



## California Health Alert Network (CAHAN)

### FAQ's

#### 1. What is CAHAN?

The California Health Alert Network (CAHAN) is the State of California's official public health emergency preparedness information sharing program. It is part of a national Health Alert Network (HAN) founded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in 1999. The web-based CAHAN application (a program of the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Emergency Preparedness Office (EPO) allows participants to:

- Distribute and receive health alerts
- Share prevention and treatment guidelines
- Coordinate disease investigation efforts
- Conduct preparedness planning

#### 2. What is the purpose of CAHAN?

To have the ability to receive and confirm CAHAN alerts from state and local government during emergencies, urgent events, disasters, and transmit relevant information about emergency issues to public health and medical partners. CAHAN also provides a central collaborative work environment for health and medical emergency partners to securely share and store confidential and sensitive information.

#### 3. Who participates in CAHAN?

Currently, there are close to 33,000 users participating in the California Health Alert Network. CAHAN participants include the following organizations:

- Local Health Departments
- Medical Providers
- Hospitals
- Clinics
- Long-Term Care Facilities
- First Responders
- Law Enforcements
- Schools
- Surgical Centers
- Dialysis Centers
- City Emergency Managers
- California Department of Public Health
- California Department of Health Care Services
- California Health and Human Services Agency
- California Emergency Management Agency
- Emergency Medical Services Authority

#### 4. How can I participate in CAHAN?

Contact your Local Health Alert Network Coordinator for the CAHAN Request Application form.

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