

HOSPITAL **PREPAREDNESS** PROGRAM

ALABAMA



HIGHLIGHTS

- Alabama uses HPP funding to improve its emergency preparedness and response foundation for its five million residents.
- Health care coalition (HCC) membership and engagement in HCC planning and response activities increased as a result of the COVID-19 response and natural disasters.
- Hospitals reported data daily into the Alabama Incident Management System (AIMS) to both comply with the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services capacity utilization reporting requirements and to support health care situational awareness.

SPOTLIGHT ON RESPONSE

During Fiscal Year 2020-2021, the Alabama Incident Management System (AIMS) was a primary source of communication for HCCs throughout the state. During the year, HCCs exchanged over 2,400 messages through 250 notifications. AIMS served as the platform for health care facilities within the District HCC, then within bordering District HCCs and/or HCCs statewide, to request needed supplies and equipment. If resources were unavailable through AIMS, health care facilities would submit requests into the Emergency Management Agency's web-based emergency management system.

COVID-19 RESPONSE

- · Jefferson County HCC members established communication processes and the capability to address urgent requests effectively and efficiently.
- Two of Jefferson County HCC's hospitals fulfilled a separate hospital's request for four ventilators as well as filters and circuits in under 20 minutes.
- Alabama HCCs provided four ventilators with circuits and high flow cannulas along with an educational presentation, impacting up to eight patients and two facilities.



HCC CORE MEMBER **PARTICIPATION**



of acute care hospitals



of emergency medical services



of public health agencies



of emergency management agencies

FY20 end-of-year data and HCC count as of 6/30/2021. Participation rate equals # of HCC member organizations divided by the total # of organizations in AL.

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