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- Schedule a family meeting to discuss the dangers of possible emergency.
- Discuss how you and your family will respond to each possible emergency.
- Draw a floor plan of your home and mark two escape routes from each room.
- Choose an out-of-state friend or relative for all family members to call or text if separated during an emergency.
- Pick two meeting places – one near your home and one outside your neighborhood in case you cannot return home after an emergency.
- Keep family records in a water- and fireproof safe.

## Other Resources

<https://www.ready.gov/>

<https://oklahoma.gov/oem/readyok.html>

<https://www.okmrc.org/>

<https://www.redcross.org/local/oklahoma.html>

## Oklahoma Public Health Association

The purpose of OPHA is to assist in protecting and promoting public health; to provide for scientific advancement with the enlightenment of its members through the interchange of information, ideas, and experiences; and to advance the public health program in the State of Oklahoma.

### Membership Benefits

We've been working diligently to increase membership value for OPHA members. Below are just a few of the ways we are working to increase your return on your membership investment.

- Virtual and in-person networking opportunities
- Learning webinars and events on a variety of public health topics
- Curated CPH, CHES/MCHES & LSW continuing education offered regularly and each conference
- Sharing partner updates and opportunities
- Keeping you informed and represented in Oklahoma policy and advocacy
- Sending members the most up-to-date and relevant information from APHA
- Multiple opportunities to get more involved in your interest or practice area through our Sections, Caucuses & Committees (SCCs)
- Discounted registration for every OPHA annual conference

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## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE SECTION



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*More Information on Joining OPHA*

<https://oklahomapublichealthassn.wildapricot.org/membership>

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## Public Health Emergency Preparedness

PHEP is a full range of prevention, mitigation, and recovery activities aimed towards preventing disease and reducing death rates in the event of an emergency or disaster. PHEP strategies expand upon day-to-day public health best practices and build upon existing systems and partnerships. Successful PHEP strategies rely heavily on local partnerships with community stakeholders and are not developed alone. The goal is to build a more resilient community that is prepared to deal with and rapidly recover from threats and emergencies that affect the health of the public.

## Oklahoma Medical Reserve Corps

The Medical Reserve Corps is designed to bring together practicing and retired healthcare professionals from a diversity of fields, including physicians, nurses, hospital and public health workers, mental health experts, and other medical professions. In addition, volunteers without a background in medical training are needed.

These professionals, working together with the non-medical volunteers, comprise the corps, which supplements existing "first responder" emergency systems.

## OPHA Emergency Preparedness and Response Section

### Objectives of Section

- Provide a mechanism of sharing of preparedness and emergency response initiatives, ideas, and experiences between individuals engaged in supporting public health preparedness and emergency response.
- Provide an avenue for improvement and collaboration of communication and preparedness skills relating to public health preparedness and response.
- Provide an opportunity for networking, relationship building among response personnel engaged in public health preparedness and response.

### Section Membership includes:

- Regional Planners
- Regional Nurses
- State/County Preparedness
- Individuals (Annex H, Medical Reserve Corps, MMRS/RMRS, SNS Coordinators)
- Volunteer Coordinators
- Grant Developers
- Emergency Management Staff
- Medical Professionals

**Monthly meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Thursday of every month at 2:00 P.M.**

## Public Health Response Readiness Framework

CDC's Public Health new Response Readiness Framework focuses on 10 priority areas that are essential to our ability to prepare for, respond to, and recover from health threats. The Response Readiness Framework defines excellence in response, focusing on improvements in emergency response operations designed to improve response outcomes and provides a coordinated strategy for CDC, our preparedness partners, and our PHEP jurisdictions, to ensure we are all working together to reach common response goals. This framework guides CDC guidance and funding for health departments nationwide through the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) cooperative agreement program.

### 2024-2028 PHEP Program Priorities

1. Prioritize risk-based approach
2. Enhance partnerships
3. Expand local support
4. Improve administrative and budget preparedness systems
5. Build workforce capacity
6. Modernize data collection and systems
7. Strengthen risk communications activities
8. Incorporate health equity practices
9. Advance capacity and capability of public health laboratories
10. Prioritize community recovery efforts

[https://www.cdc.gov/orr/readiness/phep/0\\_docs/CDC-PHEP-Response-Readiness-Framework\\_January-2024\\_508c.pdf](https://www.cdc.gov/orr/readiness/phep/0_docs/CDC-PHEP-Response-Readiness-Framework_January-2024_508c.pdf)