

BATH COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

AGENDA ITEM: INFORMATION { } ACTION { X } CLOSED MEETING { }

SUBJECT: SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT - ACTION

Mutual Aid Agreement with Central Shenandoah Health District

BACKGROUND: This agreement extends the current (2011-2016) agreement for five (5) years (2016-2021).

The only changes are the Points of Contact listed on page 7 (page is included in Closed Session material). Per the agreement, Points of Contact information is not for public use.

RECOMMENDATION: Approval of this agreement is recommended.



MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT

Between
CENTRAL SHENANDOAH HEALTH DISTRICT
And
Bath County School Board
And
Bath County

March 2016 – March 2021

(Use of School for Dispensing to Public)

Central Shenandoah Health District Mutual Aid Agreement

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I. General

This Mutual Aid Agreement is made and entered into by and between the Central Shenandoah Health District (CSHD), Bath County School Board and Bath County for the purpose of cooperation and coordination in carrying out mass vaccination and/or treatment of the citizenry.

WHEREAS, the Central Shenandoah Health District will work diligently to provide mass vaccination or treatment to the community in response to a public health disaster, including but not limited to a verified or suspected chemical, nuclear or biological attack.

WHEREAS, Bath County School Board owns centrally located community facilities with large floor space, accessibility for persons with disabilities, parking, buses, and utilities to serve the community, and

WHEREAS, Bath County, Bath County School Board and the Central Shenandoah Health District intend to cooperate and collaborate to serve the community in the event of a public health disaster.

NOW THEREFORE, Bath County, Bath County School Board, and the Central Shenandoah Health District understand and agree to the roles and responsibilities expressed in this agreement.

II. Definitions

'Public Health Disaster' includes but is not limited to any condition following an attack by an enemy or foreign nation upon the United States resulting in the suspected, probable or verified substantial injury or illness to persons in the United States and may be by use of bombs, missiles, shell fire, nuclear, radiological, chemical, or biological means or other weapons or by overt paramilitary actions; also any industrial, nuclear or transportation accident, explosion, conflagration, power failure, communicable disease outbreak, resource shortage or other condition such as sabotage, oil spills, and other injurious environmental contamination which threatens or causes human suffering, hardship, injury, illness or loss of life, and creates human needs that victims cannot alleviate without assistance.

III. Liability

It is understood that none of the parties to this agreement waive any of their sovereign or statutory immunities or their defenses under the law.

IV. Responsibilities

a. Central Shenandoah Health District

1. In accordance with the Bath County Emergency Operations Plan, the Central Shenandoah Health District, jointly with school building maintenance officials and local emergency management officials, will designate those school facilities necessary for the establishment of mass vaccination/treatment clinics (referred to herein as "designated facilities"). The parties to this agreement acknowledge and agree that, in the event of a public health disaster, the preferred designated facility is Bath County High School, if such facility is available for use, as determined by the Bath County School Board.

2. The Central Shenandoah Health District, jointly with school building maintenance officials and local emergency management officials, will be responsible for ensuring the proper care of the school facilities being used and will maintain proper supervision of facilities during mass vaccination/treatment clinics. The public will have access to designated areas only. Only personnel authorized by the School Superintendent/designee or District Health Director will have access to other areas as needed.
3. The Central Shenandoah Health District will be responsible for ensuring that all necessary medical materials required for establishing and operating a mass vaccination/treatment clinic at the designated facilities are provided.
4. In accordance with the Bath County Emergency Operations Plan, the Central Shenandoah Health District or Bath County will be responsible for costs incurred for outside materials needed to establish and operate a mass vaccination/treatment clinic at the designated facilities.
5. The Central Shenandoah Health District will be responsible for training all volunteers involved in providing aid in the mass vaccination/treatment clinic.
6. The Central Shenandoah Health District will be responsible for operational management of the mass vaccination/treatment clinic at the designated facilities.
7. The Central Shenandoah Health District will provide the School Superintendent and the Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds with 24 hour contact information for the clinic manager, CSHD Director, and the CSHD Manager. The CSHD Director, or CSHD Manager, as designated by the Director if s/he cannot be contacted, will be the only person in the district authorized to order mass vaccination/treatment.
8. The Central Shenandoah Health District will provide the School Superintendent and the Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds with any changes to contact information for the clinic manager, CSHD Director, and CSHD Manager in a timely manner.
9. The Central Shenandoah Health District, in cooperation with appropriate state and federal agencies, will ensure that the designated facilities are certified safe for re-occupancy and return to normal use. Additionally, the Central Shenandoah Health District will work with the Virginia Department of Emergency Management to secure reimbursement, as available through federal and state programs designed for such purposes, to recover those costs that were necessary to restore the designated facilities to their pre-event condition.

b. Bath County and Bath County School Board

1. Bath County School Board will take reasonable steps to keep all office, building and food service equipment and materials operational and available in the event of need for a mass vaccination/treatment clinic at the designated facilities.
2. To the extent available, Bath County School Board will provide school buses including wheelchair-lift buses for transporting people to and from the clinics as requested by the CHSD Director.
3. To the extent available, Bath County School Board will provide vehicles, including vehicles that are radio/local cellular-equipped, to the Central Shenandoah Health District as requested by the CHSD Director.
4. Bath County School Board will provide the Central Shenandoah Health District access to its facilities to perform mass vaccination/treatment drill(s) at a mutually agreed upon time and date, not to interfere with normal school activities.

5. Bath County School Board will provide the Central Shenandoah Health District with 24-hour contact information for the School Superintendent and the Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds.
6. Bath County School Board will provide the Central Shenandoah Health District with any changes to contact information for the School Superintendent and the Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds in a timely manner.
7. Bath County School Board will notify the Central Shenandoah Health District in the event of any significant changes to the floor plans or function of its facilities or equipment in a timely manner.
8. Bath County School Board, upon notification from the CSHD Director, will to the extent practicable suspend all school functions during the set up and operation of a mass vaccination/treatment clinic at the designated facilities. Additionally, it is anticipated that this would most likely occur in the setting of a declared emergency.
9. Bath County School Board will not charge the Central Shenandoah Health District for the utility costs (heat or air conditioning, water, electricity, phone, fuel) incurred during the Central Shenandoah Health District's use of the designated facilities for mass vaccination/treatment.
10. Bath County School Board will not to the extent practicable resume any school activities at the designated facilities until the CSHD Director has confirmed completion of the work and, if necessary, decontamination of the facilities.

V. Reimbursement

Nothing in this agreement shall be deemed to preclude efforts by any of the parties to obtain reimbursement from disaster relief funds or other similar sources of funds (including, without limitation, funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency) of costs incurred by such party in the performance of its obligations under this agreement, and the parties agree to reasonably cooperate with one another in their respective efforts to obtain such reimbursement.

VI. Concept of Operations

a. Activation:

To activate this agreement, the Central Shenandoah Health District will advise Bath County officials and Bath County School Board as soon as possible in the event that school facilities may be required for mass vaccination/treatment of the public due to a public health disaster. Also through a mutual agreement of the parties of this agreement, the school facilities may be used for drills, planning, training and for any other activities related to the purpose of this agreement.

b. Deactivation

Deactivation of this agreement shall be with the consensus of all parties involved in the operation upon the termination of the event or the completion of the mass treatment or vaccination of the affected population and the decontamination of the facility if necessary, the facility then to return to normal school functions.

VII. Contract

Maintenance and Term


The parties agree to annually update this information and report any material changes. This documents maintenance procedure shall take place annually in the month in which the agreement was initially executed. The Central Shenandoah Health District shall initiate the update process by providing Bath County and Bath County School Board with sixty (60) days notice in advance of the anniversary date of this agreement.

The term of this agreement is five (5) years. The parties may enter into successive agreements.

IX. Agreed to, by the undersigned, this _____
(Date)

X _____
Superintendent, Bath County Public Schools

X _____
County Administrator, Bath County

X  _____
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