

SUMMARY OF THE DISASTER RESPONSE PLAN

MEDIC has a comprehensive plan to guide our employees in the event of a disaster that impacts our operations or donor base.

The VP & Chief Medical Officer and management staff have a copy of this plan with key contact information for appropriate resources.

Key contact information for Blood Bank/Transfusion Services is listed in the on-line resources at medicblood.org.

Hospital Services 24-hour phone number is 865-521-2640.

The Disaster Plan includes:

A. Actions to be taken in any disaster:

1. Protect donor and staff safety
2. Establish an Incident Commander and if needed, an Emergency Operations Center
3. Assess current blood inventory at hospitals and the blood center, and estimate future needs
4. Establish communications with hospitals, media, donors, employees, and emergency management agencies
5. Establish alternate transportation or supply sources if needed for blood, test samples, reagents and employees

B. Guidelines to be used in the event of:

1. Blood shortages
2. Potential donors exceed the need for blood or the ability to collect and process the blood
3. Blood center destroyed or uninhabitable
4. Sustained computer downtime at blood center resulting in manual record-keeping
5. Mass casualties and/or major hospital is unavailable

In the event of a local or national disaster, MEDIC would coordinate with the AABB Clearinghouse and Disaster Preparedness Committee on obtaining blood from other sources if needed, or sharing blood in the event of a disaster that occurs elsewhere.

MEDIC routinely tests our disaster response plans. MEDIC participates in a regional emergency response planning group that includes hospital and health care partners.