Public health systems play an integral role in preparing communities to respond to and recover from threats and emergencies. The public health consequences of disasters and emergencies initially affect local jurisdictions. While public health agencies are expected to take the lead when infectious disease outbreaks occur, your local public health agency must be prepared to coordinate with a diverse array of partners and stakeholders for any emergency. Minnesota State Statute 12A.08 designates the Health Commission to deem requirement of ensuring local access to health care during an emergency to local public health agencies.

The typical function of public health is to promote, prevent and protect the health of individuals, communities, and society. Through programs and relationships, public health builds resiliency, response capabilities and recovery planning for persons and public.

**Function/Mission:** The function needed for planning, response or recovery or the identified mission of response efforts

**Health/Medical Emergency:** Primary response has a health or medical focus

**Non-Health/Non-Medical Emergency:** Primary response is not focused on health or medical needs; secondary needs may exist

**Public Health Specific Information:** Details on what Public Health can offer

**P / S:** P indicates a Primary or lead role for public health; S indicates Secondary or supportive role

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| **Function/Mission** | **Health/Medical Emergency** | **Non-Health/Non-Medical Emergency** | **Public Health Specific Information** |
| Emergency Public Information, Warning & Notification | P / S | S | Message development regarding health and medical  Health Alert Network – Outreach to healthcare facilities  Community and individual dispersal of information |
| Incident Command | P | S | Staff trained in ICS Courses and EOC functions  Job Action Sheets developed for Public Health IC Structure |
| Emergency Operations Center or  Department Operations Center | P | S | Fulfill designated role at jurisdictional or partner EOC  Public Health DOC structured to manage PH Response and  Continuity of Operations Plans |
| Public Information & Education | P | S | Technical assistance for health and medical information  Outreach with individuals and organizations through routine  operations |
| Damage & Impact Assessment |  |  | Involvement will be decided by incident and request |
| Evacuation / Shelter-in-Place | S | S | Technical assistance and assessments as needed  Support to Healthcare Coalition for in-patient transfers |
| **Function/Mission** | **Health/Medical Emergency** | **Non-Health/Non-Medical Emergency** | **Public Health Specific Information** |
| Search & Rescue |  |  | Involvement will be decided by incident and request |
| Fire Protection |  |  | Involvement will be decided by incident and request |
| Debris Management |  |  | Involvement will be decided by incident and request |
| Public Works & Utility Restoration | S | S | Contact with medical suppliers and agencies |
| Environmental &  Hazardous Materials Response |  | S | Technical assistance related to health and medical issues |
| Transportation | S |  | Liaison with Healthcare Coalition as needed for medical transportation |
| Recovery | P | P | Ensure connection to medical and health services Collaboration and knowledge of wide range of partners able to assist with multiple recovery operations |
| Community Preparedness | P | P | Analysis of risks/hazards for planning and mitigation efforts  Engage in resiliency building for individual and community  Promote awareness and participate in preparedness |
| Congregate / Mass Care | S | S | Trained to operate and staff shelter operations  Supportive role to Healthcare Coalition |
| Medical Surge | S | S | Support healthcare partners in referrals, management as needed and transition of care  Utilize MN Trac to aid in regional coordination with Healthcare Coalition |
| Environmental Inspections | P | P | Conduct inspections of food, pool and lodging facilities to ensure usability and safety for public |
| Access to Medical Care | P | P | Collaboration with Healthcare Coalition and local facilities |
| Disease Surveillance & Investigation | S |  | Technical assistance and investigation as directed by Minnesota Department of Health |
| Non-Pharmaceutical Interventions | P |  | Technical assistance for community based measures which help reduce spread of infectious disease (eg hygiene, social distancing |
| **Function/Mission** | **Health/Medical Emergency** | **Non-Health/Non-Medical Emergency** | **Public Health Specific Information** |
| Essential Services | P | P | Provision of Essential Services (food, shelter, clothing, access to care, communication) |
| Isolation & Quarantine | P |  | Case management and monitoring |
| Mass Fatalities | S | S | Assist with Family Assistance Center |
| Behavioral Health | S | S | Staff trained in Psychological First Aid, Behavioral Health |
| Inventory / Resource Management of Strategic National Stockpile | P |  | Maintain supplies for mass dispensing including cold chain management for vaccine |
| Responder Health & Safety | P | S | Identify, mitigate and monitor responder health and safety |
| Animals |  |  | Involvement will be decided by incident and request |
| Points of Dispensing / Distribution | P |  | Dispense medical measures to target population to prevent, mitigate or treat adverse health effect  Plans identified to reach wide area and population |
| Access & Functional Needs | P | P/S | Inclusive planning for preparedness, response and recovery |
| Volunteer Management | P | S  P (OTC) | MN Responds Medical Reserve Corps of pre-identified and screened volunteers  Emergent Volunteer Plans in collaboration with partners |
| Donations Management |  |  | Involvement will be decided by incident and request |