



Emergency Preparedness Office

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Agenda

- Overview of MultiCare and Disaster Response Capability
- How we integrate into local incidents
- What do School Nurses need to know about
- Special needs considerations
- Resources

MultiCare Disaster Response Capability

- MultiCare maintains a 24/7 Emergency Preparedness Office with a on-call Duty Officer and Emergency Managers assigned to all of our hospitals
- Supports integration and coordinates participation of MultiCare facilities in large-scale exercises
- The team maintains relationships with all local, county, state and federal Emergency Management and first responder agencies
- Provides operational coordination support to the two Disaster Medical Coordination Centers that MultiCare operates for the state (Good Sam Hospital for Pierce County and Deaconess Hospital for the Inland Northwest)

Integration into local incidents

- MultiCare works regularly with local Fire/EMS and Emergency Management Agencies during large scale incidents
- EMS patient movement during Mass Casualty Incidents (MCI's) is coordinated by 9 Disaster Medical Coordination Centers across the state:
 - King County – Harborview
 - Pierce County – Good Sam
 - Thurston (Mason, Lewis, Pacific, Gray's Harbor) – St. Peter Hospital
- Our team coordinate with local responders and the DMCC's on this
 - Our team also maintains a family support center plan that can be activated for large scale MCI's

As a School Nurse, what do you need to know?

- Know your school plans, schools are required to have evacuation and emergency response plans and are required to exercise them...that's not enough on their own.
- Know your evacuation process and muster zones
- Participate in school and local exercises
- Collaborate and share information (best practices) with your peers
- Avail yourself of local and regional training opportunities, all of the county emergency management agencies offer relevant training
- Maintain situational awareness and know your school's process for reporting

Special needs consideration S

- Know your school population and your plans for special needs students
- Depending on the size of the school, there may be requirements for areas of refuge built in
- Train on and know how to use your school's evacuation equipment, use it during drills!
- There is a variety of training resources out there for special needs students during emergencies

Local resources:

- Local and county alert systems, most cities and/or counties have local alerting systems...you should sign up!
- King County alerts:
<https://kingcounty.gov/en/dept/executive-services/health-safety/safety-injury-prevention/emergency-preparedness/alert-king-county>
- Pierce County alerts:
<https://www.piercecountywa.gov/921/Pierce-County-ALERT>
- Thurston County alerts:
<https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/departments/emergency-management/emergency-information/alert-and-notification>
- Seattle alerts: <https://alert.seattle.gov/>
- Tacoma alerts:
<https://tacoma.gov/government/departments/fire/tacomas-emergency-notification-system/>
- Puyallup alerts:
<https://www.cityofpuyallup.org/1505/Emergency-Notifications>



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