

Taking Care of Vulnerable Populations During an Emergency or Disaster



When Disaster Strikes ...

Every community is made up of diverse groups of residents whose needs can increase tremendously during large-scale emergency or disaster events.

Who is particularly vulnerable during a natural or manmade disaster?

- The homeless
- Those without a reliable means of transportation
- Senior and elderly citizens
- The medically disabled or fragile
- People who need assistance with daily activities, but are living alone or do not have a caregiver
- Persons living with chronic mental or physical disabilities or Alzheimer's
- Persons whose first language is not English

What is the Clayton County Board of Health (CCBOH) doing to keep you safe?

The **CCBOH Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response (OEPR)** is responsible for maintaining the health and safety of Clayton County residents during a large-scale emergency or disaster. The OEPR:

- Coordinates healthcare and relief efforts in the event of natural and manmade disasters, such as: Floods; tornados; hurricanes; earthquakes; flu and other disease epidemics; biological attacks; and acts of terrorism
- Coordinates the dissemination of life-saving medicines in the case of a biological attack or disease outbreak
- Provides family disaster preparedness education, including how to make an emergency kit
- Conducts local outreach and education efforts, particularly to vulnerable groups such as seniors, medically-disabled, mentally-challenged, and non-English speaking residents
- Facilitates ongoing disaster response planning and training for the healthcare community, volunteers, and local public safety officials.



Have a Plan!

Having a plan before disaster strikes can sometimes mean the difference between life and death. Before an emergency happens, prepare a **Disaster Supplies Kit** that will enable an individual to live for at least three days without ready access to food, water, and electricity. Store emergency kits at home, the office, at school and/or in a vehicle. **Listen regularly** to local news and weather reports. **Visit www.claytoncountypublichealth.org** or follow the Clayton County Board of Health on **Twitter** or **Facebook** for regular health information and emergency updates.

If you need assistance during a large-scale emergency or disaster ...

Contact the Clayton County Board of Health, Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response at (678) 610-7468, (678) 610-7471 or (678) 610-7247.

