills County Mass Fatality Plan, which is currently in the creation process.

- c. Has responsibility for the care, identification, and disposition of the deceased.
 - d. Coordinates with the State Medical Examiner on operations during mass fatality events and provides information to the appropriate agencies for issuance of the death certificate. The State Medical Examiner retains jurisdiction of mass fatality events per State Code.
 - e. If local resources for proper handling and disposition of the dead are exceeded, supplemental assistance may be requested through the State EOC for the identification, movement, storage, and disposition of the deceased per the county plan.
 - f. Coordinate with the Public Information Officer to ensure the EOC is updated with current and accurate information.
7. Mills County Environmental Health
- a. Assesses and monitors any potential environmental concerns.
 - b. Ensures environmental health standards are followed.
 - c. Assures potable water safety.
 - d. Assures food safety.
 - e. If supplemental assistance is necessary, requests are made through the EOC.
 - f. Coordinate with the Public Information Officer to ensure the EOC is updated with current and accurate information.

V. ATTACHMENTS

ESF Attachment 8a. Emergency Response Checklist

ESF Attachment 8b. Health & Medical Facilities List

VI. ESF REFERENCE DOCUMENTS (FOUND IN BASIC PLAN)

8.1 Mills County Department of Public Health Biological Emergency Response Plan

**ESF Attachment 8a.
Emergency Response Checklist – Public Health & Medical Services**

Emergency Response Checklist – Public Health & Medical Services	
Emergency Management Phase	Actions
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Mitigation</u> Activities designed to prevent or lessen the effects of a hazard.</p>	<p>___ Perform ongoing disease surveillance and tracking activities.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Preparedness</u> Activities designed to improve Readiness capabilities.</p>	<p>___ Develop agreements with regional health and medical agencies to augment County resources.</p> <p>___ Develop and/or review procedures for crisis augmentation of health and medical personnel, as well as the identification of health care facilities that could be expanded into emergency treatment centers.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ___ Review departmental standard operating procedures, needs for materials, supplies and necessary forms. ___ Review protective action guides and self support capabilities such as emergency electric power generators and communications capabilities. ___ Participate in Emergency Management training and exercises.
<p style="text-align: center;">Response Activities designed to save lives, protect property and contain the effects of an event.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ___ Coordinate the deployment of nurses and other medical personnel to provide mass inoculations if deemed necessary. ___ Issue and implement protective action guidance. ___ Provide support during mass casualty incidents, direction for mass fatality incidents, and mental healthcare to emergency disaster workers.
<p style="text-align: center;">Recovery Activities designed to ensure continued public safety and return the community to pre-disaster levels.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ___ Conduct ongoing sampling and monitoring to ensure continued levels of sanitation. ___ Continue to perform tasks necessary to expedite recovery and cleanup operations. ___ Gradually revert assignments and personnel requirements to normal. ___ Evaluate response, and make necessary changes in this ESF to improve future response activities.

ESF Attachment 8b.

Health & Medical Facilities List

(Hospitals, Medical Offices, Funeral Homes, etc.)

<u>Facility Name</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
CHI Health Clinic	Medical Clinic	1203 S. Locust Street Glenwood, IA 51534	P: (712) 527-3699 F: (712) 527-3930
Methodist Physicians Clinic	Medical Clinic	320 Ebaugh Street Glenwood, IA 51534	P: (712) 527-5204 F: (712) 527-9346
Dr. Baer - Malvern	Medical Clinic	415 Main Street Malvern, IA 51551	P: (712) 624-9185 F: (712) 624-8827
Dr. Fryzek Family Practice	Medical Clinic	14 N. Walnut Street Glenwood, IA 51534	P: (712) 527-9135 F: (712) 527-5679
Loess Hill Funeral and Cremation Center	Funeral Home	112 N. Vine Street Glenwood, IA 51534	P: (712) 527-5241 F: (712) 624-8410
	Funeral	208 E. 4th Street	P: (712) 624-8444

Loess Hill Funeral Center	Home	Malvern, IA 51551	F: (712) 624-8410
Peterson Mortuary	Funeral Home	212 S. Locust Street Glenwood, IA 51534	P: (712) 527-4805 F: (712) 527-1444
Medicap Pharmacy	Pharmacy	1206 S. Locust Street Glenwood, IA 51534	P: (712) 527-1200 F: (712) 527-1400
Shopko Pharmacy	Pharmacy	902 S. Locust Street Glenwood, IA 51534	P: (712) 527-9200 F: (712) 527-2160
HyVee Pharmacy	Pharmacy	409 S. Locust Street Glenwood, IA 51534	P: (712) 527-4006 F: (712) 527-4113
Kohll's Pharmacy	Pharmacy	410 Main Street Malvern, Iowa 51551	P: (712) 624-9050 F: (402) 895-3155
<u>Pottawattamie County:</u>			
Methodist Jennie Edmundson Hospital	Hospital	933 E. Pierce Street Council Bluffs, IA 51503	P: (712) 328-6000 ED: 396-6111 F: (712) 396-7026
CHI- Mercy Hospital	Hospital	800 Mercy Drive Council Bluffs, IA 51503	P: (712) 328-5000 ED: 328-5230 F: (712) 325-2484
<u>Montgomery County:</u>			
Montgomery County Memorial Hospital (MCMH)	Hospital	2301 Eastern Ave. Red Oak, IA 51566	P: (712) 623-7000 ED: 623-7168 F: (712) 623-6467