

Emergency Planning Policy

- 1 It is the policy of OPTIONS to protect our residents, staff and others from harm during emergency events. To accomplish this, we have developed procedures for specific hazards, which build on the strategies in our *Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP)*. The priority is to ensure the safety of residents, staff or visitors in an emergency disaster situation. We have infection prevention policies and procedures that direct our response to the threat of infectious disease outbreaks. If the community is impacted by a threat of an epidemic or pandemic, we will activate our COOP and be guided by the following policies and procedures in addition to our infection prevention/outbreak management procedures:
- 2 Depending on the situation, which will be monitored through coordination with local public health authorities, the Administrator in Charge may initiate the Shelter in Place policy. We may then implement the Emergency Staffing Strategy. Additional actions to our Infection Prevention/Outbreak Management policies and procedures will be taken, as advised by the local and state public health departments as well as TCRC and other regulatory bodies as applicable.

Actions may include but are not limited to:
 - Closing to new admissions.
 - Urgent prophylaxis and vaccination of all staff and residents.
 - Limited visitation.
 - Screening of staff, contracted entities, volunteers and visitors for signs of illness.
 - Personal protective equipment for staff.
- 3 See policy 200.2.3 Blood-Borne Pathogens/Universal Precautions
- 4 See policy 200.2.16 Communicable Disease: Aerosol Transmissible

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