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Indiana Health Care Facility Emergency Preparedness Information

Emergency Response

With the current winter storm, the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) reminds health care facilities of emergency response procedures. In case of a weather-related issue, such as loss of power or damage to a facility, the health care facility should keep in contact with their County Emergency Management Agency. The County Emergency Management Agency may be contacted through the County Office. The County web site will have contact information. If the Local Health Department is open, the facility can also reach the County Emergency Management Agency through that department. The County Emergency Management Agency will then be in contact with the State Emergency Operations Center for any assistance needed.

Health care facilities should take a moment to ensure that staff have current emergency contact information for their county readily available.

Emergency Plan

Health care facilities should have reviewed their emergency plan and supplies. Now is a good time to pull your team together to ensure that everyone is aware of the facility's emergency plan. With many areas experiencing significant ice, facilities should test their emergency generator and ensure adequate fuel on hand. Facilities should also review their emergency relocation plan in case evacuation is necessary.

ISDH Emergency Contact Information

Health care facilities are required to report any incidents to the ISDH such as weather-related problems, power outages, or damage to the facility. The ISDH is in contact with state emergency staff and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for any assistance needed by a facility. To report incidents to the ISDH:

Incident Line: 317-233- 5359 (during office hours 8:15 - 4:45)

ISDH Duty Officer: 317-233-1325 (after hours number, the answering service picks up and connects callers to the Duty Officer as appropriate)



With another round of a weather storm expected this evening and tomorrow, we will be closely monitoring the situation for any problems incurred by health care facilities. Please let us know if we can be of assistance. Take care to stay safe during this winter storm.

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