

Good afternoon,

I am sharing the information below on behalf of Secretary Cook with the hope it will help us rally participation across state government. If you could please share this information with your employees to get the word out, we would be most appreciative.

A portion of Arkansas lies within the New Madrid fault, making the chances of an earthquake occurring in the state of Arkansas very probable. If this happens, the effects could be felt across the state. With this in mind, we want Arkansans to be prepared. The best way to do that is to develop and exercise your earthquake plan. Please help us spread awareness and encourage everyone to take part in a nationwide earthquake drill. At 10:20 a.m. on October 20, 2022, millions of people will “Drop, Cover, and Hold On” in The Great Central U.S. ShakeOut, the region’s largest earthquake drill ever!

All individuals, families, schools, hospitals, businesses, and government agencies are encouraged to participate, either on their own or as part of a larger group. If you can’t take part in the 10/10 drill, please feel free to conduct a drill at any time convenient for you.

Major earthquakes may happen anywhere you live, work, or travel. The ShakeOut is our chance to practice how to protect ourselves, and for everyone to become prepared. The goal is to prevent a major earthquake from becoming a catastrophe for you, your organization, and your community.

Why is a “Drop, Cover, and Hold On” drill important? To respond quickly you must practice often. You may only have seconds to protect yourself in an earthquake before strong shaking knocks you down, or something falls on you.

Register at <https://www.shakeout.org/register/> to be counted as participating.



Thank you,
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