



FY2024 Strategic Plan

Office of Readiness and Response

Mission

To lead, promote, and integrate programs, science, data, communications, and policies that enable the CDC to respond to public health threats at home and abroad.

Vision

A prepared and resilient nation able to prevent, mitigate, and respond to all public health threats.

Values

The following values reflect and reinforce the desired culture of ORR:

Trust: We are responsible, reliable public stewards dedicated to openness with each other and those we serve.

Innovation: We strive to apply science, technical expertise, and creative thought to improve the practice of preparedness and response.

Integrity: We strive to uphold the highest standards of morals and ethical principles, acting with honesty, respect, and self-awareness.

Excellence: We aspire to be responsive, efficient, effective, and accurate in all we do.

Health Equity: We commit to reducing health disparities and achieving equitable health outcomes to improve the nation's preparedness and response capabilities.

Competencies

The following competencies showcase ORR's expertise:

Planning and Response: We dedicate resources to work ahead of emergencies, apply our knowledge and expertise to help guide emergency response, and learn from past experiences for a better tomorrow.

Preparedness: We endeavor to prevent and mitigate negative impacts from emergencies and threats through strong primary, secondary, and tertiary preparedness efforts.

Partnership: We collaborate across the public health enterprise to promote strong coordination, cooperation, and communication internally and externally to build a robust and reliable preparedness and response network.

Scientific Research: We collaborate to apply emergency management science analytical and assessment skills across all aspects of preparedness and response to develop strong, evidence-based guidance, provide technical assistance, guide program implementation, and make critical decisions.

Technical Assistance: We share research, knowledge, expertise, training, and resources to help partners make the greatest impact.

Strategies

Strategies are high-level objectives determined to be strategically and operationally critical to ORR's success as it strives to achieve its mission. Each ORR FY24 Strategy includes a summary statement and bulleted text describing examples of how ORR is working towards each Strategy.

Strategy 1

Modernize and integrate data and systems across multidisciplinary public health entities to support data readiness and interoperability.

- Stand up a Common Operating Platform and Picture and define and implement data readiness requirements for management of response situational awareness.
- Build capacity to effectively leverage data during emergencies for rapid decision-making.

Strategy 2

Advance readiness and response science to improve public health practice.

- Mature the readiness and response science agenda to include community mitigation practices, behavioral science, and non-medical countermeasures to increase public health safety.
- Implement readiness and response science that informs policy, guides programs, and maximizes public health impact.

Strategy 3

Build and enhance both CDC and State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial (STLT) health departments' response capability and drive collaboration among partners to enable rapid and effective response to public health emergencies.

- Detect and characterize public health threats, enhance laboratory readiness, and maintain the highest level of biosecurity and biosafety.
- Strengthen interagency, CDC, non-governmental organization (NGO), and STLT partnerships to advance readiness and response capabilities for all.
- Coordinate and scale policies, systems, and funding mechanisms to support emergency response functions.

Strategy 4

Conduct rapid and ongoing readiness and response evaluation to inform continuous improvements across detection of public health threats, readiness science, and emergency operations.

- Implement data-driven, risk-based approaches for detection and evaluation of public health threats.
- Develop a response readiness framework that establishes standards and evaluation criteria for CDC.