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Keeping Justice Open

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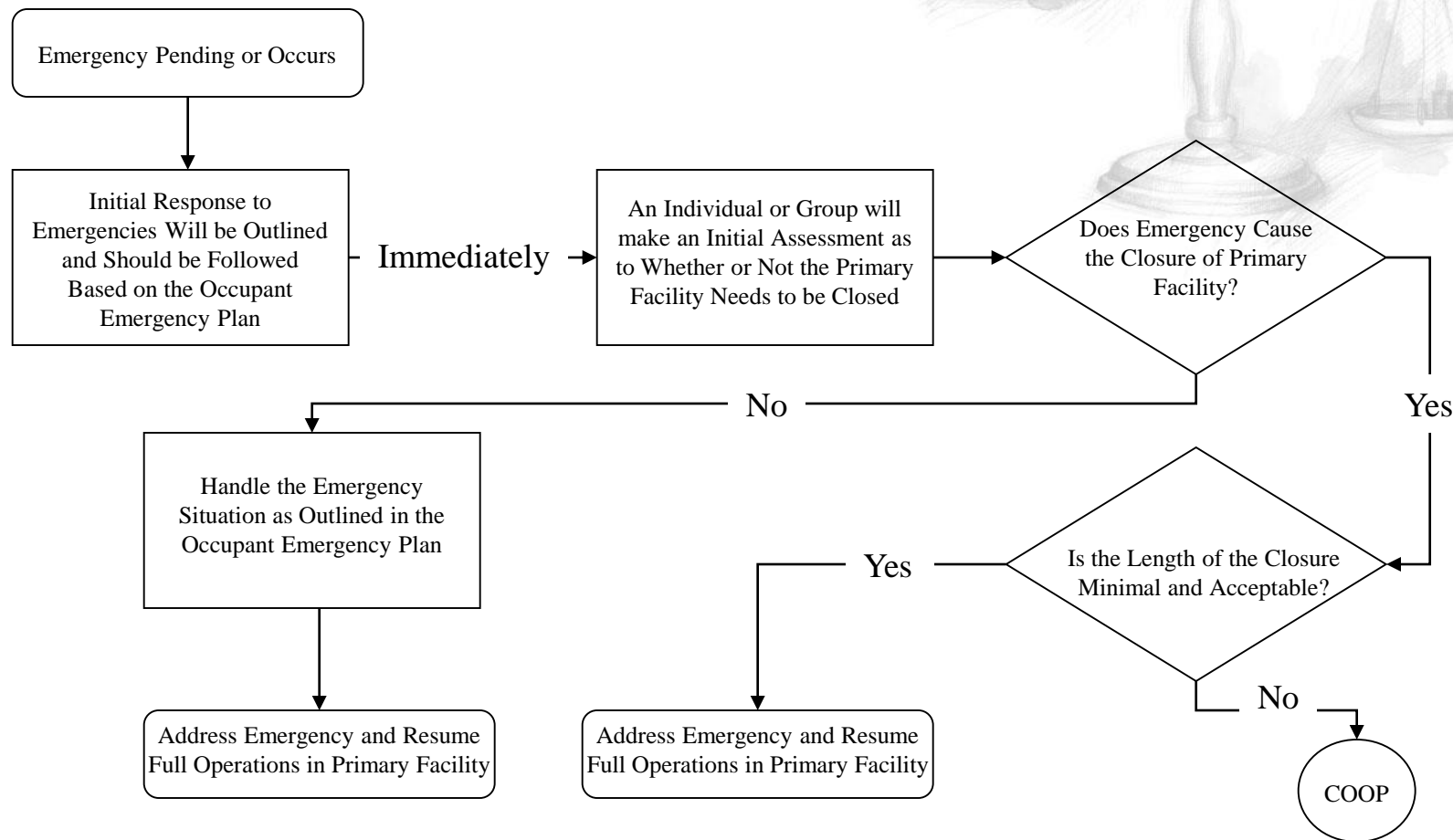
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Presentation Overview

- All You Need to Know (Two Slides)
- Key Elements of Court Emergency Planning (One Slide)
- War Stories (Three Stories)
- Policy Consideration (One Slide)
- Bonus Material (Time and Interest Permitting)



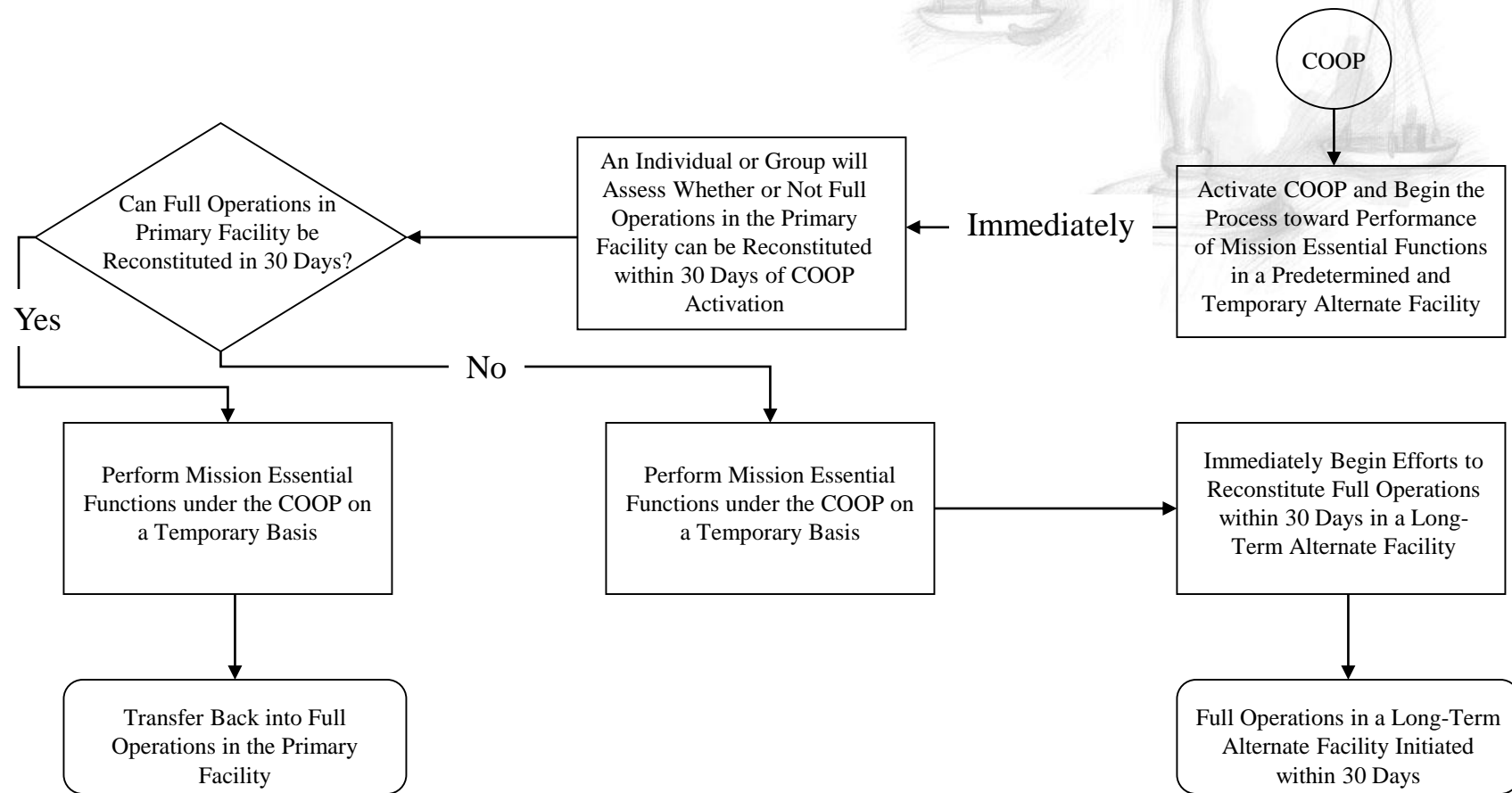
Occupant Emergency Plan



Note: Occupant Emergency Plans are also known as Evacuation Plans, Emergency Incident Plans, Administrative and Emergency Procedures, Emergency Action Plans, and numerous other titles.



Continuity of Operations Plan



Note: IT Business Continuity Plans must be developed to support COOP implementation.



Key Elements of Court Emergency Planning

1. Address Leadership Issues
2. Dedicate Staff
3. Build and Strengthen Collaborative Relationships
4. Develop Redundant Communications
5. Develop a Self-Sufficient Workforce
6. Write the Plans
7. Test, Exercise, and Maintain
8. Semper Gumby

“Plans are worthless, but planning is everything.”
-- Dwight D. Eisenhower



Note: These key elements are based on guidance published by the National Center for State Courts following Hurricane Sandy.

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Hurricane Ivan – September 2004



PENSACOLA News Journal
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2004

Ivan's fury
A keepsake of the events of September 16, 2004

Residents of Northwest Florida woke up that Thursday morning to a different world. During the night — a long, scary night by all accounts — a Category 3 hurricane devastated the Pensacola Bay Area. This edition showcases the best work of Pensacola News Journal photographers and journalists who worked non-stop documenting the damage. It captures the debilitating assault in words and pictures. So we don't forget.

Nightmare **'Devastating'** **We need help** **Coming back**

72-PAGE COMMEMORATIVE EDITION ON HURRICANE IVAN

Pensacola News Journal



Hurricane Ivan – September 2004



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The Downtown Streets of Pensacola Florida



Courthouse Damage



M.C. Blanchard Courthouse in Pensacola Florida

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Alternate Facility



The Pensacola Civic Center



Mission Essential Functions at the Alternate Facility



Justice Barbara J. Pariente Reviews the Response to Hurricane Ivan



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Courtrooms at the Alternate Facility



Courtroom with Jury Box at the Alternate Facility



Hallways at the Alternate Facility



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Courts are Open at the Civic Center in Pensacola Florida



Courtrooms at the Alternate Facility



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Judge Thomas Johnson Holds Court at the Alternate Facility



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Long-Term Alternate Facilities



Judicial Trailer Park



A Bad News Cycle



Charlotte County
Judicial Center



Suspicious Package/Powder
Punta Gorda
January 6-8, 2004

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

SUSPICIOUS MAIL ALERT

If you receive a suspicious letter or package:

1 Handle with care. Don't shake or bump.

2 Isolate it immediately.

3 Don't open, smell, touch or taste.

4 Treat it as suspect. Call local law enforcement authorities.

If a parcel is open and/or a threat is identified . . .

For a Bomb:
Evacuate immediately
Call 911
Contact Postal Inspectors
Call local law enforcement/911/911

For Radiological:
Evacuate
Lock Exposure - Don't Breathe
Remove from Area
Shield Yourself from Heat
Call 911
Contact Postal Inspectors
Call local law enforcement/911/911

For Biological or Chemical:
Evacuate - Don't Breathe
Remove from Area
Wash Your Hands With Soap and Warm Water
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Collaboration Pays Off



Santa Rosa County Courthouse in Milton Florida

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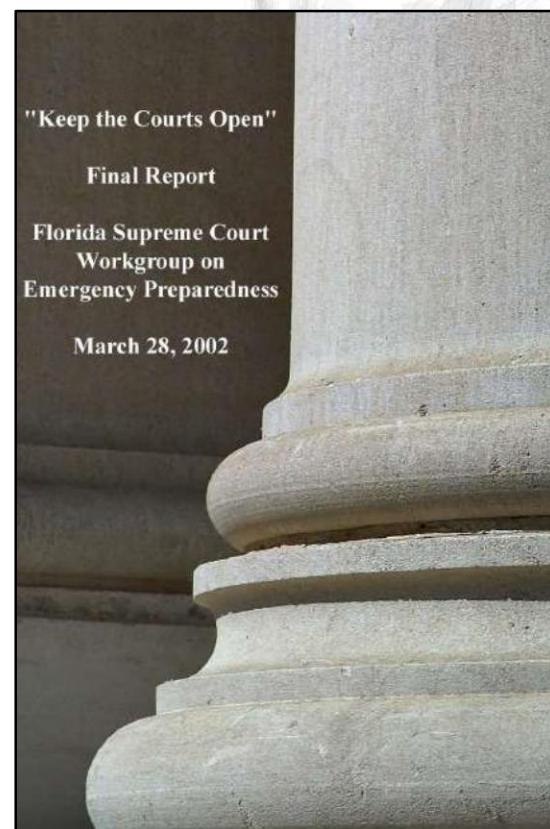


Santa Rosa County Courthouse in Milton Florida

Policy Consideration

Policy Goals for the Florida State Courts

- We must deal with crises in a way that protects the health and safety of everyone inside our facilities.
- We must “keep the courts open” to ensure justice for the people.





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Bonus Material – Time and Interest
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Dale Benefield Stewart v. State of Florida

First DCA Case: 02-0362
(Holmes County Case: 00-169CF)



Holmes County Courthouse



Old First DCA Courthouse

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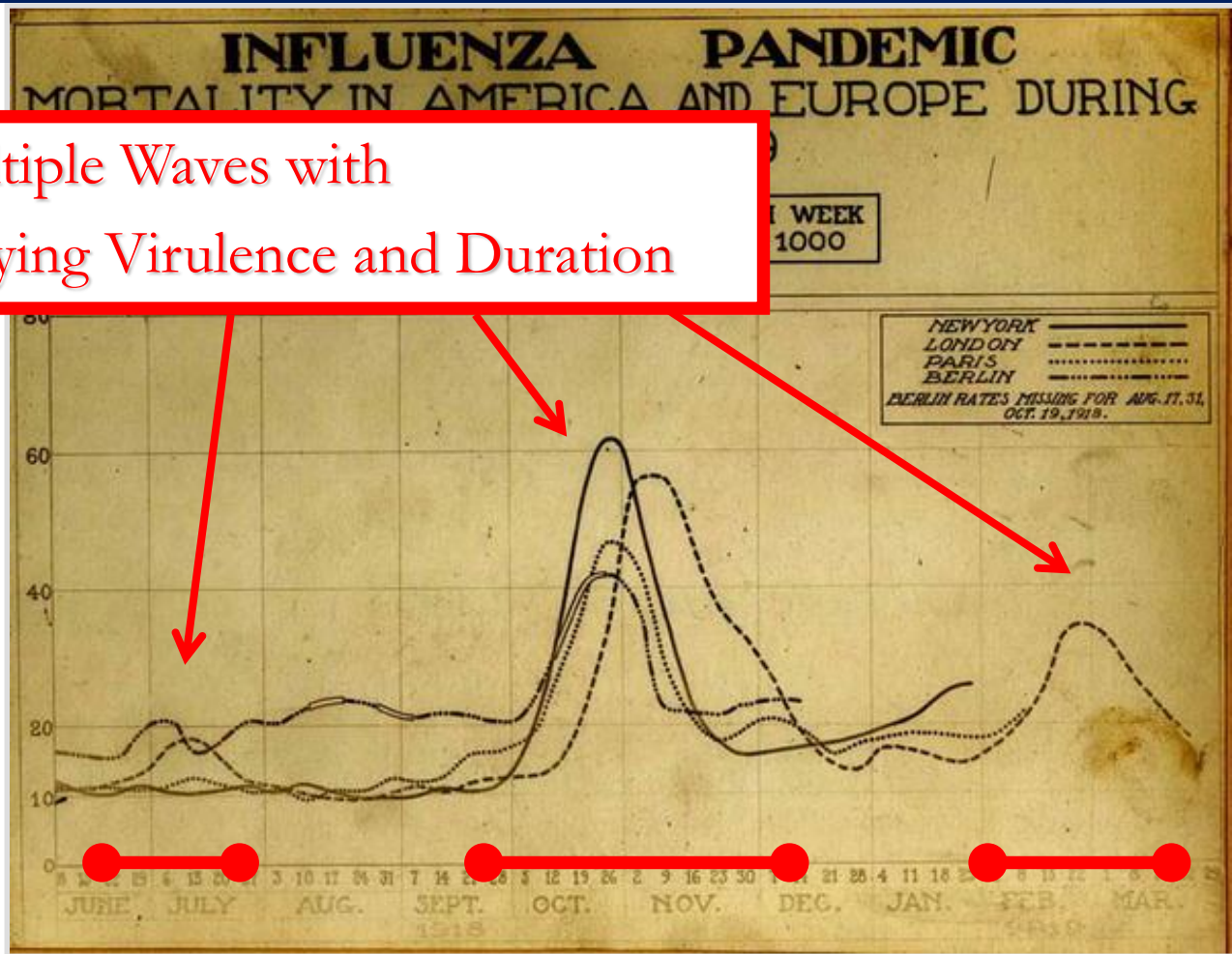
<p>For a Bomb: Evacuate immediately Call Police Contact Postal Inspectors Call Local Fire Department/HAZMAT Unit</p>	<p>For Radioisotopes: Limit Exposure - Don't Handle Evacuate Area Shield Yourself From Object Call Police Contact Postal Inspectors Call Local Fire Department/HAZMAT Unit</p>	<p>For Biological or Chemical: Isolate - Don't Handle Evacuate Immediately Wash Your Hands With Soap and Warm Water Call Police Contact Postal Inspectors Call Local Fire Department/HAZMAT Unit</p>
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Suspicious Package/Powder
Bonifay
October 18, 2001



Pandemic – A Unique Hazard

Multiple Waves with Varying Virulence and Duration



Historic Chart Showing Mortality Rates in America and Europe during 1918 and 1919

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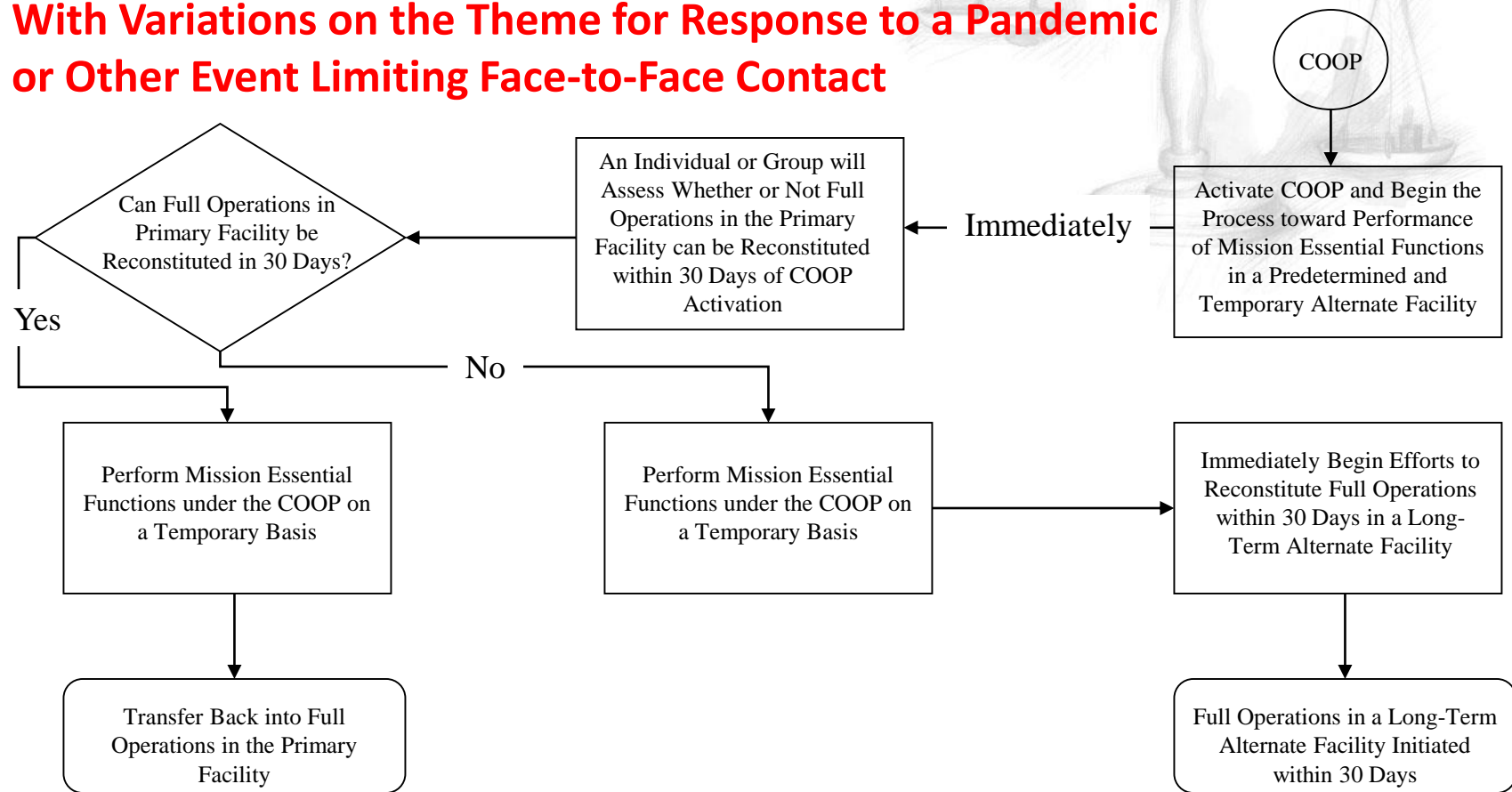
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(Photo: Image "Reeve 3143," National Museum of Health and Medicine, Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, Washington, D.C.)



Continuity of Operations Plan

With Variations on the Theme for Response to a Pandemic or Other Event Limiting Face-to-Face Contact



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