

Emergency Operations Plan

Policy Statement

This plan provides for emergency preparedness for events such as what would be generally called a disaster and describes the general policies and procedures to be followed during any disaster or potential disaster situation. The purpose of this plan is to describe the scope, responsibilities, and capabilities of the emergency preparedness program and emergency response at Lutheran Community Home. LCH will apply a Hazard Vulnerability Assessment (HVA) methodology to evaluate potential hazards to the facility and provide a guide for prioritized effort to address emergency operations issues. By using this methodology an all hazards approach will be strengthened. Situations covered in this plan include the following:

Fire

Thunderstorm

Tornado Watch

Tornado Warning

Earthquake

Explosion

Disaster

LCH is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for both residents and staff. To continue providing quality care to residents of LCH during times of major emergencies and/or disaster when such events are reasonably believed to be pending by maintaining close coordination and planning links with local emergency response organizations on an ongoing basis.

It will be the responsibility of the highest-ranking staff person on duty to declare a situation a disaster and activate the disaster and evacuation policy and procedures.

Four Elements of Emergency Preparedness

1. Mitigation
2. Preparedness
3. Response
4. Recovery

Policy Interpretation and Implementation

Emergency Response Roles

1. Each role listed in the emergency response chain of command has specific duties to perform should the Emergency Operations Plan be implemented. Although there are specific personnel that would be the best to fill a position, they may not be on site when a disaster might occur. Therefore, each job does not necessarily require a specific person to fill the position.
2. The following structure parallels the government's Incident Command System (ICS) outlined in the National Response Plan. The plan clarifies key functional areas that need your attention when responding to emergencies/disasters. Using the ICS conforms to the state Emergency Management System which increases the likelihood of LCH's eligibility for reimbursement of disaster-related costs.
3. In addition, one person may need to take responsibility for the functions of more than