

Adams County Health Department

Emergency Preparedness and Response Program

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Public Health Emergency Preparedness



- PHEP efforts support the [National Response Framework \(NRF\)](#), which guides how the nation responds to all types of hazards including infectious disease outbreaks; natural disasters; biological, chemical, and radiological incidents; and explosions.



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PHEP Cooperative Agreement

- The Public Health Emergency Preparedness cooperative agreement is a critical source of funding for state, local, and territorial public health departments.
- Since 2002, the PHEP cooperative agreement has assisted public health departments across the nation.
- This helps health departments build and strengthen their abilities to effectively respond to a range of public health threats, including infectious diseases, natural disasters, and biological, chemical, nuclear, and radiological events.
- Preparedness activities funded by the PHEP cooperative agreement specifically target the development of emergency-ready public health departments that are flexible and adaptable.



The EPR program supports ongoing work in emergency preparedness planning, training and exercise, and improvement processes supporting health and safety by strengthening community preparedness, resiliency, response, and recovery efforts when a public health emergency or incident occurs by working closely with internal and external partners

- Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Grant
- Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) Grant
- Development of a Public Health Incident Management Team (PHIMT)
- Develop and support partner relationships through education, exercise and training, and evaluation to enhance our preparedness and response capabilities
- Emergency Support Function #8 (ESF #8) which overlaps with ESF #6 and ESF #11



The PREP Act

- The Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act (PREP Act) of 2005 authorizes the Secretary of Health and Human Services (the Secretary) to issue a Declaration to provide liability immunity to certain individuals and entities (Covered Persons) against any claim of loss caused by, arising out of, relating to, or resulting from the manufacture, distribution, administration, or use of medical countermeasures (Covered Countermeasures)



Six Domains of Preparedness

- **Community Resilience:** Preparing for and recovering from emergencies
- **Incident Management:** Coordinating an effective response
- **Information Management:** Making sure people have information to take action
- **Medical Countermeasures and Mitigation:** Getting medicines and supplies where they are needed
- **Surge Management:** Expanding medical services to handle large events
- **Biosurveillance:** Investigating and identifying health threats



Cities Readiness Initiative

CDC's Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) began in 2004 and is a federally funded program that enhances preparedness in the nation's largest population centers, where nearly 60% of the population resides. The program prepares jurisdictions to effectively respond to large public health emergencies with life-saving medicines and medical supplies.



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EPR Critical to the Health Department



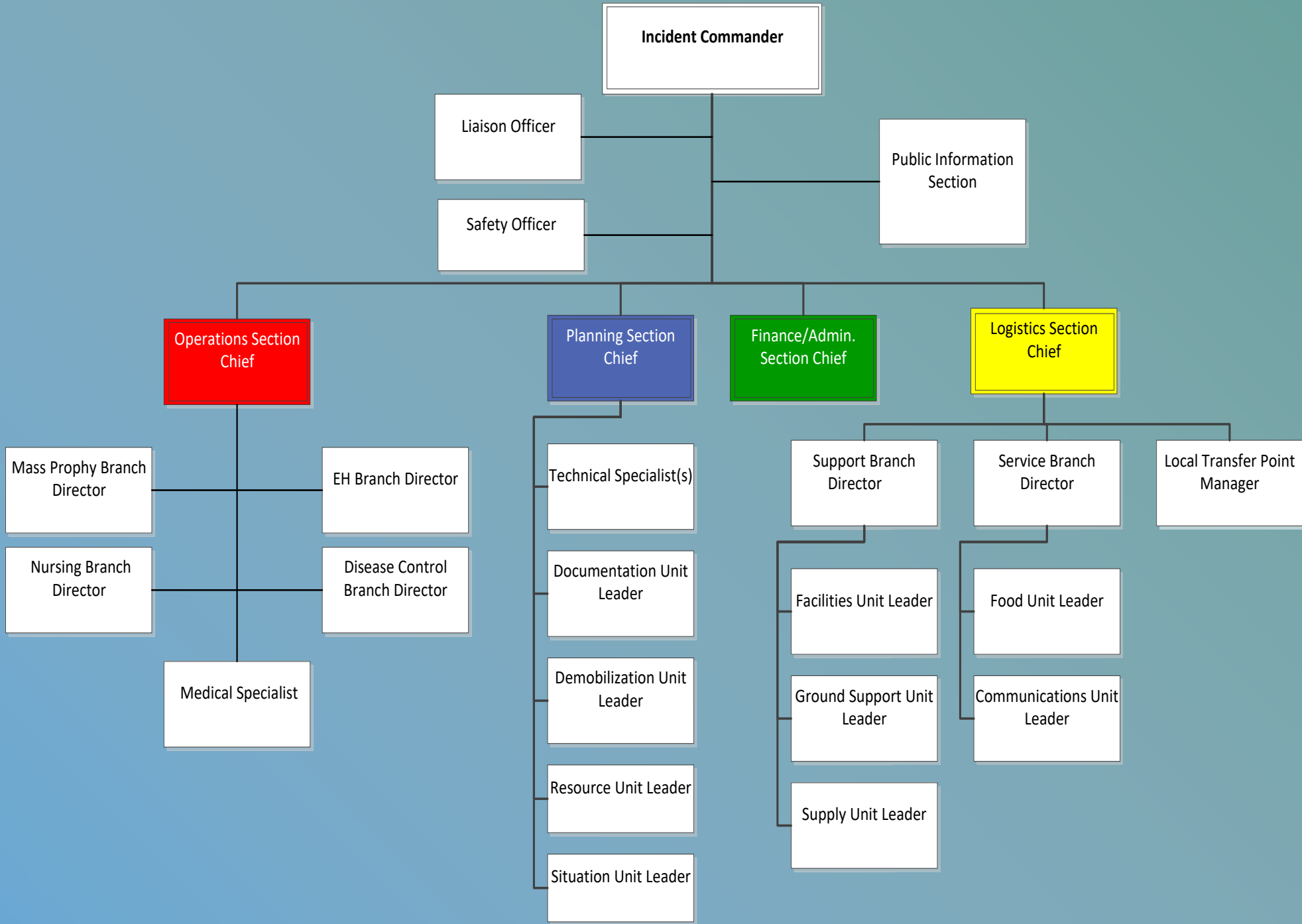
The Public Health Incident Management Team



Public Health Incident Management Team

- **Collective of highly trained subject matter experts**
 - Epidemiology and Data Science
 - Environmental Health
 - Equity and Strategic Initiatives
 - Medical Officer
 - Nursing
 - Family Health
 - Admin & Finance
 - Executive Leadership





Strategic National Stockpile

- **The CDC provides lifesaving medicines and medical supplies**
 - A Disaster Declaration is not required to request SNS supplies
 - All identified supply chain resources must be exhausted
 - SNS resources are requested from our CDPHE SNS Representative
 - The Adams County Government Center is our Primary location to receive SNS supplies (Local Transfer Points or LTPs)
 - The Riverdale Regional Park is our Secondary LTP location to receive SNS supplies
 - PHIMT Logistics Branch is responsible for receiving, inventory, cold chain management, and dispensing/administration of medicine and supplies in coordination with the Adams County Office of Emergency Management



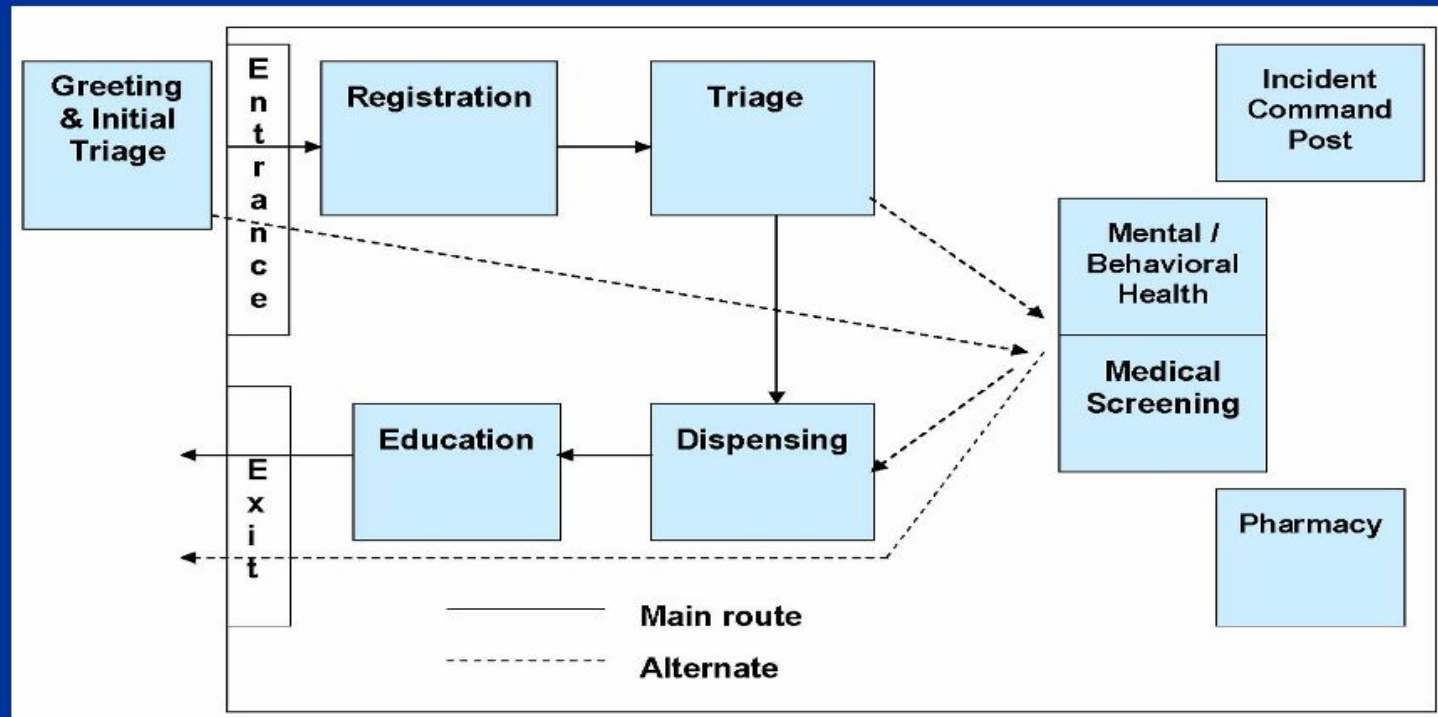
Points of Dispensing (PODS) Open & Closed

- **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Required**
 - **Closed POD MOU template in development**
- Schools
- Trusted Community Locations
- Locations large enough to manage large dispensing and administering operations
- Healthcare settings such as Hospitals



POD Flow Example

POD layout



Office of Emergency Management

- EPR serves as the Emergency Support Function 8 (ESF #8) Lead during an emergency activation in the Emergency Operation Center (EOC) to provide resources to First Responders and Community during a response and during recovery efforts
 - Emergency Managers request Public Health ESF #8 support when the health and wellbeing of the public presents
 - Flooding
 - Storms
 - Active Shooter
 - Natural and Manmade Threats
 - Radiological Reception Centers



Emergency Support Function 8

Public Health & Medical Services

- ESF #8 provides supplemental assistance to State, tribal, and local governments in the following core functional areas:
- Assessment of public health/medical needs
- Health surveillance y Medical care personnel
- Health/medical/veterinary equipment and supplies
- Patient evacuation, Patient care, Safety and security of drugs, biologics, and medical devices
- Blood and blood products
- Food safety and security
- Agriculture safety and security
- All-hazard public health and medical consultation, technical assistance, and support
- Behavioral health care
- Public health and medical information
- Vector control
- Potable water/wastewater and solid waste disposal y Mass fatality management, victim identification, and decontaminating remains
- Veterinary medical support



Emergency Operations Center



PHIMT Activation in Response to Migrant Influx

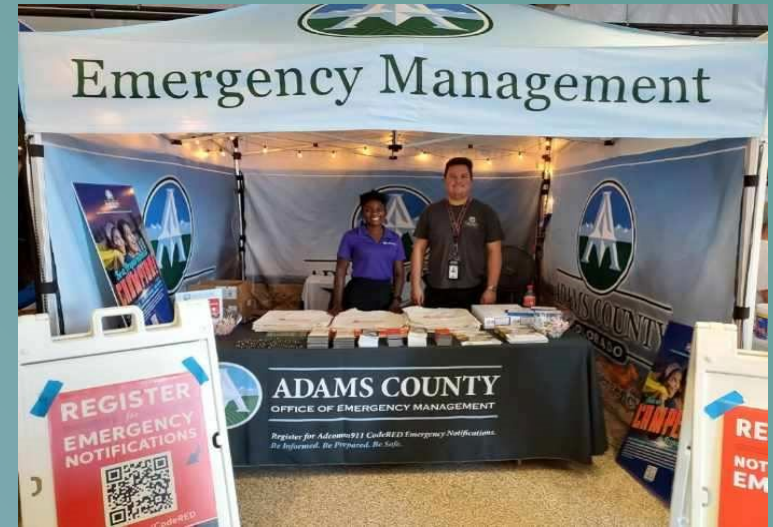
- Activated Command and General Staff
- Unified Command with OEM & SO
- Environmental Health conducted weekly site visits
- Liaison Officer keeping a pulse on the CBOs and NGOs
- Issued PHO to DDPHE
- Jen Chase/ CDE gained approval for the ELC 2.0 grant funding to allow the Covid Team support our clinics if they surpass routine operations
- SO is monitoring hotels for re-emergence of unapproved migrant activity.



2023 Community Activities & Outreach

- Provide Covid-19 Test Kits to OEM, Municipal EMs, and the Town of Bennett
- Northglenn Night Out
- Adams County Fair
- Arvada Days
- Bennett Days
- Anschutz Campus Block Party
- National Preparedness Month, September
 - 2023 Theme: Preparing Older Adults for Disasters
 - The Ready Campaign's 2023 National Preparedness Month campaign will focus on preparing older adults for disaster, specifically older adults from communities that are disproportionately impacted by the all-hazard events, which continue to threaten the nation.
 - Bennett Senior Coffee Café, Brighton SC, Northglenn Senior, Senior Hub, Thornton SC
- Adams County Safety Fair, September 30, 2023
- Shots for Tots, October 6, 2023
- Shots for Tots, January 20, 2024





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EPR Programmatic Activities

- **Communication and Disease Surge TTX Discussion, August 4, 2023**
 - Nursing Division
 - Environmental Health
 - Medical Officer
 - Epidemiology
- **Emergency Response Plans in Development**
 - Public Health Emergency Operations Plan
 - Continuity of Operations Plan
 - ESF #8 Response Plan
 - ESF #8 Resiliency Plan
 - Strategic National Stockpile Plan
 - Emerging Pathogen Response Plan
 - PHEP and CRI Grant Deliverables
 - PHIMT Training and Exercise Planning



Adams County Public Health Contact Information

Main:

303-220-9200

Website:

adamscountyhealthdepartment.org

Environmental Health and Disease After-Hours:

303-220-9200 option #3

Emergency and EFS #8 Support:

720-200-1637



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Thank you!

Happy to Answer any Questions you may
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