

HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM



From hospitals to healthcare coalitions: transforming health preparedness and response in our communities.

THE Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) enables the health care delivery system to save lives during emergencies and disaster events that exceed the day-to-day capacity and capability of existing health and emergency response systems. **HPP is the only source of federal funding for health care delivery system readiness.** Through the development of health care coalitions (HCCs), diverse and often competitive health care organizations are incentivized to work together.

ON THE FRONT LINES

THE SUCCESS SO FAR

- **Addressed gaps in hospital preparedness** through capacity building activities, maintaining pharmaceutical caches, identifying hospital bed surge capacity, and training in diseases caused by bioterrorism
- Supported development of *healthcare coalitions* to **link all players in the healthcare system to emergency preparedness activities**, provide them technical assistance, and facilitate intensive coordination efforts by the public health agencies and emergency management organizations.

THE ONGOING NEED

Planning for and responding to emergencies depends on numerous factors, including, geography, type of health care delivery system (e.g., private sector, government), threats and hazards, and demographics. **HPP supports the flexibility and scalability needed to develop the pathways reflective of each jurisdiction.**

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

The lives of our residents rely on the preparedness and response capabilities of trusted institutions - like those in the health care system - and the ability of public health and emergency management agencies to coordinate them. **Continued support of HPP will ensure that the entire population can receive critical health services** regardless of their location, their health status, or the severity of emergency.

HPP Supported Facilities

preparing the *entire* health care system



HPP Response Capabilities

<i>HPP Capability</i>	<i>Goal</i>
Foundation for Healthcare and Medical Readiness	Through strong relationships, address gaps by planning, training and exercising.
Health Care and Medical Response Coordination	Share and analyze information, manage resources, and coordinate strategies to deliver medical care to the entire population.
Continuity of Health Care Service Delivery	Train, educate, and equip health care workers to provide life-saving medical care in the face of damaged or disabled infrastructure.
Medical Surge	Hospitals, EMS, and out-of-hospital providers who deliver timely and efficient care to their patients even when the demand for health care services exceeds available supplies.

A pivotal role in increasing New York's City's healthcare emergency preparedness

THE NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) coordinates with health care providers across the city to make sure they are prepared to respond safely and effectively to emergencies. DOHMH promotes collaboration, secures critical equipment like personal protective equipment (PPE) and evacuation supplies, and much more.



City-Wide Involvement

HPP supports the following facilities in NYC



FOUNDATION FOR HEALTH CARE AND MEDICAL READINESS

DOHMH fosters and oversees the activities of the New York City Health Care Coalition (NYCHCC), which includes 7 network, 5 borough, and 3 subject matter expertise coalition types. DOHMH spearheads NYCHCC to promote relationships between facilities and provides opportunities to practice coordination, collaboration, and communication during non-emergency situations so these processes work seamlessly during actual emergencies.

CONTINUITY OF HEALTH CARE SERVICE DELIVERY

92 NYC nursing homes and 6 adult care facilities increased their emergency management capabilities by participating in Long Term Care programs for emergency management, exercises, and continuity planning. These comprehensive programs enhance long term care centers' ability to continue providing care to vulnerable patients if facilities lose external resources during emergencies.

HEALTH CARE AND MEDICAL RESPONSE COORDINATION

NYC's three Designated Ebola Treatment Centers tested their Ebola protocols during at least one functional or full-scale exercise. They also trained staff in personal protective equipment (PPE) to safeguard staff from potential infection. HPP funding helps these hospitals to successfully receive, isolate, and treat Ebola patients.

Without crucial HPP funding to DOHMH, the following would never have been possible.

MEDICAL SURGE

Thirteen NYC hospitals tested their existing plans to rapidly increase the capacity to care for pediatric patients. Through this exercise, participating hospitals increased their pediatric intensive care unit capacity by 80%—an incredible feat for pediatric emergency preparedness.