During an emergency, we are one of Pierce County’s lead health and medical services agencies.

We help our healthcare systems stay up and running and:

- Coordinate the response work of community partners and other agencies.
- Oversee public health and sanitation.
- Conduct food and water inspections.
- Control the spread of disease.
- Share information and keep partners up to date.

After an emergency, we explore how we can improve future emergency responses.

Learn more at tpchd.org/emergency
Find info about flooding, power outages, extreme heat, and other emergencies.

More helpful links

Food safety
tpchd.org/food

Water advisories
tpchd.org/advisories

Plan ahead for disasters and emergencies
Ready.gov

Disaster Ready Washington
mil.wa.gov/preparedness

How We Prepare for and Respond to Emergencies

Our Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Program helps keep our communities safe.

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We play a public health emergency response role in events including:

- Contagious disease outbreak.
- Extreme heat.
- Wildfire.
- Natural disaster, like an earthquake, tsunami, or volcanic eruption.
- Terrorist attack.

To prepare for emergencies, we:

- Work with healthcare, government and community agencies to identify and plan for local hazards.
- Create response plans for our county.
- Help develop regional, state, and federal response plans.
- Regularly test emergency notification systems.
- Conduct readiness drills and exercises several times a year.

Stay up to date on immunizations. Visit tpchd.org/vaccine to learn more.

Create an emergency go-bag for your car and home.

Decide who can make medical decisions for you if you can't. Keep their info on the fridge and in your wallet or purse.

In case of emergency, contact Jane Doe (253) 555-5555

Volunteer with Pierce County Medical Reserve Corps.
You don’t need healthcare experience to help.

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