

# Family Partnerships of Central Florida

## POLICY

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<b>Procedure Name:</b>	Public Health Emergencies	<b>CFOP:</b>
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<b>Applicable to:</b>	Family Partnerships of Central Florida (FPOCF) Governance and Advisory Board of Directors, All Family Partnerships of Central Florida Staff, Officers, Volunteers and Contracted Providers	

**SUBJECT:** Planning for Public Health Emergencies

**PURPOSE:** To set forth FPOCF Public Health Emergency and Epidemic/Pandemic strategic planning as it relates to uncontrollable outbreaks that impact the family of agencies and system of care partners.

**References:** GOV203 Risk Management, RQ509 Planning for Large Epidemics and Pandemics

### **Definitions:**

**Outbreak:** A sudden rise in the number of cases of a disease. An outbreak may occur in a community or geographical area or may affect several countries. It may last for a few days or weeks, or even for several years.

**Epidemic:** A sudden outbreak of a disease in a certain geographical area or the rapid spread of disease to a large number of people in a given population.

**Pandemic:** An outbreak of a disease that has spread across several countries or continents or a disease that is prevalent over a whole country or the world.

### **POLICY:**

FPOCF is the non-profit Community Based Care (CBC) lead agency charged with the care and protection of Brevard, Seminole, Orange, and Osceola County, Florida's abused, abandoned, and neglected children. This policy outlines the plan if Brevard, Seminole, Orange, and Osceola County is impacted by Public Health Emergencies, and Epidemic/Pandemic or Outbreak that impacts its System of Care and operational capacity to meet its mission objectives.

It is the expectation that FPOCF will continue to provide seamless provision of services and support to the children and families that are under the purview of the agency during such an event. This policy addresses the plan of action to mitigate the risk associated with the type of environmental situation.

FPOCF will follow the COSO Enterprise Risk Management framework (ERM) as outlined in GOV203, and procedure RQ509 Planning for Large Epidemics and Pandemics to identify and diminish potential risk exposure from Public Health Emergencies, an Epidemic/Pandemic, or outbreak that has a significant impact on the local or global environment and to formulate a strategic response where the risk acceptance is mitigated by the actions of Executive, Leadership and the FPOCF Governance Board of Directors.

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In the event of a local, National or Global environmental incident, FPOCF will manage its Business Operations related to Public Health Emergencies and Epidemics and Pandemics in collaboration with the Department of Children and Families (DCF), Florida Coalition for Children (FCC), State and Local Governmental Agencies, Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and local health department guidance. The plan will include but is not limited to:

- Establish a task force.
- Formulate a communication plan.
- Delegate responsibilities to appropriate leadership.
- Create a regular meeting schedule with the FPOCF Governance Board Chair or designee.
- Implement Service Provisions based on guidance from DCF/CDC and other State and Local Government directives.

In the event that the public health emergency and the recovery period is prolonged, the President and Chief Executive Officer in collaboration with the FPOCF Governance Board of Directors will devise a short-and long-term plan that will sustain the organization and promote success in meeting its mission of protecting Brevard County's children and families.

Approved by the Family Partnerships of Central Florida Governance Board of Directors on August 28, 2025.

AS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF  
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