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## Stay Connected

Before, during, after a crisis,  
go to OneNet's Emergency Preparedness page

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**FORT LEE, Va.** – H1N1, also known as swine flu, has grabbed headlines as everyone from school administrators to corporate CEOs scramble to prepare their organizations for the worst – a pandemic influenza that could mutate into a larger outbreak during the fall and winter flu season.

At the Defense Commissary Agency, employees can find out the latest information on the agency's crisis procedures for pandemics, bad weather, or any natural or man-made event by going to OneNet's "Emergency Preparedness" page. What's more, they can even access the DeCA intranet page from home or on the road.

"It's vital that employees stay current about preparing for a potential crisis, what happens when it occurs or what's required of them afterwards," said James "Jay" Hudson, director of performance and policy. "The Emergency Preparedness page is their first stop for staying connected to breaking news and procedures."

DeCA employees can click on this link, [https://www.commissaries.com/employees/resource\\_center/emergency\\_preparedness/](https://www.commissaries.com/employees/resource_center/emergency_preparedness/), to access the following information and procedures on OneNet related to any crisis, including H1N1:

- Download posters that illustrate best practice methods;

- Access to Web links to other government organizations. In the case of H1N1, OneNet has a link to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services site that carries a wealth of information on the pandemic;
- Read agency policies on related topics such as teleworking and sick leave;
- Locate contact information for members of the headquarters Emergency Preparedness Integrated Process Action Team.

Employees are asked to check the Emergency Preparation page frequently for updates on crisis procedures, preventive measures and other news they can use in response to any emergency. Future additions will include a comprehensive H1N1 store briefing template and an information pamphlet on H1N1 adapted for employees and their families.

To access OneNet from home or on the road, you must first go on the site and create an account.

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**About DeCA:** *The Defense Commissary Agency operates a worldwide chain of commissaries providing groceries to military personnel, retirees and their families in a safe and secure shopping environment. Authorized patrons purchase items at cost plus a 5-percent surcharge, which covers the costs of building new commissaries and modernizing existing ones. Shoppers save an average of more than 30 percent on their purchases compared to commercial prices – savings worth about \$3,400 annually for a family of four. A core military family support element, and a valued part of military pay and benefits, commissaries contribute to family readiness, enhance the quality of life for America's military and their families, and help recruit and retain the best and brightest men and women to serve their country.*