

## **Emergency Preparedness and Epidemiology**

Age Requirements

No Age Requirement

Available 24/7

No

Intake Contact

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Intake Contact Email

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Intake Process

Most services require an appointment, please call ahead.

Intake Contact Telephone

(434) 477-5941

Provider Refer

Yes

Report Problems

Call the Agency

Residency Requirements

Services are for the residents of Appomattox County

Self Refer

Yes

Appomattox County Health Department

<https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/central-virginia/health-department-locations/>

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Main

(434) 352-2313

475 Court Street

24522 VA

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Monday: 8:15 am-4:45 pm

Tuesday: 8:15 am-4:45 pm

Wednesday: 8:15 am-4:45 pm

Thursday: 8:15 am-4:45 pm

Friday: 8:15 am-4:45 pm

Saturday: Closed  
Sunday: Closed  
Languages Spoken  
English

The mission of the Virginia Department of Health's Office of Emergency Preparedness (OEP) is to effectively respond to any emergency impacting public health through preparation, collaboration, education, and rapid intervention. The Central Virginia Health Department's Emergency Preparedness and Response involves state, regional, and local emergency response partners working together to enhance readiness response for all hazards, including bioterrorism, infectious disease outbreaks, and other public health emergencies. Some response measures include:

- Hazard mitigation planning
- Mass prophylaxis dispensing to limit disease transmission
- Serving as the district liaison for all-hazard emergency preparedness activities

Another component of Emergency Preparedness is Epidemiology. The Health Department's Epidemiologist works with partners and applies epidemiological principles to infectious diseases affecting the citizens in healthcare settings and the community, with the mission of improving patient-level outcomes and protecting the population.

In collaboration with the Virginia Department of Health's Division of Surveillance and Investigation (DSI), the staff provides surveillance, investigation, and follow-up of communicable diseases that are reportable by medical providers and laboratories.

These include:

- Community outreach, education, and in-service training
- Sexually transmitted disease (STD) treatment, counseling, and referral
- Childhood and adult immunizations, counseling, and referral

Service Area(s)  
Appomattox County  
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