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To Multnomah County Employees:

Enclosed is Multnomah County Health Department's adopted Public Health Emergency Response Plan. It provides general guidelines and tools for organizing and responding to any emergency. This Plan is an all risk, all hazard plan that is a dynamic and evolving document. It cannot directly address every contingency, because even emergencies of the same type have innumerable dimensions of time, size, space, and impacts.

The Plan's most important element is the Department's Incident Management Team. Team members are trained to apply the organization and processes of the National Incident Management System's Incident Command System (ICS). Properly executed, ICS processes will fill the many gaps in the Plan, tailoring the response organization and its operations to be effective in a variety of emergency challenges. In addition, it will guide how we support or are supported by partner response organizations that also apply ICS in their emergency responses.

All IMT members are being trained to be familiar with this Plan. We expect them to have general knowledge of ICS and specific knowledge of their functional roles and position assignments. All MCHD personnel are also encouraged to be familiar with this Plan.

For more information, please contact Jim Spitzer, MCHD Emergency Preparedness Manager, 503-988-3674, ext. 22999, or email: [james.d.spitzer@co.multnomah.or.us](mailto:james.d.spitzer@co.multnomah.or.us)

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