

State of New Jersey



NJ DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan for Licensed Providers of Services to Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

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Overview of Legislation

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- In accordance with P.L. 2021, [Chapter 292](#), the New Jersey Department of Human Services (DHS) has created an [Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan \(EPRP\) for Licensed Providers of Services for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities](#).
- A Licensed Service Provider is any entity licensed, certified, or otherwise authorized by DHS to provide services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.



Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan

- This document has been created by DHS in consultation with:
 - The New Jersey Department of Health (DOH);
 - The Ombudsman for Individuals with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities and Their Families;
 - Licensed Service Providers (LSPs); and
 - The State Office of Emergency Management in the Department of Law and Public Safety.



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- The EPRP seeks to:
 - Establish guidelines and best practices for the general and specific operations, activities, and procedures that are to be undertaken or implemented by LSPs during a public emergency;
 - To the extent feasible, identifies the means, methods, and channels through which licensed service providers may obtain personal protective equipment (PPE) and other equipment or services that are critical to the maintenance of ongoing operations during the course of a public emergency;



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- Addresses various possible public emergency scenarios and provides for the application of differing standards and best practices for each, as appropriate, while highlighting the standards, best practices, and resource sourcing methods that are applicable for the purposes of any currently declared public emergency; and
- Is consistent with, and incorporates, any relevant guidance that is published by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and any other federal agencies that are involved in the remediation of public emergencies.

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- DHS has posted the plan on its [website](#) and will revise the plan every two years, and as soon as possible/needed, following the declaration of any new public emergency in the State.
- A new public emergency in the State is defined as one that is officially recognized and declared by the Governor of New Jersey or by the President of the United States.
- All LSPs are reminded that they must also continue to be in compliance with any other state or federal requirements related to emergency response/preparedness that may be applicable to them.



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Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan (EPRP) Overview

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- Each Licensed Service Provider (LSP) should reach out to their Local and County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) in order to connect with them and seek additional assistance if needed. Contact information for all County Offices of Emergency Management can be found at:
 - <https://nj.gov/njoem/about-us/county-coordinators.shtml>.
- LSPs are advised to make connection before a public emergency exists to help local and county OEMs, as well as first responders, understand the unique nature of their organization.



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- An EPRP will need to be developed to address the specific needs, geographic area and population served of each unique LSP.
- LSPs are reminded to include protocols to keep the family and guardian(s) of persons served updated.
- All plans follow a simple “All-Hazards” approach that can be activated during any type of emergency. For purposes of EPRP development, specific sections have been added that LSPs may find helpful in designing an EPRP to fit the reality of disasters that could occur in their specific area.

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- Areas referenced that should be reviewed and considered for inclusion in an LSP's EPRP:
 - Natural Disasters.
 - Bioterrorism Emergencies.
 - Chemical Emergencies.
 - Cyber Security.
 - Pandemics.
 - Radiation Emergencies.



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- Using the Fillable PDF.
 - Policy and Organizational Statements.
 - Evacuation Plan.
 - Severe Weather/Tornado Sheltering Plan.
 - Shelter In Place Plan.
 - Lockdown Plan.
 - Medical Emergency Plan.
 - Fire Emergency Plan.
 - Property Conservation.



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- Using the Annexes.
 - Hazard or Threat-specific.
- Using the Appendices.
 - Emergency Response Teams.
 - Public Emergency Services and Contractors.
 - Warning, Notification and Communication Systems.
 - Fire Protection Systems.
 - Revision History.
 - Plan Distribution and Access.



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Questions

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