HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM

TEXAS

HPP FUNDING

37% decrease in funding
since FY 2013

HIGHLIGHTS

• Texas’ (TX) eight HPP partners are 501(c)(3)
organizations, which provide oversight,
coordination, and fiduciary administration for
TX’s 20 health care coalitions (HCCs) and eight
Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF) units.
• TX’s Department of State Health Services
continues to collaborate with stakeholders,
HCCs, and partners to identify a statewide
disaster patient tracking system.
• HPP exercises have improved patient care,
increased capacity, and limited disease spread.

SPOTLIGHT ON RESPONSE

Texas relied on alternate care sites (ACS) to ease the burden on hospitals at critical
capacity during the COVID-19 response. In partnership with the SouthEast Texas
Regional Advisory Council (SETRAC), the Medical Resorts in Houston, TX converted from
transitional care facilities to COVID-only treatment centers for non-severe COVID-19
patients. Only serving COVID-19-positive patients streamlined logistics, prevented cross-
spread to noninfected patients, and reduced the need for COVID-19 units in hospitals.

COVID-19 RESPONSE

• As a well-trained pediatric Special Pathogen
Treatment Center, TX Children’s Hospital
adapted to support adult patients during the
COVID-19 response, which has been beneficial
to the community at large.
• With the biggest prisoner unit in southeast TX,
the University of Texas Medical Branch used
HPP funding to expand its capabilities to house
and treat a higher capacity of incarcerated
individuals with COVID-19 or a disease caused
by other special pathogens.

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 TX.

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93%
of acute care hospitals
85%
of emergency medical services
82%
of public health agencies
84%
of emergency management agencies