

## 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**  
Securely 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 SAN DIEGO PARTICIPANT?

A CAHAN San Diego application may be submitted at <http://www.cahansandiego.com>. A CAHAN San Diego application must be submitted and approved prior to CAHAN San Diego participation.

The State CAHAN Team is available to conduct demonstrations, presentations, meetings, trainings, and various workshops. Upcoming CAHAN training sessions schedules and enrollment can be accessed at [www.cahanworkshops.com](http://www.cahanworkshops.com).

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(CAHAN)

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**CAHAN**  
California HEALTH ALERT NETWORK



## EXAMPLES OF CAHAN SAN DIEGO PARTICIPANTS

- Public health and safety officials
- Physicians (especially those with specialties in infectious disease, emergency medicine and primary care)
- Nurses (especially those with specialties in infectious disease, emergency medicine and primary care)
- Infection control practitioners
- Laboratory directors and managers
- Pharmacy directors and managers
- Hospital public information officers
- Long Term Care Facilities
- Community Clinics
- Indian Health Clinics
- First Responders
- School healthcare providers
- Others approved by the County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency

## 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/or sensitive information.



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