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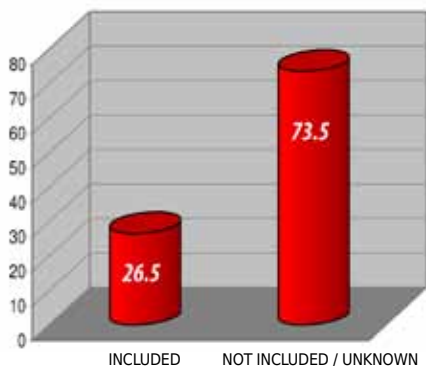
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Emergency Preparedness

Local Emergency and Pandemic Influenza Planning Process

Percent of urban Indian health organizations (UIHO) included in their Local Emergency and Pandemic Influenza Planning Process

Based on survey of Executive Directors, 2006



Emergency preparedness is a vital function of health departments, hospitals and clinics in identifying unexpected events that may impact their community. Connecting with local agencies involved in preparedness planning can lead to improved coordination during a crisis.

According to a 2006 survey of urban Indian health organization (UIHO) Executive Directors, 26.5% reported that they were included in local emergency and pandemic influenza planning processes. The remaining respondents were not included in local efforts or status is unknown. A number of those who reported not being included expressed interest in participating.

Many local and state health departments offer information and materials for personal preparedness planning for local disaster events, which can be helpful for staff and patients during the winter storm season.

For links to your local and state health department emergency preparedness programs, please visit <http://www.uihi.org/urban-indian-health-organization-profiles/> and select your service area.

To share your local emergency and pandemic influenza planning process experiences, please email info@uihi.org.
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