

## WHAT CAN CAHAN DO FOR MY ORGANIZATION?

- **Alerting**  
Send alerts to alpha-numeric pager, email, fax, and phone devices.
- **Custom Groups**  
Enroll partners to fit your public health emergency planning and response needs.
- **Directory**  
Find contact information for CAHAN participants.
- **Document Library**  
Store and share emergency preparedness materials (call-down lists, drill and exercise documents, and response plans).
- **High Availability**  
Access the secure, web-based system on a 24x7x365 basis via the Internet.

## HOW CAN I BECOME A CAHAN PARTICIPANT?

The CAHAN Team is available to conduct demonstrations, presentations, meetings, trainings, and various workshops.

The CAHAN Team will work directly with your organization to discuss your CAHAN business and training needs.

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# California Health Alert Network (CAHAN)

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**CAHAN**  
California HEALTH ALERT NETWORK



## EXAMPLES OF CAHAN PARTICIPANTS

- Federal Agencies
- Border Jurisdictions (Oregon, Nevada, Arizona, Mexico)
- California Government Agencies
- California Department of Public Health
- California Department of Health Care Services
- Emergency Medical Services Authority
- Local Emergency Medical Services Agencies
- Local Health Departments
- Long-Term Care Facilities
- Indian Health Clinics
- Law Enforcement
- First Responders
- Hospitals
- Schools
- Clinics

## WHAT IS CAHAN?

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) requires each state to have a Health Alert Network (HAN). The California Department of Public Health's Emergency Preparedness Office implemented the California Health Alert Network (CAHAN) in 2003 as the State of California's official public health emergency alerting system.

CAHAN is a secure web-based information and communications system available on a 24x7x365 basis for distribution of health alerts, dissemination of prevention guidelines, coordination of disease investigation efforts, preparedness planning, and other initiatives that strengthen state and local preparedness.

The Emergency Preparedness Office administers CAHAN to facilitate alerting and collaboration between federal, state, local health departments, clinics, hospitals, long term care facilities, Indian Health clinics, and other public health emergency partners.

CAHAN also provides a central collaborative work environment for public health emergency partners to securely share and store confidential and sensitive information.



You can receive CAHAN alerts via alpha-numeric pager, e-mail, fax, Personal Digital Assistant (PDA), phone (landline and cellular), or directly on the CAHAN portal.