



Dear Resident and /or Resident Representative:

The purpose of this communication is to inform you of the Emergency Management Program that has been developed by Glendive Medical Center together with Eastern Montana Veterans Home. The scope of this plan is to provide for a program that ensures the effective mitigation, preparation, response, and recovery to disasters of emergencies affecting the environment of care. The medical center has developed an “all hazards” approach that supports a level of preparedness sufficient to address a wide range of emergencies regardless of the cause. This plan has been developed in cooperation with community emergency response agencies and is tested through internal drills as well as communitywide annual drills.

When the facility is notified of an emergency, the Administrator of EMVH and the Chief Executive Officer (or their designees) will be immediately notified. The nature of the emergency will be evaluated and it will be decided whether to activate the Emergency Operations Plan. Staff may be recalled to assist and communications will be established between EMVH and GMC.

Whenever possible the facility will shelter in place rather than evacuating residents and staff. The facility has an inventory off assets on-site that would be needed such as personal protective equipment, water, food, fuel, and pharmaceutical resources. When necessary the facility may be locked down with visitors being denied access for a period of time or required to show identification to gain entry.

If evacuation becomes necessary the resident will be relocated either to Glendive Medical Center, Sacred Heart School, or another local nursing home. Mediations, medical records, equipment, personal care items, and staff will be transferred with the residents as necessary. Families would be encouraged to consider their ability to bring a loved one home which can be less traumatic than a move to a new facility.