

## CDC Emergency Shelter Operations

National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH) houses CDC's emergency shelter subject matter experts. The Office of Environmental Health Emergencies (OEHE) and The Division of Environmental Health Hazards and Effects (DEHHE) collaborate with FEMA and the American Red Cross regarding emergency shelter environmental health assessments and surveillance. Other key partners include National Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (NVOAD) and Emergency Support Functions 6 (Mass Care) and 8 (Public Health and Medical).

Core Emergency Shelter operations include Registration/intake, Dormitory management (sleeping areas), Food service, Health and medical, Functional Needs, Case management, Family reunification and messaging, Children's temporary respite care, and Recreation.

The CDC has numerous recourse and information to assist citizens and public health officials on how to prepare, and plan for shelters and safety after disasters:

[CDC Shelter Assessment Tool](#) – Environmental Health Shelter Assessment Tool assists environmental health practitioners in conducting a rapid assessment of shelter conditions during emergencies and disasters

[Chemical Agents: Facts About Sheltering in Place](#) – precautions about sheltering in place after a chemical incident

[Disaster Information for Pet Shelters](#) – guidelines for animal health & control of disease transmission in pet shelters and other information about pet shelters

[Infection Control Guidance for Community Evacuation Centers Following Disasters](#) – recommendations for basic infection control guidance to prevent exposure to or transmission of infectious diseases in temporary community evacuation centers

[Learn How to Shelter in Place](#) – information about how to know when to shelter-in-place

[Sheltering in Place During a Radiation Emergency](#) – precautions to help reduce exposure to radiation

More information about the National Center for Environmental Health can be found by visiting: <http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/information/about.htm>

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