Questions for Law: State and Federal Actions in Disasters: Who's on First?

1. Which is correct for the roles of Federal, State and Local authorities in disaster response?
   1. Federal government provides funding and dictates how state and local governments distribute Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) materiel
   2. State government is responsible for managing and distributing SNS materiel to local authorities
   3. Local governments design and implement disaster response independent of federal and state guidance
   4. Local and regional partnerships are dictated and managed by the federal government
2. How did the current (2019) PHEP agreement changes affect pharmacy?
   1. It created liability immunity for pharmacists and staff during a Public Health Emergency
   2. It focused on the mass dispensing of antibiotics
   3. It shifted priority from PODs to POVs and included pharmacies as sites of dispensing and administration
   4. It designated pharmacists as the sole dispensers of Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) materiel
3. Which of the following would be considered a poor disaster response plan?
   1. Having a requirement and guideline that all agencies communicate with each other
   2. Having species-specific plan for evacuation or safe space of animals
   3. Having a risk management plan for drought
   4. Having a plan allowing individuals to donate unused medications
4. What are the positive ramifications of a state or local authority declaring a public health emergency?
   1. Public Health Emergency Response Act (PHERA) confers immunity from liability to staff and volunteers acting on behalf of the state or local health department
   2. The Governor can act without unnecessary delay to take measures to protect the public’s health
   3. It triggers federal resources, such as access to and distribution of SNS materiel
   4. All of the above
5. What is a potential negative consequence of “disaster tourism”?
   1. Tourist may become enthusiastic disaster volunteer and end up needing rescue
   2. Large volume of disaster tourists can increase financial support to local economy
   3. Disaster tourists use up resources which should be prioritized for those in need
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