

2019 STATEWIDE MEDICAL AND HEALTH EXERCISE FLOOD SCENARIO PUBLIC HEALTH OBJECTIVES

How To Use This Document: *The purpose of this document is to provide sample objectives and capabilities for exercise planners to select from in designing their Statewide Medical and Health Exercise (SWMHE). These capabilities and their supporting objectives were identified based on the Multi-Year Training and Exercise Plan developed by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH).*

*To use this document, insert your agency/organization's name in the bracketed text in the header that reads "INSERT NAME OF AGENCY/ORGANIZATION HERE." Review the suggested capabilities and objectives and **consider them as options to create an Exercise Plan that is customized to the unique characteristics of your organization and community.** Select and modify as needed. According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), **ten or fewer objectives are recommended for a functional exercise.***

APPLICABLE CAPABILITIES

Type	Capability	Capability Goal
PHEP	Volunteer Management	Ability to coordinate the identification, recruitment, registration, credential verification, training, and engagement of volunteers to support the jurisdictional public health agency's response to incidents of public health significance.
PHEP	Public Health Laboratory Testing	Ability to conduct rapid and conventional detection, characterization, confirmatory testing, data reporting, investigative support, and laboratory networking to address actual or potential exposure to all-hazards.
PHEP	Mass Care	Ability to coordinate with partner agencies to address the public health, medical, and mental/behavioral health needs of those impacted by an incident at a congregate location.
PHEP	Responder Safety and Health	Ability to protect public health and other emergency responders during pre-deployment, deployment, and post-deployment.
PHEP	Emergency Public Information and Warning	Ability to develop, coordinate, and disseminate information, alerts, warnings, and notifications to the public and incident management personnel.
PHEP	Information Sharing	Ability to conduct multijurisdictional and multidisciplinary exchange of health-related information and situational awareness data among federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial levels of government and the private sector.

Type	Capability	Capability Goal
PHEP	Emergency Operations Coordination	Ability to coordinate with emergency management and to direct and support an incident or event with public health or health care implications by establishing a standardized, scalable system of oversight, organization, and supervision that is consistent with jurisdictional standards and practices and the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

PROPOSED OBJECTIVES

OBJECTIVE ONE

Determine the need to activate public health emergency operations based on analyzed information. *PHEP Capability 3: Emergency Operations Coordination*

Sample Task(s):

- Validate decision-making processes for activation of the jurisdiction’s public health emergency management structure
- Establish emergency management structure based on received information and anticipated mission areas
- Potential Scenario Based Mission Areas:
 - Environmental Health
 - Toxics Epidemiology
 - Community Outreach
 - Veterinary Public Health
 - Shelter Management and Conduct
 - Radiation Management
 - Health Education

OBJECTIVE TWO

Validate the processes used to develop a jurisdiction-wide public health response strategy. *PHEP Capability 3: Emergency Operations Coordination*

Sample Task(s):

- Develop an initial incident response strategy
- Develop an Incident Action Plan (IAP) for public health missions for the operational period, and conduct associated IAP meetings
- Develop and implement the Incident Command System (ICS)
- Designate the eight key Incident Command positions

OBJECTIVE THREE

Validate the processes used to respond to a public health emergency within a jurisdiction. *PHEP Capability 3: Emergency Operations Coordination*

Sample Task(s):

- Validate processes used to declare a local health emergency
- Implement mission areas identified within the previously developed IAP
 - Jurisdiction may choose to simulate field activities or operationalize portions of the IAP based on capability and capacity
- Validate processes to staff and support the mission areas identified within the IAP

OBJECTIVE FOUR

Plan for the activation of and support to volunteer management activities that are engaged in public health response activities. *PHEP Capability 15: Volunteer Management*

Sample Task(s):

- Coordinate with partners to determine the need for volunteers, skills sets required to support operations, and the scope and scale of volunteer activation
- Prepare volunteer pre-deployment briefings and activities
- Assign and enter volunteers into databases for accession and tracking
- Develop processes for assigning and deploying volunteers

OBJECTIVE FIVE

Plan for the activation of and support to mass care operations and response activities. *PHEP Capability 7: Mass Care*

Sample Task(s):

- Determine the role of public health in mass care response operations
- Conduct public health disease control operations in a mass care setting
- Conduct evaluation of the health status of populations within a mass care setting
- Conduct evaluations of mass care settings via inspections or assessments
- Conduct health-screening operations