



WHAT IS ESF?

ESF stands for Emergency Support Function. There are 15 ESFs that have been established by the federal government. The one that applies to public health is ESF 8, “Public Health and Medical Services.”

The State of CT, Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, (DEMHS) has divided the state of CT into 5 Regions. Each region has an ESF 8 committee. Quinnipiack Valley Health District is located in Region 2.

Region 2 ESF8 is a group of agencies with public health and medical emergency response responsibilities within a CT designated area for pre-incident planning and coordination of agency efforts throughout an incident. They are not responsible for command and control of an incident, but are a resource tool for the Incident Commander.