HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM

MARYLAND

HPP FUNDING

13% decrease in funding since FY 2013

HIGHLIGHTS

• Maryland (MD) uses HPP funding to improve its preparedness and response system for its over 6 million residents.
• MD actively partners with nearby District of Columbia and Virginia in the National Capital Region, engaging in exercise-based endeavors to prepare for high-profile events.
• MD Emergency Medical Services (EMS) provides regional Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM), peer support training courses, and symposiums for EMS and health care providers.

SPOTLIGHT ON RESPONSE

As the rate of hospitalizations increased due to COVID-19, health care facilities across Maryland, and particularly those in rural areas, began to experience elevated demand for personal protective equipment (PPE). The core members of the Regions I & II Health Care Coalitions (HCCs), located in rural areas across western Maryland, relied heavily on their HCCs for guidance on how to mitigate resource shortfalls. By activating its coalition response plans early, the rural HCCs successfully transitioned to operating in a virtual environment, ensuring uninterrupted access to data and information for its members.

COVID-19 RESPONSE

• In March 2020, the MD Department of Health conducted an Emerging Infectious Disease (EID) No-Notice Drill with acute care hospitals and free-standing emergency departments to evaluate procedures and response.
• MD health care providers coordinated patient transport across state lines and jurisdictions.
• Following patient surges, Johns Hopkins Hospital Bioc containment Unit staff integrated into bio-mode units as subject matter experts and clinical care specialists in the management of COVID-19 patients throughout the hospital.

NATIONAL SPECIAL PATHOGEN SYSTEM

1 Regional Ebola and Other Special Pathogen Treatment Center
1 Special Pathogen Treatment Center

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 MD.

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