

ARE YOU READY?

The Alexandria Health Department strives to ensure that the citizens of Alexandria are ready for all types of health emergencies. The following is a very brief questionnaire based on the kinds of events the federal Department of Homeland Security indicates all citizens should be ready to handle.

For each of the potential events listed below, write *YES*, *NO*, or *NOT SURE* to indicate whether you believe you are “ready” at home and at work (if applicable) if these kinds of emergencies were to occur.

EVENT	AT HOME	AT WORK
Fire		
Severe weather warning		
Gas leak		
Explosion nearby		
Plague case at the hospital		
Radiological release 50 miles away		
Anthrax powder discovered downtown		
Announcement that a dispensing site is to be opened		
Botulism found in food at a local restaurant		
Announcement that City water is contaminated		
A chlorine tank explosion in your neighborhood		
A toxic spill on the Interstate		
Flu becomes a pandemic		
Two cases of smallpox are announced		

The “right” answer is the truthful one. Based on the responses we receive, we will be presenting information to fill the knowledge gaps. To return this questionnaire, fax it to (703) 838-4038, or email it back as an attachment, to john.Clizbe@vdh.virginia.gov.

You can also mail it to us, care of Dr. John Clizbe, Alexandria Health Department, 4480 King Street, Alexandria, VA, 22302. Thank you.