

The following questions pertain to the 2002 critical benchmarks. Please indicate whether the following 2002 critical benchmarks and associated activities have been completed by choosing “yes” or “no” for the column marked “complete?”. If you respond “no”, please indicate an estimated completion date in the second column. Upload the form using the “attachments” function in the DSLR MIS and send the signed hard copy to PGO with your application.

| 2002 Critical Benchmarks (by Focus Area)  | Complete? | Estimated Completion Date |
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| <p>1. Designate a Senior Public Health Official within the state/local health department to serve as executive director of the bioterrorism preparedness and response program</p>   |           |                           |
| <p>2. Establish an advisory committee including representation from (but not limited to) the following groups: (a) state and local health departments and governments (b) emergency management agencies (c) emergency medical services (d) the Office of Rural Health (e) law enforcement and fire departments, emergency rescue workers, and occupational health workers (f) other healthcare providers including university, academic, medical, and public health (g) community health centers (h) Red Cross and other voluntary organizations and (i) the hospital community (including Veterans Affairs and military hospitals where applicable)</p>  |           |                           |
| <p>3. <b>A.</b> Prepare a timeline for the assessment of emergency preparedness and response capabilities related to bioterrorism, other infectious disease outbreaks, and other public health threats and emergencies with a view to facilitating planning and setting implementation priorities.</p> <p><b>B.</b> Assess emergency preparedness and response capabilities related to bioterrorism, other infectious disease outbreaks, and other public health threats and emergencies with a view to facilitating planning and setting implementation priorities.</p>  |           |                           |
| <p>4. <b>A.</b> Prepare a timeline for the assessment of statutes, regulations, and ordinances within the state and local public health jurisdictions that provide for credentialing, licensure, and delegation of authority for executing emergency public health measures, as well as special provisions for the liability of healthcare personnel in coordination with adjacent states.</p> <p><b>B.</b> Assess state and local statutes, regulations, and ordinances within the State and local public health jurisdictions that provide for credentialing, licensure, and delegation of authority for executing emergency public health measures, as well as special provisions for the liability of healthcare personnel in coordination with adjacent states.</p>  |           |                           |
| <p>5. <b>A.</b> Prepare a timeline for the development of a <b>statewide</b> plan for responding to bioterrorism, other infectious disease outbreaks, and other public health threats and emergencies. This should include the development of emergency mutual aid agreements and/or compacts, and provision for regular exercises that test regional response proficiency.</p> <p><b>B.</b> Develop a <b>statewide</b> plan for responding to bioterrorism, other infectious disease outbreaks, and other public health threats and emergencies. This should include the development of emergency mutual aid agreements and/or compacts, and provision for regular exercises that test regional response proficiency.</p>  |           |                           |
| <p>6. <b>A.</b> Prepare a timeline for the development of <b>regional</b> plans to respond to bioterrorism, other infectious disease outbreaks, and other public health threats and emergencies.</p> <p><b>B.</b> Develop <b>regional</b> plans to respond to bioterrorism, other infectious disease outbreaks, and other public health threats and emergencies.</p>  |           |                           |
| <p>7. Develop an interim plan to receive and manage items from the Strategic National Stockpile, including mass distribution of antibiotics, vaccines, and medical materiel. Within this interim plan, identify personnel to be trained for these functions.</p>  |           |                           |
| <p>8. <b>A.</b> Prepare a timeline for developing a system to receive and evaluate urgent disease reports from all parts of the state (or city) and local public health jurisdictions on a 24- hour per day, 7 days per week basis.</p> <p><b>B.</b> Develop a system to receive and evaluate urgent disease reports from all parts of the state (or city) and local public health jurisdictions on a 24- hour per day, 7 days per week basis.</p>  |           |                           |
| <p>9. Assess current epidemiologic capacity and provide at least one epidemiologist for each metropolitan area with a population greater than 500,000.</p>  |           |                           |
| <p>10. <b>A.</b> Prepare a timeline for the development of a plan to improve working relationships and communication between Level A (clinical) laboratories and Level B/C laboratories, (i.e. Laboratory Response Network laboratories) to ensure that Level A laboratories maintain certain core capabilities to: (a) perform rule-out testing on critical BT agents; (b) safely package and handle specimens and; (c) refer to higher level laboratories for further testing.</p> <p><b>B.</b> Develop a plan to improve working relationships and communication between Level A (clinical) laboratories and Level B/C laboratories, (i.e. Laboratory Response Network laboratories) to ensure that Level A laboratories maintain certain core capabilities to: (a) perform rule-out testing on critical BT agents; (b) safely package and handle specimens and; (c) refer to higher level laboratories for further testing.</p> |           |                           |

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| <p>■ <b>11. A.</b> Prepare a timeline for a plan that ensures that 90 percent of the population is covered by the Health Alert Network (HAN).</p> <p><b>B.</b> Ensure that 90 percent of the population is covered by the Health Alert Network (HAN).</p>   |  |  |
| <p>■ <b>12. A.</b> Prepare a timeline for the development of a communications system that provides a 24/7 flow of critical health information among hospital emergency departments, state and local health officials, and law enforcement officials.</p> <p><b>B.</b> Develop a communications system that provides a 24/7 flow of critical health information among hospital emergency departments, state and local health officials, and law enforcement officials.</p> |  |  |
| <p>■ <b>13.</b> Develop an interim plan for risk communication and information dissemination to educate the public regarding exposure risks and effective public response.</p>  |  |  |
| <p>■ <b>14. A.</b> Prepare a timeline to assess training needs--with special emphasis on emergency department personnel, infectious disease specialists, public health staff, and other health care providers.</p> <p><b>B.</b> Assess training needs--with special emphasis on emergency department personnel, infectious disease specialists, public health staff, and other health care providers.</p>   |  |  |

**Legend**

- Assessment/Planning
- Surveillance/Epidemiology
- Lab Capacity - Biological Agents
- Health Alert Network
- Communications/Information Dissemination
- Education/Training

**\*In indicating completion, I attest that supporting documentation exists and is available for inspection upon request.**

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**Signed, Chief Health Official**

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**Date**