# **Emergency Preparedness** Pathway Overview



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#### **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PATHWAY**

Disasters can be both naturally occurring and man-made. Public health emergencies can fall under each of these categories. Response to a public health emergency often includes the distribution of medicine to the community. Hamilton County communities have a partnership with Hamilton County Public Health (HCPH) to respond to these public health emergencies by establishing Points of Dispensing (POD) sites that provide medication to residents where they live, work, and learn.

#### **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PATHWAY GOAL**

To improve the community's capacity to respond in the event of a public health emergency.

#### STRATEGIES TO IMPROVE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

- Review and exercise POD plans
- Train core staff to manage POD
- Recruit community volunteers
- Educate the community about personal preparedness