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September is National Preparedness Month

[Florence, WI] – Disasters and emergencies can happen at any time. Are you ready? Florence County Health Department would like to remind residents to prepare their family for all types of emergencies including weather events. Know what disasters can affect our area and make sure your family has a plan and practice it often. Based off the 2023 Hazard Vulnerability Assessment, Florence County's risks include extreme weather, power outages, pandemics and major communication disruptions.

National Preparedness Month is observed each September to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for emergencies. Ready.gov reminds individuals to assess your needs, make a plan and engage your support network. If you or a family member has physical, emotional or medical needs, remember to pack these in your family's go-bag; build a kit with everyone in mind. Other items to include in the go-bag are bottled water for each person, batteries, blankets, perishable foods (including a can opener), medications, cell phones, and don't forget your pets! Making an emergency evacuation plan of when, where and what to better prepare your family and reduce unwanted stress an emergency situation may cause. Share each aspect of your emergency plan with everyone in your support network, including neighbors and relatives. Write down contact information to bring in your go-bag, too.

For more information, visit www.ready.gov or the Florence County Health Department can be reached at 715-528-4837, located in the Courthouse at 501 Lake Avenue or visit our website at https://florencewipublichealth.com. Open Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Need health insurance? Visit access.wi.gov to see if you qualify for benefits.

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