



## Emergency Planning

The Norwood City Health Department, under funding from the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), coordinated through the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) in the form of the “Public Health Infrastructure (PHI) Grant” program, established an Emergency Planning Office to coordinate all emergency preparedness and planning activities. The office is charged with the development of all Health Department Emergency Operations Plans to include Business Continuity Plans, Terrorism Response, Crisis Communications, Mass Dispensing, Volunteer Management, Pandemic Influenza Response, Mass Fatality Management, and more. The office is actively involved in collaborative planning efforts with multiple jurisdictions and disciplines both in the City of Norwood and the Southwest Ohio region.

Since the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and subsequent PHI grant program participation beginning in 2003, the Norwood City Health Department has progressed dramatically in the areas of homeland security preparedness and response planning. Planning and preparedness is still ongoing to better equip and prepare the city and health department to respond to an event of national significance, such as a terrorist attack involving Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) or a large scale natural disaster.

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### Additional Resources:

- [Homeland Security Response Guide for Home](#) (pdf)
- [Homeland Security Response Guide for Schools](#) (pdf)
- [Homeland Security Response Guide for Businesses](#) (pdf)
  
- [Power Outage Safety](#)
- [Food Safety During Power Outage](#)
- [Are You Prepared?](#)
- [TriState Medical Reserve Corps](#)
  
- [H1N1 Flu](#)
- [Pandemic Flu](#)
- [Seasonal Flu](#)