## **ESF 8 - Public Health and Medical Services**

#### **Coordinating Agency:**

Sedgwick County Health Department

#### **Primary Agency:**

**American Red Cross** 

City of Wichita Environmental Health Department

Robert Dole VA Regional Medical Center

Sedgwick County Animal Response Team (SCART)

Sedgwick County COMCARE

Sedgwick County Communications Office

Sedgwick County Community Developmental Disability

Sedgwick County Department on Aging

Sedgwick County Emergency Management

Sedgwick County Emergency Medical Service

Sedgwick County Fire District #1

Sedgwick County Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS)

Sedgwick County Regional Forensic Science Center (Coroner)

The Salvation Army

Via Christi Regional Medical Center

Via Christi St Francis Hospital

Via Christi St Joseph Hospital

Via Christi St Teresa Hospital

Wesley Medical Center

#### **Support Agencies:**

Central Plains Area Agency on Aging

City of Andale Police Department

City of Bel Aire Police Department

City of Bentley Police Department

City of Cheney Police Department

City of Clearwater Police Department

City of Colwich Police Department

City of Derby Police Department

City of Eastborough Police Department

City of Garden Plain Police Department

City of Goddard Police Department

City of Haysville Police Department

City of Kechi Police Department

City of Maize Police Department

City of Mount Hope Police Department

City of Mulvane Emergency Medical Services

City of Mulvane Police Department

City of Park City Police Department

City of Sedgwick Fire Department

City of Sedgwick Police Department

City of Valley Center Police Department

City of Wichita Environmental Services

City of Wichita Police Department

Humane Society of the United States (HSUS)

Kansas Department of Health and Environment

Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Division of Environment

Kansas Funeral Directors Association

Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services (RACES)

Sedgwick County Health Department Medical Reserve Corps

Sedgwick County Sheriff Office

State Animal Response Team (SART)

Veterinary Medical Association

Via Christi Rehabilitation Hospital

Wesley Rehabilitation Hospital

## I. Purpose and Scope

## A. Purpose

1. The purpose of Emergency Support Function (ESF) 8 is to provide health and medical coordination in support of emergency events in Sedgwick County. ESF 8 can provide the mechanism for personnel and resources to support prevention, preparedness, protection, response, recovery and mitigation in support of the primary emergency management objectives.

## B. Scope

- 1. ESF 8 is a functional annex to the Sedgwick County EOP and this Annex describes the actions required to coordinate public health and medical services during a disaster. It addresses:
  - a. Local Health Department notification, coordination and response
  - b. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) activities
  - c. Coordination among community hospital partners
  - d. Mass fatality partnerships in planning
  - e. Community planning with other health care providers
  - f. Behavioral health (mental health) activities
- 2. Most of the agencies involved in public health and medical services activities have existing emergency plans and procedures. The ESF 8 Annex is not designed to take the place of these plans rather it is designed to complement, support, and reference existing plans and procedures.
- 3. The ESF 8 Annex supports health and medical response during a biological incident within the community and complements the Biological Incident Annex (BIA) to the Sedgwick County EOP.
- 4. For this document, public health and medical services include: medical needs associated with behavioral health needs of victims and responders, medical needs of "at risk" populations, and environmental health concerns associated with activities outlined in other portions of the Sedgwick County EOP.

## II. Policies, References and Authorities

#### Governor

K.S.A. 48-924, Declare state of disaster emergency

#### **Chair of the Board of County Commissioners**

- K.S.A. 48-932, Local disaster emergency,
- K.S.A. 48-932, Other commission members
- K.S.A. 48-932, Activates the response and recovery

#### The Board of County Commissioners (Local Board of Health)

- K.S.A. 65-119, Maintain supervision over cases of infectious or contagious disease
- K.S.A. 65-119, Communicate to the secretary of health and environment
- K.S.A. 65-119, Prohibit public gatherings

#### **General Public**

- K.S.A. 48-933, Duty to act and manage their affairs during disaster
- K.S.A. 48-933, Providing personal service and use/restriction of property
- K.S.A. 48-915, Addressing liability to volunteers, except in cases of willful misconduct, gross negligent or bad faith

#### Secretary of the Department of Health and Environment

- K.S.A. 65-101, Exercises general supervision over the health of residents of the state
- K.S.A. 65-101, Shall investigate outbreaks and epidemics of disease
- K.S.A. 65-126, May guarantine any area whenever the local health officer neglects to
- properly isolate and quarantine persons afflicted with or exposed to infectious or
- contagious diseases
- K.S.A. 65-129b, Has the authority to issue orders requiring persons to seek
- appropriate and necessary evaluation and treatment, or to be guarantined or isolated
- K.S.A. 65-129b, May order any law enforcement officer to assist the secretary in

enforcing these orders

#### **Local Health Officer**

- K.S.A 45-221 (12), Serves in an advisory capacity
- K.S.A. 65-20, Investigates infectious, contagious or communicable disease
- K.S.A. 65-202, Prevents the spread of the disease
- Has the same powers and responsibilities as:
  - o K.S.A. 65-119, Local Board of Health
  - o K.S.A. 65-129b, Secretary of the Department of Health and Environment

## Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)/Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)/Mutual Aid Agreement (MAA)

- K.S.A 12-16, 17, Rendering of aid to local municipalities
- K.S.A 12-2901, Interlocal agreement mechanism

#### **Confidentiality of Documentation**

- K.S.A. 45-221 (12), Protects emergency information or procedures of public agencies
- State of Kansas
- K.S.A. 48-901a Interstate Emergency Management Assistance Compact;
- K.S.A. 48-904 et seq. K.S.A. 48-924 945 Emergency Preparedness for Disasters;
- K.S.A. 48-948 K.S.A. 48-958 Kansas Intrastate Emergency Mutual Aid Act;
- K.S.A. 65-Articles 1 and 2 Public Health System;
- K.S.A. 65-101 et seq. the secretary of health and environment shall exercise general
- supervision of the health of the people of the state;
- K.S.A 65-119a Provides the duties and powers of local health officers;
- K.S.A. 65-201: defines "local board of health" and "local health officer"; and
- K.S.A. 65-5701 5731 EPCRA.

#### State of Kansas

- K.S.A. 48-901a Interstate Emergency Management Assistance Compact;
- K.S.A. 48-904 et seq. K.S.A. 48-924 945 Emergency Preparedness for Disasters;
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#### **Federal**

- Public Law 106-390, 114 Stat. 1552-1578 (1974) The Robert T. Stafford Disaster
- Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended;
- Public Law 107-188, 116 Stat. 294 (2002) The Public Health Security and
- Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002;
- Public Law 107-296, 116 Stat. 2135 (2002) The Homeland Security Act of 2002;
- 10 U.S.C. 382 (2002) Emergencies Involving Chemical or Biological Weapons;
- 42 U.S.C. 201 et seq., The Public Health Service Act; and
- 50 U.S.C. 1601-1651 (2003) The National Emergencies Act
- The Health Information Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) includes provisions allowing the local health department to receive disease reports or laboratory test results from physicians and laboratory directors in an appropriate and timely manner. The Kansas disease reporting regulations were amended in 2000 to include the reporting of potential bioterrorism agents and suspected bioterrorism events.
- The Aviation Disaster Family Assistance Act of 1996, the National Transportation Safety Board has designated to the ARC the Coordinating responsibility for coordinating the emotional care and support of the families of passengers involved in an aviation accident.

#### **AUTHORITIES**

- 1. 44 CFR Part 13 44 CFR Part 13 (The Common Rule) Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements. Declared October 1, 2011.
- 2. 44 CFR Part 206 44 CFR Part 206 Federal Disaster Assistance for Disasters Declared after October 1, 2011.

## III. Concept of Operations

#### A. General

- 1. Operational Overview
  - a) ESF 8 is organized to be consistent with the Sedgwick County Emergency Operations Center, the requirements of the National Response Framework, the National Incident Management System, and the Incident Command System (ICS). This structure and system supports incident assessment, planning, procurement, deployment, and coordination and support operations to Sedgwick County through the Sedgwick County Incident Response Framework, Area Operations and Incident Support Teams (ISTs) to provide a timely and appropriate response to an emergency or situation.
  - b) Procedures, protocols and plans for disaster response activities are developed to govern staff operations at the Sedgwick County Emergency Operations Center and in the field. These are in the form of Emergency Operations Plan (i.e., Base Plan) and corresponding appendices, annexes, and standard operating guidelines, which describe ESF 8 capabilities. Periodic training and exercises are also conducted to enhance effectiveness.
  - c) In a large event requiring local or State mutual aid assistance, ESF 8 will work with its support agency counterparts to seek and procure, plan, coordinate and direct the use of required assets. The Sedgwick County Health Department and other pertinent partnering agencies will or can be utilized to serve as liaisons with county public health and medical service officials as dictated by the incident.
  - d.) Sedgwick County Emergency Management will serve as the initial notification for ESF-8 in the cases of EOC activation.

Sedgwick County Emergency Communications will notify the "on call" Emergency Management Duty Officer (DO) when Sedgwick County has been threatened or impacted by an emergency or disaster event as provided in the County Warning Point procedure. The DO through monitoring and/or communication with Emergency Communications is responsible for providing initial notification to the Emergency Management Director or designee to initiate EOC activation and notification procedures. EOC activation is further detailed in ESF-5 "Information and Planning".

ESF-8 partners may already be responding or deployed into the incident prior to EOC activation. The ESF-8 representative will begin coordinating efforts with those agencies and the EOC.

e.) In cases in which health and medical information needs to be disseminated to at-risk populations. The Sedgwick County Health Department will coordinate with partners to ensure accuracy and delivery of information in diverse formats to provide equitable access to information.

- d) When an event is focused in scope to a specific type or response mode (i.e., hospital evacuation, biological threat, hazardous materials release, pandemic disease or radiological event) technical and subject matter expertise may be provided by an appropriate person(s) from a supporting agency with skills pertinent to the type of event, who will advise and/or direct operations within the context of the ICS structure.
- e) Throughout the response and recovery periods, ESF 8 will evaluate and analyze information regarding medical, health, and public health assistance requests for response, develop and update assessments of medical and public health status in the impact area and do contingency planning to meet anticipated demands.
- f) If additional support is necessary, ESF 8 will contact the supporting agencies and other ESFs to request applicable support activities.

#### 2. Continuity of Operations

- a) Continuity of operations establishes policies and guidance to ensure the essential business functions of the healthcare system in the community are continued in the event that a manmade, natural or technological emergency disrupts or threatens to disrupt normal business operations. The community hospitals and county health department have established a Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP). The county health department COOP is managed through an electronic application to ensure access to plan during an emergency.
- b) Reconstitution is the process by which surviving and/or replacement health and medical personnel resume normal operations at the original or replacement facility. There are three tasks associated with reconstitution: transitioning, coordinating and planning, and outlining the procedures. The decision to reconstitute will be made by the Incident Commander and as outlined in internal plans. Operations may be resumed in phases with the essential functions being first priority followed by other functions as resources and personnel allow.

#### 3. Medical Surge

- a) In the event of a disaster, it is necessary to use surge capacity to provide emergency care and appropriate definitive management of patients. Bed counts alone do not determine surge capacity or the ability to care for patients. The hospital has internal policies, plans, and procedures for patient surge within their facilities, including requesting medical material and pharmaceuticals and coordinating mass fatality.
- b) ESF 8 will monitor the EMSystem application in the Sedgwick County Emergency Operations Center to maintain awareness of the availability of beds at hospitals within their jurisdiction and surrounding counties. Hospitals in Sedgwick County will be requested to update their bed availability at the time of a disaster or large-scale emergency through a HAvBED alert initiated at the regional or state

level. The hospital will update the HAvBED alert as requested to assist with planning of patient transfers.

- c) The health and medical community has a decontamination plan and access to necessary equipment. The health and medical community also have trained individuals who can assist and perform decontamination activities for patients arriving from the scene of emergencies and disasters.
- d) Health and medical entities have processes and policies for medical surge capabilities, these internal plans provide details with internal patient tracking procedures. Patients seen as a result of an emergency will be tracked utilizing these procedures. The numbers of patients seen, disposition, and status of these patients will be coordinated throughout the day by ESF 8. Hospitals will follow CMS and HIPAA regulations when reporting patient information. All participating health and medical organizations will assist in determining the health and medical impact of the emergency on the community.
- e) Health and medical entities protect the privacy of individually identifiable health information. ESF 8 follows standards to protect information and will utilize internal policies for reunification of patients with family. ESF 8 will coordinate efforts, when possible, to gather missing persons information from participating health and medical partners and response organizations to cross reference with data received from ESF 6 Mass Care, Housing, and Human Services. If ESF 8 recognizes a patient identified as missing on the American Red Cross's Safe and Well or another missing person data system provided by another mass care, housing, and human service agency, ESF 8 will verify to the extent possible the validity of their reunification need and, if acceptable, provide the current location of the patient to the requesting family member.
- f) In the event individuals are in need of additional transportation to health and medical facilities, ESF 8 will coordinate with ESF 1 Transportation.
- g) During a large scale emergency, emergency room departments, treatment centers, and other medical clinics across the community may see an influx in patients. An Alternate Care Site (ACS) is a community-based location that may provide additional treatment area(s) with a minimum specific level of care for patients. An ACS may be established at sites where no medical care is usually provided or at medical facilities where the usual scope of medical services does not normally include large-scale urgent care or traditional inpatient services. If an ACS is needed to respond for managing a disaster that creates a surge of patients beyond community capabilities, the health and medical entities within Sedgwick County will consider options for ACS sites to care for ill patients who would otherwise seek care at hospitals and community health centers.
- h) Through preparedness planning the community has developed regional relationships within the health and medical sector. This provides additional access to medical surge supply trailers, field hospital trailers, health and medical supplies, and specialized equipment which may be necessary for response. The ESF 8 coordinator will follow standard procedures for requests in the event these assets are needed to support operations and improve the health delivery during an emergency.

#### 4. Epidemiology and Surveillance

- a) The Sedgwick County Health Department is responsible for conducting disease surveillance and investigation within Sedgwick County and maintains access to an electronic disease tracking and surveillance system that is maintained by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.
- b) The health department conducts disease surveillance and investigation activities in partnership with local hospitals, physician's offices, clinics, schools, pharmacies other places where people are infected and expose others, to maintain an overall assessment of disease outbreaks or clusters within the county. These activities also provide a reporting avenue from these organizations to the Sedgwick County Health Department to identify and contain disease outbreaks. The Sedgwick County Health Department also utilizes neighboring counties and state assistance in disease surveillance and investigation as part of a coordinated statewide public health system.
- c) Sedgwick County Emergency Management has identified vulnerabilities within the community. In the event of a radiological emergency, Community Reception Center (CRC) guidance is available to assist Sedgwick County with this process and would be used as guidance for population monitoring of county residents should a radiological emergency be declared. At the CRC, residents will be asked to provide information regarding their location and possible exposure to the radiological emergency. This will assist the Sedgwick County Health Department, Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in providing appropriate surveillance and follow up after this type of emergency.

#### 5. Fatality Management

- a) Sedgwick County recognizes the need to organize local agencies and resources to plan for and respond to an incident resulting in catastrophic loss of life. Natural disasters frequently overwhelm local systems that care for the deceased. Consequently, the responsibility for the immediate response falls on local organizations and communities. Management of the dead requires coordination of body recovery, short and long-term storage, identification, burial arrangements, and support of victims and relatives.
- b) Sedgwick County Emergency Management and ESF 8 will coordinate with county coroner, funeral directors, mortuary services, and coordinating group(s)/team(s) early during an emergency to ensure required resources, assessment activities, and the responsible agencies implement appropriate plans.
- c) Following an emergency, ESF 8, when requested and in coordination with its partner organizations, will assist or help identify resources to support the local district coroner, medical professionals, and law enforcement agencies in:

- (1) Tracking and documenting of human remains and associated personal effects:
- (2) Reducing the hazard presented by chemically, biologically, or radiologically contaminated human remains (when indicated and possible);
- (3) Establishing temporary morgue facilities;
- (4) Determining the cause and manner of death. When the determination of the cause of a death is held to be in the public interest or a child under the age of 18 dies, the coroner or deputy coroner shall be notified. The coroner shall decide if an investigation shall take place;
- (5) Collecting ante mortem data in a compassionate and culturally competent fashion from authorized individuals;
- (6) Performing postmortem data collection and documentation;
- (7) Identifying human remains using scientific means (e.g., dental, pathology, anthropology, fingerprints, and, as indicated, DNA samples);
- (8) Preparing, processing and returning human remains and personal effects to the authorized person(s) when possible;
- (9) Providing technical assistance and consultation on fatality management and mortuary affairs; and
- (10) Coordinating with behavioral health, social workers, counselors, and community mental health centers in support of victims and relatives.
- d) During an event, first responders will follow appropriate policies, procedures, and guideline to ensure safety precautions are appropriate and implemented.

#### 6. Pre-Hospital Care

- a) Sedgwick County promotes local and regional coordination and cooperation in emergency pre-hospital care for mass casualty events, including those that involve children. During an emergency, pre-hospital care may involve more than one jurisdiction, therefore ICS will be used to help standardize organizational structure and common terminology and to ensure a useful and flexible management system is practical for incidents involving multi-jurisdictional and multi-agency response, especially those in the field.
- b) Pre-arrival assessments will be conducted by Emergency Medical Services and notification procedures to dispatch, hospitals, and other mutual aid partners will be activated.
- c) Triage procedures, ambulance diversion guidelines, EMSystem protocol and policies, pediatric guidelines, and other community and internal agency plans have been developed and may be implemented in response this type of emergency.

d) Medical mutual aid may be necessary and implemented during a mass casualty or large-scale emergency.

#### 7. Medical Countermeasure Dispensing

a) The primary goal of the county's mass dispensing program is to provide lifesaving medical countermeasures to citizens and visitors of Sedgwick County in a timely manner in response to a health and medical emergency. This program is led by the Sedgwick County Health Department and includes many of the county's other departments, health and medical partner organizations and private companies. The Sedgwick County Health Department has developed a Mass Dispensing Standard Operating Guide (SOG) which will be used during an emergency as a guide for providing vaccines and pharmaceuticals at Point of Dispensing (POD) sites for the public.

#### 8. Medical Material Distribution

- a) During a time of disaster state and federal medical material and pharmaceuticals may be available to Sedgwick County. To access these assets, a coordinated resource management and requesting process must be in place for participating agencies. This process promotes the full utilization of local medical equipment and supplies and exhaustion of services available locally. With the exhaustion or immediate exhaustion of these local supplies and services, Sedgwick County can make a request through Sedgwick County Emergency Management to the State of Kansas EOC for fulfillment. Procedures for requesting medical materials can be found in the Sedgwick County Mass Dispensing SOG and Hospital EOP.
- b) Health and medical entities have processes in place for requesting medical countermeasures, including but not limited to the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS), CHEMPACK (nerve agent and organophosphate antidotes), and Chemical Event Shipping Supply Location (CESSL) program.

#### 9. Non-Pharmaceutical Interventions

- a) The Kansas Isolation and Quarantine statute K.S.A. 65-129 provides the template for control efforts in the case of large-scale outbreaks of naturally occurring diseases, like pandemic influenza, SARS or artificially introduced biological agents in connection with bioterrorism. The Sedgwick County Board of Health and Sedgwick County Health Officer may also issue advisories or recommendations for the closure of public buildings, events and activities. The Sedgwick County Health Department serves as a resource to businesses, including schools, to aid the facility in deciding how best to mitigate the spread of disease.
- b) When necessary, ESF 8 will coordinate with ESF 13 Public Safety to ensure the safety of public and community members related to isolation and quarantine.
- c) The hospital maintains an appropriate HVAC system which is an essential tool for the control of infection. The hospitals have negative pressure rooms and

procedures to keep contaminants and pathogens from reaching surrounding areas within the hospital. These procedures are outlined in internal hospital policies and will be actives as outlined in these policies to prevent cross-contaminations from room to room.

d) In coordination with ESF 15 and as it applies to the incident, ESF 8 may promote disease prevention measures and hygiene such as handwashing and social distancing

#### 10. Responder Health and Safety

- a) Health and medical officials may be requested to provide information related to agents or diseases and appropriate measures to take to protect the health, medical, and emergency services sector responders. Officials may be asked to serve as subject matter experts and information resources to make health and safety recommendations to incident management staff and safety officers.
- b) A community hazardous vulnerability assessment (HVA) has been made available to identify any anticipated hazards, including infectious disease, hazardous materials, and environmental factors.
- c) ESF 8 has or has access to personal protective equipment (PPE) to ensure the safety and health of first responders.
- d) There are counseling services available throughout the community for those victims and responders with behavioral health needs. This is outlined under the Behavioral Health section of this Annex.

#### 11. Volunteer Management

- a) Sedgwick County Health Department Medical Reserve Corps is made up of medical and non-medical volunteers. The electronic volunteer database provides ease of contacting volunteers and documenting their hours worked. The onboarding process includes a background check and credential check.
- b) Medical volunteers should have their credentials verified. ESF 8 has access to the Kansas System for the Early Registration of Volunteers (K-SERV) system, which can be utilized as a volunteer database at the local and state levels. In the event that volunteers are needed to provide assistance during an incident response, K-SERV offers an opportunity for volunteer request and receipt through a standard operating procedure.
- c) ESF 8 Agencies may have their own volunteer databases with internal policies and procedures for verifying and credentialing.

#### 12. Environmental Health

a) Vector control is handled individually by cities within Sedgwick County. The Sedgwick County Health Department provides mosquito dunks for county and city public works staff to place on public property when mosquito traps show an increase. The Wichita Environmental Health department will perform field samplings to determine the extent of the vector problem and make recommendations on

control based on their findings.

- b) Sedgwick County Public Works Noxious Weeds Department controls and eradicates noxious weeds on property within Sedgwick County as required by state law (KSA 2-1318), primarily on county property and right of ways.
- c) The Metropolitan Building and Construction Department can evaluate structures for habitability.
- d) Sedgwick County Health Department's Animal Control Program is responsible for enforcing all Sedgwick County codes concerning the housing and care of animals. Officers also ensure that animals do not pose a health or safety hazard to county residents and that each animal is appropriately vaccinated and licensed as required by law per county statute.
- e) The Kansas Department of Health and Environment Bureau of Air monitors ambient air for criteria pollutants (carbon monoxide, ozone, sulfur dioxide, nitrogen dioxide, lead, and particulate matter) in accordance with regulations set forth in the federal Clean Air Act.
- f) The City of Wichita Public Works and Utilities, Sedgwick County Public Works, along with KDHE provides the following: permits, inspects and tests water wells; processes and permits private sewage facility applications for on-site water disposal systems; and conducts inspections of all regulated (public and semi-public) swimming pools, spa pools, wading pools, and recreational water features.
- h) The monitoring agency utilizes assessment tools to document the effects of mitigation efforts during and after an incident.

#### 13. Behavioral Health

a) ESF 8 will coordinate with behavioral health professionals and organizations within the county and with the State ESF 8 Coordinator to promote behavioral health response and recovery needs. The ESF 8 Coordinator will work with behavioral health, social workers, counselors, substance abuse professionals and community mental health centers.

#### 14. Demobilization and Recovery

- a) When the Incident Commander has ordered demobilization, the ESF 8 Coordinator will notify health and medical response entities. Each agency should consider their property and business impact for returning to normal facility operations.
- (b) As needs for personnel decrease, personnel should report to debriefing area or standard area of operations as directed by supervisor. Positions will deactivate in a phased manner as outlined by internal plans and policies.
- (c) All equipment and supplies shall be returned or disposed of in compliance with recommendations from internal and/or external authorities and coordinated by supply unit leader and finance/administration section. Health and medical supplies and equipment should be repaired, repacked, and replaced as needed.
- (d) Any plans to salvage, restore, and recover the impacted facility will initiate upon approval from applicable local, State, and Federal law enforcement and emergency service authorities.

## **B. Direction and Control**

- 1. During a state of emergency, Sedgwick County Health Department will coordinate with the EOC and will serve as a liaison for ESF 8 related response partners. Sedgwick County health and medical response activities may be coordinated through the Sedgwick County Emergency Operations Center.
- 2. The Sedgwick County Emergency Manager or designee provides direction and coordination efforts for ESF 8 to include mission assignments, mutual aid, contracts for goods and services, and recovery and mitigation activities.
- 3. During emergency activations, the ESF 8 Coordinator will have the authority granted to them as the Health Dept. representative to make management decisions as they have knowledge of the subject as it relates to the EOC's objectives and responsibilities.
- 4. The ESF 8 Coordinator will serve as a spokesperson for non-present ESF 8 partners, after collecting information from the partners.
- 5. A staffing directory and the ESF 8 Emergency Operations Plan, its accompanying appendices, annexes and standard operating guidelines are maintained by the Sedgwick County Health Department. Sedgwick County Health Department is responsible for ensuring contact information is accurate and ready for response.
- 6. When a request for assistance is received by ESF 8 it is assigned to the agency or agencies that have the most appropriate resources and expertise to accomplish the task.
- 7. Sedgwick County Emergency Management will assist in the coordination of state response efforts under the provisions of a Governor's Disaster Declaration.

## C. Organization/Information Sharing

#### 1. County

- a) During an actual or potential emergency or disaster, the primary agency of Sedgwick County Health Department will assign a liaison to Sedgwick County Emergency Operations Center to fill the role of ESF 8 Coordinator. During an activation of the Sedgwick County Emergency Operations Center, support agency staff will work with the coordinating agency to provide support that will allow for an appropriate, coordinated and timely response. If additional support is required, the Sedgwick County Health Department and primary agencies may co-manage ESF 8 activities.
- b) ESF 8 Coordinator will report to the Sedgwick County Emergency Manager or designee. During the response phase, the ESF 8 Coordinator will evaluate and analyze information regarding medical and public health assistance requests.
- c) ESF 8 Coordinator will develop and update assessments of medical and public health status in the impact area and do contingency planning to meet anticipated demands.

d) ESF 8 Coordinator will partner with the ESF 6 –Mass Care, Housing, and Human Services to support all individuals and organizations regarding mass care services, including sheltering that may be required to support disaster response and recovery operations in Sedgwick County.

#### 2. State of Kansas

a) The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) is the lead ESF 8 Coordinating agency for the State of Kansas. The State ESF 8 provides supplemental assistance to local governments in identifying and meeting the public health and medical needs of victims of disasters and emergencies. The State ESF 8 concept of operations is outlined in the Kansas Response Plan (KRP).

## D. Alerts and Notifications

- 1. Sedgwick County Emergency Management will notify the Sedgwick County Health Department when an area of Sedgwick County is threatened or has been impacted by an emergency or disaster event.
- 2. The primary agency notified will report to the Sedgwick County Emergency Operations Center, if so advised or requested by Sedgwick County Emergency Management.
- 3. The ESF 8 Coordinator and/or Sedgwick County Emergency Management will provide notification to support agencies as outlined in internal call down procedures. The ESF 8 Coordinator will continue to update those agencies as the situation progresses and upon demobilization and recovery.

## E. Actions

Over	Overall Actions Assigned to All Members			
	Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ESF 8 - Public Health and Medical Services			
1	dentify health services needed to support identified disaster risks and provision of those			
ı	services			
2	Maintain MOUs or MOAs in place to share medical resources			
3	Credential and badge department employees prior to an incident			
4	Capture incident related expenses to be used in emergency response			
5	Credential medical staff			
6	Participate in county medical countermeasure planning			
7	Participate on the jurisdictional hazard mitigation planning committee			

Overall Actions Assigned to All Members			
Response (During Event) Actions for ESF 8 - Public Health and Medical Services			
1	Document and track resources that are committed to specific missions and costs		
2	Report incident related injuries to EOC		
3	Report incident related fatality to EOC		
4	Activate and conduct medical care activities during a disaster		
5	Activate and perform decontamination of patients, service animals and pets		
6	Provide communication of at-risk populations' needs to the ESF 8 Coordinator		

1/	Activate the Kansas Funeral Directors Association Disaster Team to support fatality
	management according to the Kansas Mass Fatality Plan
	Activate and conduct activities that may be involved in community disease containment
	measures including isolation, quarantine, and gathering cancelation
9	Activate continuity of operations plan

Overall Actions Assigned to All Members		
Reco	very (Post Event) Actions for ESF 8 - Public Health and Medical Services	
1	Activate family reunification policies or procedures to be used by ESF 8	
2	Provide incident reports for elected officials	
3	Assist at-risk populations in recovering from disasters including programs provided	

## IV. Responsibilities

A. The following list identifies the responsibilities designated to each of the Primary and Support Agencies for ESF 8. The Primary Agency and its responsibilities are listed first. The Supporting Agencies follow in alphabetical order.

Co	Coordinating: Sedgwick County Health Department		
Pre	Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ESF 8 - Public Health and Medical Services		
1	Maintain a central personnel roster, contact, and resource lists to support ESF-8 tasks.		
2	Identify liaison to communicate between health department and ESF for emergency		
	related information		
3	Coordinate with ESF 6, to identify at-risk individuals in advance of, during, and following		
	an emergency		
4	Identify currently available health and medical sector related volunteer organizations		
5	Identify alternate care site planning activities		
6	Coordinate community medication dispensing activities including vaccines and		
	pharmaceuticals		
7	Coordinate activities in preparing at-risk populations for disasters		
8	Coordinate and maintain family reunification policies or procedures to be used by ESF 8		
9	Identify the impact of public health risks		
10	Provide Vaccinations against preventable diseases.		
11	Provide hand washing and other disease prevention campaign activities.		
Res	sponse (During Event) Actions for ESF 8 - Public Health and Medical Services		
1	Communicate ESF 8 information to and between support agencies		
2	Coordinate and maintain ESF 8 situational awareness		
	Coordinate medical operations activities and resource needs for the following: Health		
3	department, Hospital(s) , EMS, Environmental health, Pharmacy(ies), Behavioral health		
	center(s)/team(s), Clinic(s), Funeral director(s)/coroner		
4	Coordinate support activities to ESF 6 for Vulnerable Needs at shelters		
5	Identify specific health and safety risks for disasters		
6	Coordinate with ESF 7 for requesting resources		
7	Coordinate and activate mutual aid, K-SERV and other methods for requesting additional		
'	medical providers and support personnel		

8	Communicate incident related health and medical information to citizens including at-risk populations
9	Coordinate surveillance and epidemiological activities of the local health department including activities with community partners: schools, EMS, hospitals, private medical providers, and others
10	Recommend or determine health-related protective actions
11	Activate community alternate care site
12	Operate community alternate care site
13	Determine the extent or threat of contamination from chemical, radiological or infectious agents
14	Activate and conduct county's mass dispensing campaign priorities and general activities
15	Provide liaison to communicate between health department and ESF 8 for emergency related information
16	Provide liaison for communication between hospitals and ESF 8 related to patient numbers and information
17	Coordinate vector surveillance activities
18	Perform vector surveillance activities
19	Provide briefs or updates related to vector surveillance activities to ESF 8
20	Coordinate and activate mortuary services during an emergency
21	Coordinate emergency organization credentialing/privileging procedures
22	Dispose of animal carcass and medical supplies
23	Coordinate decontamination activities, in coordination with ESF-10, from chemical, radiological or biological agents.
24	Coordinate community outreach to at-risk populations
25	Coordinate with at-risk populations at a community shelter
26	Coordinate and activate the Kansas Funeral Directors Association to support fatality management according to the Kansas Mass Fatality Plan
27	Activate and conduct county's disease surveillance system
28	Recommend or determine health department's protective action
Red	covery (Post Event) Actions for ESF 8 - Public Health and Medical Services
1	Coordinate with health and medical sector agencies submitting response and recovery information to emergency management
2	Conduct and monitor health effects post-disaster
3	Provide public health input into community recovery affairs
4	Restore water and wastewater capabilities in coordination with ESF 3
Mit	igation Actions for ESF 8 - Public Health and Medical Services
1	Identify the public health impact of identified risks
2	Provide vaccinations against preventable diseases including tetanus, influenza,
2	pertussis, etc
3	Provide hand washing and other disease prevention campaign activities

## **Primary: American Red Cross**

Response (During Event) Actions for ESF 8 - Public Health and Medical Services

1 Coordinate with at-risk populations at a community shelter

## **Primary: Sedgwick County COMCARE**

Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ESF 8 - Public Health and Medical Services

- 1 Coordinate with ESF 6, to identify at-risk individuals in advance of, during, and following an emergency
- 2 Identify county's behavioral health response capabilities

## Response (During Event) Actions for ESF 8 - Public Health and Medical Services

- 1 Coordinate and activate behavioral health care activities
- 2 Conduct behavioral health care activities

## **Primary: Sedgwick County Community Developmental Disability**

## Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ESF 8 - Public Health and Medical Services

Coordinate with ESF 6, to identify at-risk individuals in advance of, during, and following an emergency

## **Primary: Sedgwick County Department on Aging**

## Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ESF 8 - Public Health and Medical Services

1 Coordinate with ESF 6, to identify at-risk individuals in advance of, during, and following an emergency

## **Primary: Sedgwick County Emergency Management**

## Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ESF 8 - Public Health and Medical Services

- 1 Identify organizations or facilities responsible for providing initial notification for ESF 8
- 2 Identify alternate care site planning activities
- 3 Coordinate activities in preparing at-risk populations for disasters

## Response (During Event) Actions for ESF 8 - Public Health and Medical Services

- 1 Activate community alternate care site
- 2 | Coordinate emergency organization credentialing/privileging procedures
- 3 | Coordinate community outreach to at-risk populations

#### Recovery (Post Event) Actions for ESF 8 - Public Health and Medical Services

1 Record damage assessment information

## Primary: Sedgwick County Emergency Medical Service

## Response (During Event) Actions for ESF 8 - Public Health and Medical Services

- 1 Track the injured (Registration to discharge process)
- 2 Provide liaison for communication between hospitals and ESF 8 related to patient numbers and information
- 3 | Coordinate and activate patient decontamination activities with EMS agencies

## **Primary: Sedgwick County Fire District #1**

## Response (During Event) Actions for ESF 8 - Public Health and Medical Services

- Determine the extent or threat of contamination from chemical, radiological or infectious agents
- 2 Coordinate and activate patient decontamination activities with EMS agencies

# **Primary: Sedgwick County Regional Forensic Science Center** (Coroner)

## Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ESF 8 - Public Health and Medical Services

1 Identify county's fatality management capabilities

2 Develop procedures to appropriately vet and release casualty and fatality information

#### Response (During Event) Actions for ESF 8 - Public Health and Medical Services

- 1 Coordinate fatality management process and requests additional support
- 2 Conduct mortuary services during an emergency
- Coordinate and activate the Kansas Funeral Directors Association to support fatality management according to the Kansas Mass Fatality Plan

## **Primary: The Salvation Army**

## Response (During Event) Actions for ESF 8 - Public Health and Medical Services

1 Coordinate with at-risk populations at a community shelter

## **Primary: Via Christi Regional Medical Center**

### Response (During Event) Actions for ESF 8 - Public Health and Medical Services

1 Track the injured (Registration to discharge process)

## **Primary: Via Christi St Francis Hospital**

#### Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ESF 8 - Public Health and Medical Services

- 1 Identify hospital's ability to perform decontamination of patients.
- 2 Monitor available medical beds and reports to ESF 8
- 3 Identify alternate care site planning activities

## Response (During Event) Actions for ESF 8 - Public Health and Medical Services

- 1 Activate community alternate care site
- 2 Operate community alternate care site
- 3 Track the injured (Registration to discharge process)
- 4 Provide liaison for communication between hospitals and ESF 8 related to patient numbers and information
- Activate and conduct medical surge activities: cancellation of elective surgeries, transfer of patients, etc.
- Provide numbers of available beds, resources, medical capabilities and medical specialties to the ESF 8 Coordinator

## Recovery (Post Event) Actions for ESF 8 - Public Health and Medical Services

1 Report damages of hospitals to ESF 8

## **Primary: Via Christi St Joseph Hospital**

#### Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ESF 8 - Public Health and Medical Services

- 1 Identify hospital's ability to perform decontamination of patients.
- 2 | Monitor available medical beds and reports to ESF 8
- 3 Identify alternate care site planning activities

#### Response (During Event) Actions for ESF 8 - Public Health and Medical Services

- 1 Activate community alternate care site
- 2 Operate community alternate care site
- 3 Track the injured (Registration to discharge process)
- Provide liaison for communication between hospitals and ESF 8 related to patient numbers and information
- Activate and conduct medical surge activities: cancellation of elective surgeries, transfer of patients, etc.

6 Provide numbers of available beds, resources, medical capabilities and medical specialties to the ESF 8 Coordinator

## Recovery (Post Event) Actions for ESF 8 - Public Health and Medical Services

1 Report damages of hospitals to ESF 8

## **Primary: Via Christi St Teresa Hospital**

#### Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ESF 8 - Public Health and Medical Services

- 1 Identify hospital's ability to perform decontamination of patients.
- 2 | Monitor available medical beds and reports to ESF 8
- 3 Identify alternate care site planning activities

## Response (During Event) Actions for ESF 8 - Public Health and Medical Services

- 1 Activate community alternate care site
- 2 Operate community alternate care site
- 3 Track the injured (Registration to discharge process)
- Provide liaison for communication between hospitals and ESF 8 related to patient numbers and information
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- Provide numbers of available beds, resources, medical capabilities and medical specialties to the ESF 8 Coordinator

## Recovery (Post Event) Actions for ESF 8 - Public Health and Medical Services

1 Report damages of hospitals to ESF 8

## **Primary: Wesley Medical Center**

## Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ESF 8 - Public Health and Medical Services

- 1 Identify hospital's ability to perform decontamination of patients.
- 2 Monitor available medical beds and reports to ESF 8
- 3 Identify alternate care site planning activities

## Response (During Event) Actions for ESF 8 - Public Health and Medical Services

- 1 | Activate community alternate care site
- 2 Operate community alternate care site
- 3 Track the injured (Registration to discharge process)
- Provide liaison for communication between hospitals and ESF 8 related to patient numbers and information
- Activate and conduct medical surge activities: cancellation of elective surgeries, transfer of patients, etc.
- Provide numbers of available beds, resources, medical capabilities and medical specialties to the ESF 8 Coordinator

## Recovery (Post Event) Actions for ESF 8 - Public Health and Medical Services

1 Report damages of hospitals to ESF 8

## **Supporting: City of Wichita Environmental Services**

## Recovery (Post Event) Actions for ESF 8 - Public Health and Medical Services

- 1 Inspect food service establishments prior to resuming business
- 2 Restore water and wastewater capabilities in coordination with ESF 3

## **Supporting: Kansas Department of Health and Environment**

## Recovery (Post Event) Actions for ESF 8 - Public Health and Medical Services

1 Inspect food service establishments prior to resuming business

## **Supporting: Sedgwick County Health Department Medical Reserve Corps**

Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ESF 8 - Public Health and Medical Services

1 Coordinate local efforts related to K-SERV and medical professional volunteer registration

Response (During Event) Actions for ESF 8 - Public Health and Medical Services

1 Operate community alternate care site

## **Supporting: Via Christi Rehabilitation Hospital**

Response (During Event) Actions for ESF 8 - Public Health and Medical Services

1 Track the injured (Registration to discharge process)

## **City of Wichita Fire Department**

Response (During Event) Actions for ESF 8 - Public Health and Medical Services

- Determine the extent or threat of contamination from chemical, radiological or infectious agents
- 2 | Coordinate and activate patient decontamination activities with EMS agencies

## **Metropolitan Area Building and Construction Department**

Recovery (Post Event) Actions for ESF 8 - Public Health and Medical Services

1 Record damage assessment information

## **Sedgwick County Animal Control**

Response (During Event) Actions for ESF 8 - Public Health and Medical Services

1 Dispose of animal carcass and medical supplies

## **Sedgwick County Public Works**

Recovery (Post Event) Actions for ESF 8 - Public Health and Medical Services

1 Record damage assessment information

## **United Way of the Plains**

Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ESF 8 - Public Health and Medical Services

1 Coordinate local efforts related to K-SERV and medical professional volunteer registration

Response (During Event) Actions for ESF 8 - Public Health and Medical Services

1 | Coordinate emergency organization credentialing/privileging procedures

## **Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD)**

Response (During Event) Actions for ESF 8 - Public Health and Medical Services

1 Coordinate emergency organization credentialing/privileging procedures

## V. Financial Management

- A. ESF 8 is responsible for coordinating with Sedgwick County Purchasing Department to manage ESF 8 expenses relevant to an event.
- B. During a response, each agency/department funds disaster operations from their current operating budget and are responsible for recording and tracking agency expenditures. If a federally declared disaster exists, each agency is responsible for seeking reimbursement in accordance to the formula has established by the Federal Emergency Management Agency via the FEMA/State Agreement.
- C. Expenditures by support entities will be documented by those entities and submitted directly to the Sedgwick County Purchasing Department or a designated Finance Section Chief as soon as possible.