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HPP 5 Year Project Period, a Look Back and the Way Forward

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Overview




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Mission Statement

The Office of Health Emergency Preparedness (OHEP) is the principal organization for all emergency preparedness and response activities within the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH).



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What We Do

OHEP coordinates the Department's preparedness and response activities to all health emergencies, in collaboration with all Centers, Divisions, and Bureaus through the Department's Incident Management System (IMS).

These cross-functional efforts includes Central Office staff from:

- Office of Primary Care and Health Systems Management (OPCHSM)
- Office of Aging and Long-Term Care (OALTC)
- Office of Public Health (OPH)
- Office of Health Insurance Programs (OHIP)
- Office of Health Equity and Human Rights (OHEHR)
- Center for Environmental Health (CEH)
- Center for Community Health (CCH)
- Division of Legal Affairs (DLA)
- Public Affairs Group (PAG)
- Division of Administration
- Wadsworth Laboratory
- Regional Offices (RO)



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Planning Documents

State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP)

- Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Short- & Long-Term Recovery Plans
- Emergency Support Function Annexes
- Hazard Specific Annexes: Emergency Repatriation, Mass Care, Fatality Management, Coastal Storm, Extreme, Heat, Pandemic

Department's Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan (HEPRP)

- Medical Countermeasure Material Management Distribution and Dispensing
- CHEMPACK Plan
- Medical Emergency Response Cache (MERC) Plan
- Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) Plan
- Pandemic Influenza Response Plan
- Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP)

Local Health & Medical

- Hazard Specific Plans (COVID- 19, Zika, EVD, Pandemic)
- Isolation and Quarantine Protocols
- Continuity of Operations Plan
- Healthcare Facility Evacuation Planning
- County/Hospital Points of Dispensing
- Medical Surge Capacity



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Statewide Emergency Preparedness Priorities

- COVID-19 Demobilization/Recovery Activities
- MERC Stockpiling Efforts and Funding- Doxy, N-95s, DME Maintenance
- State Health Emergency Preparedness Coalitions (HEPCs)
- DOH Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP)
- Regional Office Emergency Response Plans
- Coastal Storm Planning- Facility Evacuation Planning, Healthcare Facility Evacuation Center (HEC) Application Development
- Volunteer Management System (VMS)-ServNY enhancements
- Planning for Exercise and Training Activities



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OHEP Funding

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) (46.2% reduction since 2002)
- Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) (49.1 % reduction since 2002)
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) (100% reduction, funding eliminated in 2012-2015, reinstated in 2016 and 2017, we have requested \$2M this year)
- State Appropriation (100% , funding eliminated in 2014)



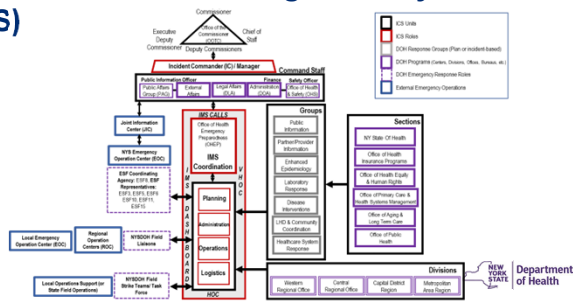
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Response Accomplishments



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NYSDOH Incident Management System (IMS)



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NYSDOH IMS Activations 2017- Present

- Rochester Power Outage 2017 (5)
- Winter Storm Stella 2017 (3)
- Candida Auris 2017 (175)
- Whittier Rehab Nursing Home 2017 (3)
- Hurricane Maria 2017 (46)
- Syracuse Mumps 2017 (16)
- All Script Cyber Incident 2018 (2)
- NYC Housing Association 2018 (60)
- March Nor'easter 2018 (2)
- Hanta Virus 2018 (10)
- Rockland Measles 2018 (129)
- Winter Storm Harper 2019 (3)
- MDL- Nursing Homes 2019 (4)
- MARO Measles 2019 (147)
- November Wind/Rain Storm 2019 (6)
- COVID-19 2020 (145)
- COVID-19 Hosp. Exposures 2020 (6)
- COVID-19 2020 Wave 2 (342)
- Ebola 2021 (29)
- Hurricane Henri 2021 (2)
- Hurricane Ida 2021 (3)
- COVID-19 Exec. Staff 2022 (40)
- Mpox 2022 (104)
- Polio 2022 (135)
- Buffalo Snowstorm 2022 (6)
- Buffalo Blizzard 2022 (10)
- NYC Nurses Strike 2023 (8)
- Watertown Watermain Break (1)
- Optum Change Healthcare Cyber-incident 2024 (7)
- Solar Eclipse 2024 (1)

1,450 days of IMS Activities




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MERC 2017- Present

- 7,931 units of vaccine, antidote, antiviral, rad treatment
- 1,814,012 units of PPE
- 1,834,769 medical supplies
- 25,361 pieces of medical equipment
- 1,787 mortuary supplies


Coordinated movement of over 3.6 million items



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Training Accomplishments



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Training Accomplishments

Disaster Mental Health	Evacuation of Facilities in Disaster Systems (eFINDS)	Psychological First Aid (PFA)	Healthcare Facility Evacuation Center (HEC) Training
ServNY Volunteer Management System User Training	Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) Training for Nursing Homes and Adult Care Facilities	Mass Fatality Management	Duty Officer
Critical Specimen Transport	Virtual Health Operation Center (VHOC)	Health Care Facility Evacuation Center (HEC) / Facility Evacuation Profile Application (FEPA)	Medical Matter Statewide Webinars for Physicians

Over 656 Courses Provided to Over 41,500 Attendees Since 2007!

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Training Accomplishments

- Monthly Aware Prepare newsletter and mid-month e-newsletter
- Annual Multiyear Training and Exercise Plans
- Learning Management and Articulate Course Development Systems
- HTC/HEPC training plans that maintain and enhance regional Health Care Preparedness and Response Capabilities and HVA identified priorities
- 100% of contracted hospitals submitted annual National Incident Management System surveys in the Health Electronic Response Data System

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Exercise Accomplishments

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Areas of Improvement

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NYSDOH OHEP Areas of Improvement / Future Goals

Planning:

- Timeliness of guidance and tools for local partner plan developments
- Integration of other subject matter experts to inform plan development and strategic planning assumptions
- Engagement of other Department areas in plan development and revision
- Qualitative reviews and provision of feedback to local partners
- Awareness Level Training for Department staff and partners on existing plans

Response:

- Importance of following existing request processes
- Sharing information across department program areas
- Consistent situation reporting mechanisms and platforms
- Ensuring Department wide investment in preparedness and response
- Communication plans and information sharing

Training and Exercises:

- Leveraging Course Development and Learning Management System (LMS) technology
- Collaboration with State Agencies
- Engagement with new partner types and preparedness stakeholders
- Consistent HSEEP approach to exercising

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Questions



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