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DuPage County Health Department receives outstanding 92 percent score on public health emergency preparedness

Health department ‘working effectively’ with county, municipal partners

The DuPage County Health Department received one of the highest scores possible following its Technical Assistance Review, a requirement of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in the area of public health emergency preparedness.

The health department received an overall rating of 92 out of 100.

The health department’s public health emergency response plans are reviewed annually as a requirement of the Cities Readiness Initiative grant. The CRI grant is a federal program to aid agencies and cities in increasing their capacity to deliver medicines and medical supplies during a large-scale public health emergency, such as a bioterrorism attack.

The review was completed following a site visit by state and federal officials. It focuses on the health department’s ability to deliver the Strategic National Stockpile, which contains medical supplies, antibiotics and vaccines, within 48 hours of a public health emergency. The health department partners with numerous other agencies, including county departments and municipalities, on these plans.

The review noted the health department “demonstrates consistent planning” and is “working effectively” with municipal and regional partners.

A score of 69 out of 100 is considered satisfactory.

“We promote health, prevent illness and provide quality service”