Public Health plays a critical role in responding to a multitude of emergencies, from infectious disease outbreaks to natural disasters.

**What do we do?**
Just a few of the activities of our Emergency Preparedness and Response team:
- Epidemiology, disease surveillance, and investigation
- Emergency planning, so that we are ready to help the maximum number of people in the shortest possible time if a disaster occurs
- Training to help our staff and partners understand their roles, state and local emergency protocols, and resources
- Exercising to practice our emergency plans with our partners
- Response to disease outbreaks
- Responding to other types of emergencies and disasters, often by playing a role in an Emergency Operations Center
- Collaboration within Healthcare Coalitions

**Who are our partners?**
- Hospitals, clinics, and other healthcare providers
- Behavioral Health
- Environmental Health
- Law Enforcement
- Emergency Managers
- Local and State government agencies
- Emergency Medical Services
- Volunteer Organizations

To get a better idea about what we do, see [https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/categories/services-and-information/emergency-preparedness-and-response](https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/categories/services-and-information/emergency-preparedness-and-response) or call 719-587-5199.