

PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM



PREPARE



RESPOND



PROTECT



TOGETHER

Southeastern Idaho Public Health's Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program (PHEP) helps ensure the community is ready to respond to public health emergencies and disasters. It works to plan for and coordinate responses to events such as disease outbreaks, natural disasters, and other large-scale health threats. The program partners with local hospitals, schools, emergency responders,

and community organizations to strengthen communication and improve response efforts. It also supports training, preparedness exercises, and resource planning so that agencies can act quickly and effectively during emergencies. By building readiness and coordination across the region, the PHEP helps protect community health and reduce the impact of unexpected events.



federally declared disasters occur annually in the U.S. on average (2021-2025).

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WHY IT MATTERS



Idaho is 88% rural, creating long distances between communities and healthcare services, which slows emergency response and access to care.

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rural areas face longer EMS transport times, fewer hospitals, and limited access to specialized care, increasing vulnerability during emergencies.

PHD6 EMERGENCY RESPONSES & EXERCISES



COVID-19 Pandemic (2020-2023)

Mass vaccination clinics, testing sites, contact tracing, hospital surge coordination.



Wildfire Seasons (Recurring annually)

Wildfire smoke advisories, evacuations, air quality alerts, multi-agency response.



Flooding & Severe Weather Events (Seasonal)

Spring flooding, winter storms, road closures, emergency sheltering, EMS delays.



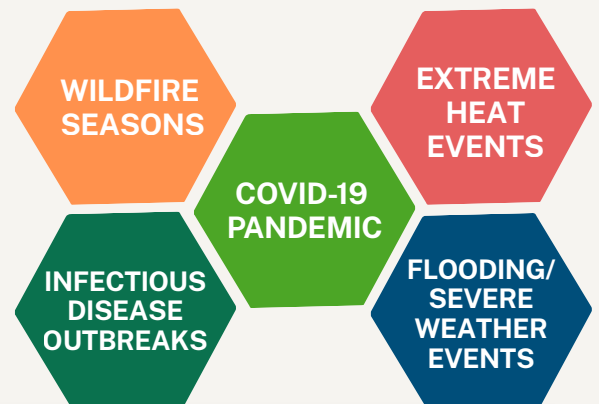
Extreme Heat Events (Seasonal)

Heat advisories, heat illness prevention outreach, vulnerable population support.

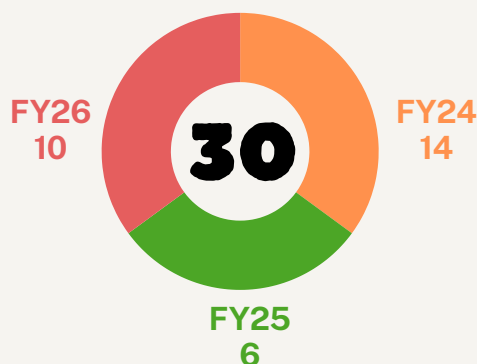


Infectious Disease Outbreaks (Episodic Spikes)

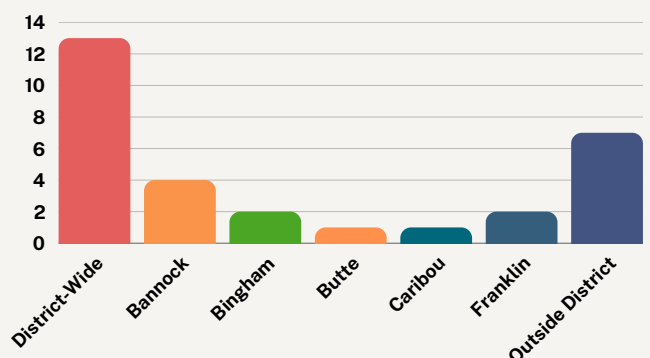
Influenza surges, foodborne illness outbreaks, EMS overload, hospital capacity strain.



EXERCISE PARTICIPATION BY YEAR



EXERCISE PARTICIPATION BY COUNTY (FY24-FY26)



Note: Exercise data captures both SIPH-led exercises and exercises conducted by partner organizations where SIPH staff participated.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH & EVENTS

FY24-FY26

43

NUMBER OF COMMUNITY
EVENTS/OUTREACH
ACTIVITIES

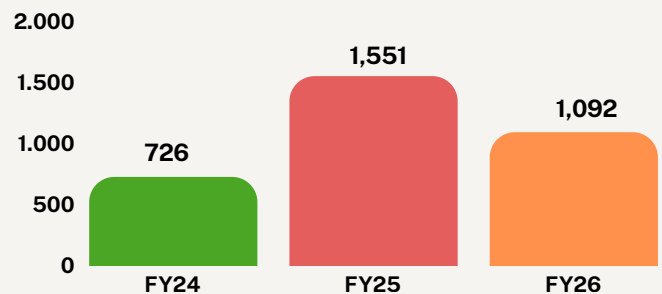
ACTIVITIES, TRAINING & RESOURCES

- Hazard Risk Assessment
- Emergency Operations Plan Development
- Training and Exercising Plan Objectives and Hazard-Specific Response
- Medical Reserve Corps Volunteer Training and Deployment
- Mass Testing and Vaccination Clinic Operation
- Cooling Center Operation and Coordination
- Personal Protective Equipment Distribution
- Preparedness and Safety Supply Distribution (Emergency Blankets, Hand Warmers, Cooling Cloths, etc.)
- First Aid, CPR, and Naloxone Administration Training
- Guidance on Personal Preparedness Kit Building
- Vehicle Preparedness Kit Distribution
- Education on Various Preparedness Topics (Food Safety and Water Decontamination During Power Outages, Extreme Weather Safety, etc.)

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- Emergency Management
- Greater Idaho Healthcare Coalition
- Healthcare Providers and Pharmacies
- First Responders
- National Weather Service
- Shoshone-Bannock Tribes
- Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters
- Idaho State University
- School Districts
- Aid For Friends
- AmeriCorps
- Southeast Idaho Council of Governments
- Life, Inc. A Center for Independent Living
- Senior Centers
- Community and Faith-Based Organizations

TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE REACHED PER YEAR



TRAINING PROGRAMS

