

HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM

DELAWARE



HIGHLIGHTS

- Delaware (DE) uses HPP funding to build and expand its preparedness and response network to support its 990,000 residents.
- The DE Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) improved time management, analysis, and reporting of COVID-19 data through online reporting systems, such as DE-Trac.
- The DE Division of Public Health (DPH) provided guidance for all first responders and hospitals on communications and surveillance of the health care system through completion of the High Consequence Infectious Disease Surveillance and Response Plan.

HCC CORE MEMBER PARTICIPATION



of acute care hospitals



of emergency medical services



of public health agencies



of emergency management agencies

SPOTLIGHT ON PREPAREDNESS

DE's Ebola preparations allowed the state to address many challenges presented during the COVID-19 pandemic. By participating in multi-agency exercises and purchasing personal protective equipment, ISOPODS, and health care personnel training, DE ensured that its health care workers, clinical laboratories, and EMS personnel had the capacity to respond to COVID-19. DE has improved communication and information sharing through its integrated system of care and as a result, is poised to provide optimal care for patients with COVID-19 or other emerging infectious diseases.

COVID 19 RESPONSE

- DE hospitals quickly ramped up and maintained operations during the pandemic through funding and training for Ebola preparedness and response.
- DE DPH maintained communication and outreach with federal, state, and local partners through weekly and/or daily conference calls to minimize instances of illness and death as well as limit societal disruption during COVID-19.
- During the pandemic, DE DPH increased staffing at the DE State Health Operations Center using the Delaware Medical Reserve Corp and Delaware National Guard staff.



1 Health Care Coalition

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 DE.