

Workers' Benefits: Public Health Response Team

Iowa Code 135.143(3)

A registered member of a public health response team will be considered an employee of the state and will not be held legally responsible for damage to property or personal injuries. They will also receive workers' compensation if they are injured or killed while performing their duties.

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3. A member of a public health response team acting pursuant to this division of this chapter shall be considered an employee of the state under section 29C.21 and chapter 669, shall be afforded protection as an employee of the state under section 669.21, and shall be considered an employee of the state for purposes of workers' compensation, disability, and death benefits, provided that the member has done all of the following:
 - a. Registered with and received approval to serve on a public health response team from the department.
 - b. Provided direct medical care or other support services during a disaster, threatened disaster, or other incident described in subsection 1; or participated in a training exercise to prepare for a disaster or other incident described in subsection 1.