



Folkhälsomyndigheten
PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY OF SWEDEN



Structure and Organization of Health Security Services in Sweden

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Health emergency management

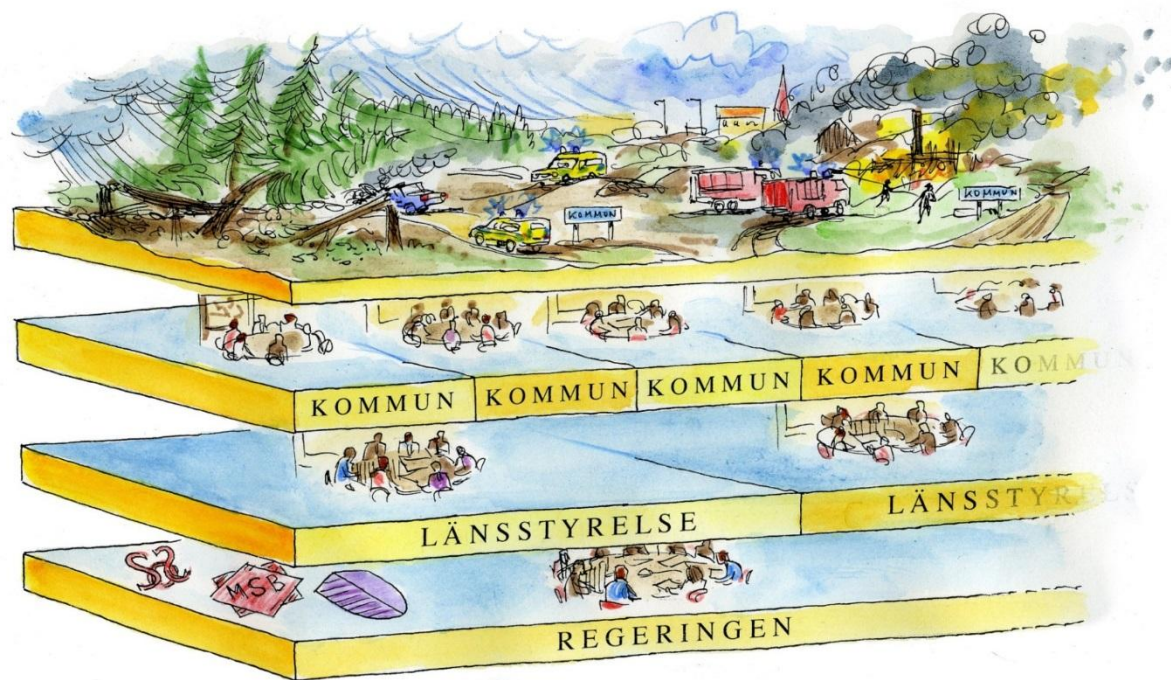
Similar management of health incident irrespective of reason for crisis

3 levels of management

Municipalities
290

Counties
21

Governmental
agencies



Guiding principles for crisis management

Decentralised system of management

- Proximity
- Responsibility
- Equality

Relies on close collaboration between relevant public and private stakeholders, and with scientists and experts.

Local and regional level

- Preparedness planning – risk and vulnerability analysis as well as local preparedness planning
- Operational response – first responders, irrespective of hazard: rescue services, health services and police services
- Coordination – the county administrative boards and the municipalities within their geographic area

National level

- The governmental agencies have a responsibility to plan and prepare for managing crisis, to prevent vulnerabilities and resist threats and risks within their area of responsibility
- Crisis management is based on a collaborative approach, across sectors (and levels)
- Support to the local/regional level through guidance and coordination

Example from Public Health area: Imported case of MERS

Local level

Health Care providers

First response

Notifiable disease

Regional Communicable Disease Protection Unit

- Investigates
- Advice on management of patient
- contact tracing and containment actions
- Report to national level

Imported Case of MERS continued

National level

National Board of Health and Welfare

International reporting

Guidance to local units

National response coordination

Public Health Agency of Sweden

Expert advice and investigation assistance

National epidemiological surveillance

Diagnostics – rare pathogens, high security