

HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM

NEW JERSEY

HPP FUNDING

40% decrease in funding
since FY 2013



HIGHLIGHTS

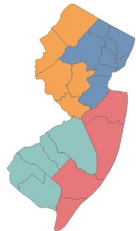
- New Jersey's (NJ) Disaster and Terrorism Branch held drop-in stress debriefing clinics for first responders and health care professionals and established a free hotline for emotional support.
- Coalitions participated in Regional COVID-19 TTX/Facilitated Discussions in February 2020.
- Refrigerators, transport coolers, and loggers were secured for nurses with HPP funds.
- The Pediatric Surge Workgroup developed a foundational guide for integrating pediatric patients in plans and preparedness activities.

SPOTLIGHT ON RESPONSE

During 2020, NJ juggled COVID-19 response efforts and staffing challenges across the state. Committed to strengthening the coalition concept, NJ created its first Cooperative Agreement for a Third-Party Fiduciary Agent (NJ Hospital Association) to develop health care coalitions (HCCs). NJ reestablished four regional coalitions which were vital for information sharing and situational awareness during the pandemic response. The HCCs remained engaged through weekly calls, surveys, and reporting data for best practices.

COVID-19 RESPONSE

- NJ's University Hospital (UH) was designated as the quarantine facility early in the COVID-19 pandemic and successfully managed passengers from a cruise ship identified as patients under investigation (PUIs).
- Due to HPP-supported training and exercises, UH was familiar with infectious disease prevention protocols in advance of their first COVID-19 case, which improved early response efforts during the pandemic.
- New Jersey was at a Crisis Standards of Care level of operations March-May 2020. During this time, its Receipt Stage and Store (RSS) Site was fully operational as Strategic National Stockpile supplies were being delivered.
- NJ relied heavily on its HCCs as they represent the major players of readiness and response.



4 Health Care Coalitions

NATIONAL SPECIAL PATHOGEN SYSTEM

1 Special Pathogen Treatment Center

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 NJ.