

Emergency Response Procedures

Assistance for after-hour emergencies (e.g., human exposure to a potentially rabid animal) is available through the Illinois Department of Public Health's statewide emergency response system. In these special cases, arrangements can be made to submit samples/specimens or to report public health emergencies by calling

Springfield area	217-782-7860
Outside Springfield area	800-782-7860
TTY (hearing impaired use only)	800-547-0466

The Illinois Department of Public Health's emergency officer will give you further instructions. If warranted, the emergency officer will arrange to have the closest Illinois Department of Public Health laboratory open to receive the samples/specimens and to begin testing that same day.