

Emergency Preparedness

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SUMMER 2018: VACATION PREPAREDNESS



Summer is a popular time for vacations and road trips. Follow these Michigan State Police and the Office of Homeland Security tips to prepare for an emergency or disaster while on vacation:

- Pack a travel-size emergency preparedness kit that includes water, snacks, first aid kit, and hand-crank flashlight and radio. Don't forget to include prescription medications and baby formula, if needed.
- Prepare for weather-related emergencies. Learn how weather warnings are communicated at your destination and monitor the weather forecast.
- Know safe shelter locations and evacuation routes for where you will be traveling.
- Always keep your vehicle's fuel tank above half full. Power outages or severe weather may prevent you from refueling.
- Have a map and familiarize yourself with the area of your destination.
- Email your itinerary to a friend or family member.
- Write down information for local emergency services.

For more tips, [Download](#) the American Red Cross mobile apps today!

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DO 1 THING: JULY

Do 1 Thing is a web-based twelve month preparedness program that focuses on a different area of emergency preparedness each month, and provides a range of preparedness options for each topic. Every month has a low or no-cost option to become better prepared. We give you a choice of three things you can do, then you choose one. You can jump in at anytime.

Click to [Learn More Today!](#)



Family Communication Plan



GOAL FOR JULY: Have the ability to communicate with family members during a disaster.

SMART911 ALERTS

Alerts powered by Smart911 is the official emergency notification system used by Genesee County 9-1-1 to communicate with community residents during emergencies. Sign up now to receive free alerts from Genesee County via text message, email, and/or voice message.

Genesee County 9-1-1, CodeRed will no longer be used.

Sign up to receive Emergency Alerts [HERE](#)



Spread the Word About Smart911 in Michigan

UPDATE: HEPATITIS A

Genesee County continues to be impacted by the Hepatitis A Outbreak. Michigan has confirmed 859 cases of Hepatitis A since August 2016, 80% of those cases have been hospitalized and 27 deaths. Genesee County currently has 24 confirmed cases. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is predicting another 6 months to a year of the outbreak continuing. The best way to prevent the spread of Hepatitis A is to get vaccinated and to properly wash your hands. For more information about Hepatitis A, the outbreak, or to learn about immunization clinic hours, please call 810-257-3048.

What is Hep A?

Hepatitis A is an easily spread virus that causes liver swelling and damage. Hepatitis A is spread when a person eats, drinks, or touches their mouth with food, liquid, or objects (including their hands) that have come into contact with stool (poop) from an infected person.

Visit Michigan.gov/hepaoutbreak today!