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## *City of Milwaukee Makes Public Health and Bio-Terrorism Information Available by Phone and on Web*

While 911 remains as a telephone number for citizens to call in the event of emergencies and suspected terrorist threats, public health hotline is available for providing and receiving information concerning bio-terrorism planning and preparedness

The City of Milwaukee Health Department has established a telephone hotline number, 414-286-3616 for individuals and medical personnel to alert health officials to possible public health issues and concerns. Those with questions about public health matters including those related to bio-terrorism may also call this number for information. **However, callers needing to report a medical emergency or suspected terrorism threat are advised to call 911.**

The hotline number is staffed Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. After working hours or weekends, callers hear a recording reminding them to dial 911 in cases of medical emergencies and suspected terrorist threats and to call the City Hall operator at 414-286-3000 to forward any messages regarding urgent public health concerns. This information will then be directed to an on-call public health official.

For around-the-clock information on bio-terrorism and other health concerns, citizens are also encouraged to visit the Health Department website at [www.milwaukee.gov/health](http://www.milwaukee.gov/health). Current links include retrieving information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other organizations on smallpox, anthrax and protecting buildings from airborne contaminants.

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