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## Community Invited to “*Be Ready Bash*”

Emergency Preparedness Event Includes FREE Flu Vaccines

**EL PASO, Texas**—In recognition of National Preparedness Month, the Department of Public Health and the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) invites the community to the “Be Ready Bash” from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday, September 6, at Veterans Park, 5301 Salem Dr.

“We may not be able to predict every disaster or emergency we experience, but we have the opportunity to be proactive before, during, and after an emergency strikes. Preparedness allows us to reduce the impacts of a disaster not only to us as individuals, but as a whole community,” said Chief Kevin Dieter, Emergency Management Coordinator for the El Paso Office Emergency Management.

This free, family-friendly event will feature live demonstrations, interactive booths, and practical tips to help residents prepare for emergencies such as floods, high winds, and more. Attendees will also find resources on health, wellness, and pet preparedness.

**The first 200 attendees will receive a free emergency kit, and additional giveaways will be raffled throughout the morning.**

“We are excited to bring the community together and provide valuable information on how to keep their entire family, including their pets, safe in case of an emergency,” said Public Health Director Vinny Taneja. “By actively participating in National Preparedness Month, we strengthen our resilience and ability to respond effectively to emergencies.”

As part of the City’s Be POWERflu campaign, the Department of Public Health and the El Paso Fire Department will also provide FREE flu vaccines to individuals 6 months of age and older.

Free flu shots are additionally available at El Paso Community Clinics, open Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed noon to 1 p.m. and weekends). A full list of clinic locations is available at [www.BePowerFlu.com](http://www.BePowerFlu.com).

For more information on National Preparedness Month, including tips and resources visit [EPHealth.com](http://EPHealth.com) under the Emergency Preparedness [National Preparedness Month](#) tab and OEM’s website [ElPasoReady.org](http://ElPasoReady.org).

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### **ABOUT NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH**

National Preparedness Month is recognized nationwide every September to promote family and community disaster planning now and throughout the year. Residents are strongly encouraged to talk about their family’s emergency plan and have one ready for everyone in the household including pets!



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Among All Members of the Community

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