

POLICY:

1. John Dempsey Hospital is committed to creating an environment of safety for all patients, visitors and staff. As part of this commitment, the hospital prepares for hazards that could impact the hospital with the goal of protecting patients, staff and others, as well as property, ensuring it can remain operational for as long as possible during a natural or man-made disaster. The facility, community and State partners will work together to define expectations of operation during and after a disaster.
2. Disasters may strike at any time and typically escalate into cascading events such as a natural disaster, resulting in loss of some type or multiple types of service. When this occurs, the community will depend on the hospital to continue to provide medical care and do everything in its power to remain operational while protecting the lives of patients, visitors and staff.

PROCEDURE:

1. The hospital will utilize the Incident Command System to manage incidents and communicate and interact with agencies involved in an emergency of hospital, community or State-wide significance.
2. The hospital will conduct and document a hazard vulnerability assessment (HVA) to identify potential emergencies within the organization and the community that could affect demand for the hospital's services or its ability to provide those services, the likelihood of those events occurring and the consequences of those events on a frequency that meets or exceeds the minimum of applicable regulatory standards.
3. The hospital will maintain a written Emergency Operations Plan that describes the response procedures to follow when an emergency occurs. The plan shall include how the hospital communicates, how it will manage resources and assets, how it will manage security and safety, how it will manage staff, how it will manage utilities, and how it will handle patient care during an emergency.
4. The hospital will conduct and document exercises to assess the Emergency Operations Plan's appropriateness, adequacy, and the effectiveness of logistics, human resources, training policies, procedures, and protocols.
5. The hospital will conduct and document an annual review of the objectives and scope of its Emergency Operations Plan.

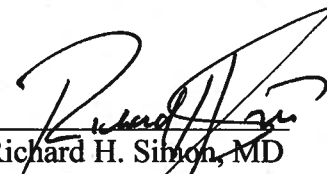
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