

Public Health Preparedness

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Dear Colleagues,

Health security depends on the ability of our nation to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from public health threats. The world continues to experience natural and man-made disasters that force migration, jeopardize vulnerable populations, stress health systems, and threaten the health and safety of us all. CDC is committed to strengthening the nation's health security to save lives and protect against public health threats.

CDC supports our state, local, tribal, and territorial partners by providing funding, building capacity, offering technical assistance, and championing their critical role in protecting the public's health. The 50 states, 4 localities, and 8 insular areas funded by CDC's Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) cooperative agreement use their funding to help them achieve the 15 critical public health preparedness capabilities for state and local preparedness.

This year, the annual report demonstrates how federal investments enhance the nation's ability to respond to public health threats and emergencies. It is organized into four sections. The first three highlight CDC's priorities and the final section presents PHEP awardee fact sheets. The CDC priorities of improving health security at home and around the world; better preventing the leading causes of illness, injury, disability, and death; and strengthening public health through collaboration with healthcare function as guideposts for greater accountability of CDC's programs and demonstrate the interconnection of federal, state, and local work.

In the final section of the report we present fact sheets that document the progress and display trends related to 3 of the 15 preparedness capabilities based on available data: public health laboratory testing, emergency operations coordination, and emergency public information and warning. We also present Technical Assistance Review scores to demonstrate the readiness of states, localities, and insular areas to deploy Strategic National Stockpile assets. Data for the other capabilities will be included in future reports as available.

While the road to ensuring national security is not without challenges, particularly in an ever-changing threat environment, CDC remains committed 24/7 to saving lives, supporting state and local public health departments, and using resources to maximum effect.

Sincerely,

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