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Tuesday, 10:30 a.m.: Residents in **[your community]** and the surrounding area experience a magnitude 6.5 earthquake along the **[insert name of fault line]**. Initial reports estimate the quake to have been felt for a 60-mile radius around the epicenter. The quake causes several ruptures of major highways and numerous bridges, and overpasses suffer damage. The strong shaking also sends landslides across rails and along roads, stranding travelers. Upwards of 60 percent of local residents are without power, and a water main break near the center of town causes localized flooding.

Several residents report serious injuries, mostly from car accidents and crush or puncture wounds from falling debris. Across the area, homes, schools, hospitals, and other buildings sustain structural damage; some people are trapped in the debris. At 11:28 a.m., an aftershock occurs seven miles north of **[your community]** causing additional transportation infrastructure damage and panic among residents. Our facility(ies) appear to have suffered structural damage, and at least five **[employees/student/volunteers/congregants]** are reported missing.