

## Activation Triggers

- Any public health incident occurring on a regional or catastrophic scale.
- Any incident that demands collaborative public health and medical response efforts across the region.
- Concepts described in this plan are based on pandemic influenza.

## How to Activate this Framework

- Refer to the diagram below for the Public Health Coordination Framework (PHCF) coordination phases.
- The coordination phases for this framework are as follows:

### Notification:

- Any Regional Public Health Strategic Advisory Group (RPHSAG) member can request to convene the RPHSAG via conference call.

### Response:

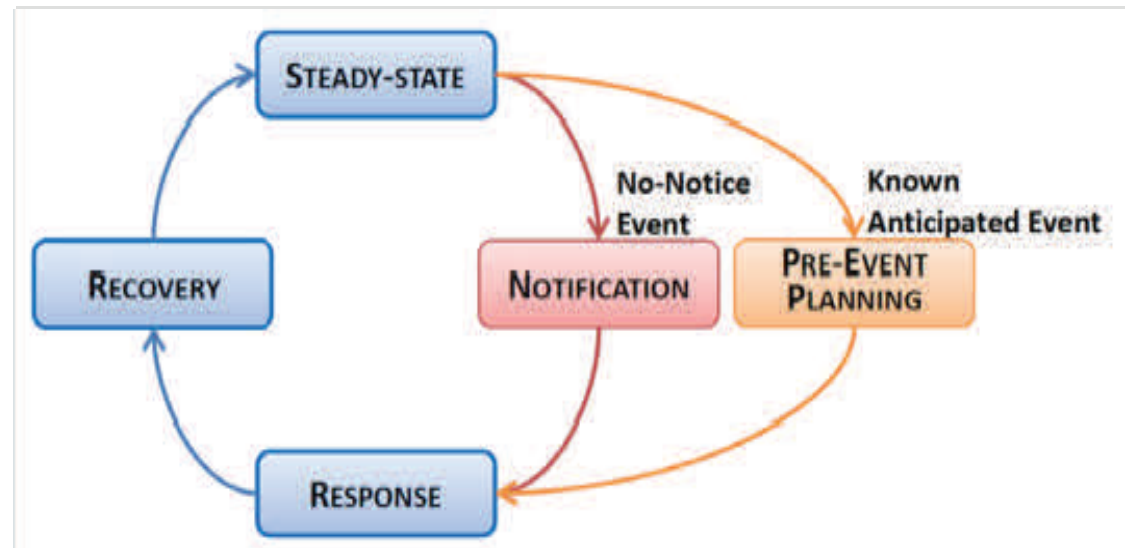
- Once activated, RPHSAG develops recommendations and supports coordination of public health response activities.
- May coordinate with regional incident-management entities.

### Recovery:

- RPHSAG coordinates the transition from response to recovery and associated recovery activities.

### Steady-State:

- Focuses on preparedness activities.



## Operational Considerations

- The RPHSAG does not supersede or replace any jurisdictional or incident management authority, nor can it assign a mission or task to jurisdictions.
  - Instead, members of RPHSAG collectively agree upon a common regional approach, which may be implemented at their respective jurisdictional level.
  - RPHSAG coordination does not change established procedures for local jurisdictions to officially request state or federal resources or assistance.
- Regional preparedness activities do not replace jurisdictional activities.
  - Instead, RPHSAG identifies regional priorities to support local preparedness activities.
- RPHSAG may discuss availability and redistribution of Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) and other medical resources from the state and federal governments if needed. Still, local and regional resources should be discussed and used first.

## Communications Considerations

- RPHSAG can schedule conference calls during any phase as needed or on a routine basis.
- Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Health Services Region (HSR) 6/5 S will serve as RPHSAG call facilitator unless the requesting member chooses to facilitate.
- Conference calls and electronic communications may be used.

## RCPI Plan Integration

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| MACC     | X |
| CMIS     | X |
| HURR-SAR | X |
| IED-SAR  | X |
| AMOPS    |   |
| CMOC     | X |
| RNEMR    | X |
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| MFM      | X |
| RECP     | X |
| TMC-FLU  | X |
| SWI      | X |