



HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM

VERMONT

HPP FUNDING

3% decrease in funding
since FY 2013



HIGHLIGHTS

- Vermont uses HPP funding to develop and expand its preparedness and response efforts for the state's over 600,000 residents.
- With HPP Ebola funding, Vermont frontline hospitals expanded response plans for a range of high-consequence infectious diseases and special pathogens, including COVID-19.
- The Vermont Department of Health (VDH) advanced its redundant communications capabilities by conducting satellite phone drills with 16 of Vermont's hospitals.

SPOTLIGHT ON PREPAREDNESS

The Vermont Healthcare Emergency Preparedness Coalition (VHEPC) conducted a Pediatric Disaster Tabletop Exercise with participants representing hospitals, emergency medical services (EMS) agencies, emergency management, and public health partners. As an after-action item, and in collaboration with the State's EMS for Children Program, the VHEPC was able to propose unified planning for a pediatric mass casualty incident throughout Vermont's 13 EMS districts. This planning improved Vermont's ability to effectively respond to a disaster.

COVID-19 RESPONSE

- Vermont worked closely with the Region 1 Regional Disaster Health Response System (RDHRS) on planning and information sharing to coordinate the state's response to COVID-19.
- Vermont transformed its digital platform for hospital status reporting into a dual reporting system, providing both real-time situational awareness at a regional level, as well as directly transmitting all requisite COVID-19 data from Vermont's hospitals to HHS.
- Vermont ensured the safety of its health care workforce by establishing a statewide requisition process for health care partners to request personal protective equipment (PPE) from state reserves.



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HCC CORE MEMBER PARTICIPATION



of acute care
hospitals



of emergency
medical services



of public health
agencies



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 VT.