

HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM

ALASKA

HPP FUNDING

6% decrease in funding
since FY 2013



HIGHLIGHTS

- Alaska’s statewide health care coalition (HCC) uses HPP funding to strengthen its community resilience, incident management practices, and information management.
- The HCC used a Surge Estimator Tool prior to the onset of COVID-19 to build capacity for staff, supplies, equipment, and bed space.
- With HPP funds, the HCC response and readiness coordinator worked with local and state informatics and geographic information system staff to build and map a template for statewide COVID-19 testing sites, including information such as hours, costs, and contact numbers.

SPOTLIGHT ON PREPAREDNESS

Using HPP funds, the HCC brought an Emotional Trauma Life Support instructor to Alaska to train responders and support responder mental health in 2019. As a result of media attention around the event, a rural Alaskan health care organization in Dutch Harbor reached out for support and education after a traumatic local response. Dutch Harbor’s serious isolation, routine inclement weather, and challenging runway make medivac and air transport difficult and fatality events common. Caring for health care providers improved the rural community of Dutch Harbor’s preparedness for future mass casualty events.

COVID-19 RESPONSE

- Preparedness around the Ebola Traveler Active Monitoring data module in the Alaska Surveillance and Tracking System (AKSTARS), including collaboration with the Alaska Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Quarantine Station and fish processing plants, improved the COVID-19 response.
- Quantitative protective mask fit testing machines and trainings improved first responder safety.
- Strengthened partnerships among the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, the Alaska State Hospital and Nursing Home Association, and HCC members to improve operational coordination and planning, situational awareness, and procurement and distribution of personal protective equipment and medical supplies to rural and remote health care facilities.



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Health Care Coalition

HCC CORE MEMBER PARTICIPATION



of acute care hospitals



of emergency medical services



of public health agencies



of emergency management agencies

FY19 end-of-year data, HCC count, and map as of 6/30/2020. Participation rate equals # of HCC member organizations divided by the total # of organizations in AK.