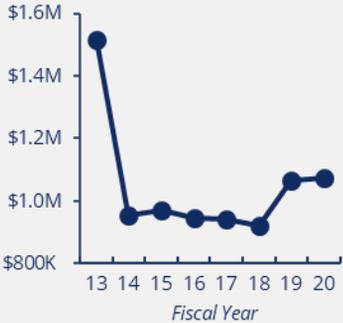


HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM

RHODE ISLAND

HPP FUNDING

29% decrease in funding
since FY 2013



HIGHLIGHTS

- Rhode Island (RI) uses HPP funding to improve the emergency preparedness and response foundation for its over 1 million residents.
- The Healthcare Coalition of Rhode Island (HCRI) is co-led by the RI Department of Health (RIDOH) and the Hospital Association of RI (HARI).
- In April 2020, the RIDOH released its Crisis Standards of Care framework to prioritize care in health emergencies.
- HCRI leadership was instrumental in providing data reporting to the federal government in coordination with the State of Rhode Island throughout the COVID-19 response.

SPOTLIGHT ON RESPONSE

The HCRI partnered with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), RIDOH, hospitals, nursing homes, first responders, and a vendor to conduct a large-scale, statewide COVID-19 serology (antibody) study. HCRI leadership managed the study and worked closely with all stakeholders to plan and deliver serology testing throughout the state. This effort was only successful thanks to the relationship building HCRI has undertaken over the past 15 years. Results of the study were published in the March 2021 issue of *Emerging Infectious Diseases*.

COVID-19 RESPONSE

- During the initial phases of the response, HCRI was integrated into the Health Department’s Incident Command System (ICS) within the Medical Care Branch and ensured information sharing among health care system stakeholders.
- HCRI used its established relationships throughout the health care system to identify resource gaps within facilities and organizations (e.g., ventilators, beds).
- HCRI established the Healthcare Coordination Center at the direction of RI’s COVID-19 response leadership to facilitate patient flow from patient transfer or discharge at hospitals into lower-acuity care settings (e.g., nursing homes).



1 Health Care Coalition

HCC CORE MEMBER PARTICIPATION

100%

of acute care hospitals

100%

of emergency medical services

100%

of public health agencies

100%

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 RI.