



St. Clair County Public Health Department Emergency Preparedness and Response

Thinking globally, and acting locally!

The role of public health in any emergency, including a bioterrorism event, is an extension of the general mission of public health:

“to promote physical and mental health and prevent disease, injury, and disability”

(Public Health in America) ¹.

The type of emergency and the emergency response plan for this jurisdiction determines whether public health is in the lead position, in a collaborative role, or in a secondary / support role. In order for this agency to fulfill its role, all staff must be able to carry out their responsibilities.

Roles of Public Health: *everyday and during emergencies!*

The foundation of public health is built upon “essential services” which includes activities of **prevention, detection, intervention, and education**. Public health monitors for indicators of disease and health risks in the general population, advises, educates, and warns the community as needed. **The patient is the county!**

Private Health Care

Treat the Sick

Individual Health

Treat Individuals for Disease

Public Health

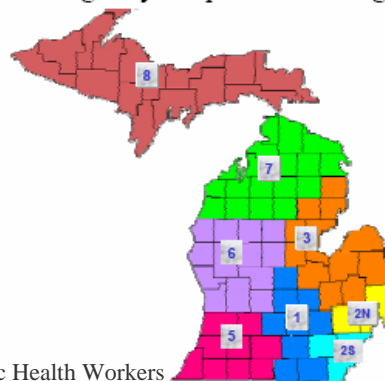
Prevent Illness

Health of Population

Track Diseases in Populations

St. Clair County public health and medical partners routinely participate with their regional partners through monthly planning meetings, training opportunities, and an annual full-scale exercise.

Emergency Preparedness Regions



¹ CDC BioTerrorism & Emergency Readiness: Core Competencies for all Public Health Workers