LOUISIANA

HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM

HPP FUNDING

40% decrease in funding since FY 2013

$5.0M
$4.0M
$3.0M
$2.0M

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Fiscal Year

HIGHLIGHTS

• Louisiana (LA) used HPP funds to establish a response structure with clearer and more direct communications and expanded coalition membership to include partners such as hospital executives and clinical leadership.
• LA integrates HPP funding with the State’s Emergency Support Function 8 (ESF-8) structure. The ESF-8 Portal has improved data collection and is used daily to monitor hospitalizations and surge and drive decisions.
• Health care coalitions (HCCs) have primed for concurrent threats (e.g., COVID-19 and hurricane readiness).

SPOTLIGHT ON PREPAREDNESS

The ESF-8 network, heavily supported by HPP, has been actively engaged in COVID-19 response since March 2020. ESF-8 weekly calls are held to provide situational awareness to HCC leads. The calls are an open discussion between regional and local health and medical response partners to help better guide some of the key decisions made during response to COVID-19. Having this ESF-8 network in a mature status and in place for many years prior to COVID-19 allowed for a more seamless and effective response effort.

COVID-19 RESPONSE

• LA created and resourced a statewide Medical Monitoring Station (MMS) as an alternate care site.
• LA developed up to three Quarantine and Isolation sites at State Parks located tri-regionally.
• LA facilitated the COVID-19 Nursing Home Task Force from May-August 2020, which implemented baseline testing of all nursing home residents and staff and mandated that nursing homes have a weekly testing protocol of all individuals who tested negative.
• The ESF-8 Portal became certified by HHS for the White House Reporting Mandate.

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 LA.

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