



Public Health and Medical Preparedness: Health and Medical Target Capabilities

The Florida Department of Health is responsible for the state's healthcare preparedness and emergency response system before, during, and after natural or man-made disasters. In late 2004, the United States Department of Homeland Security published the national Target Capabilities List to assist states in defining and building the capabilities required to achieve the National Response Plan mission areas of Prevent, Protect, Respond and Recover.

Why is this Important?

- Florida has made significant strides in its public health and medical preparedness system during the past five years, and has a proven record in responding to public health emergencies and natural disasters. However, the threat of natural and man-made catastrophic events, such as pandemic influenza, hurricanes, and terrorist attacks, continue to present significant challenges to Florida's already taxed healthcare system.

Percentage of Counties Reporting Progress Made in Meeting National Capabilities Standards			
Target Capability	Significant	Moderate	Gap
CBRNE Detection	37%	25%	38%
Mass Prophylaxis	30%	31%	39%
Medical Surge	23%	26%	51%
Planning	48%	29%	23%
Risk Management	52%	31%	17%
Community Preparedness & Participation	43%	35%	22%
Epidemiological Surveillance and Investigation	47%	25%	28%
Public Health Laboratory Testing	23%	13%	64%
EOC (ESF8 Management)	46%	33%	21%
Responder Safety & Health	55%	29%	16%
Environmental Health	48%	29%	23%
Triage & Pre-hospital Treatment	31%	31%	38%
Medical Supplies Management & Distribution	30%	32%	38%
Mass Care (Medical Shelters)	39%	22%	39%
Fatality Management	28%	19%	53%






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How is Florida Doing?

- In 2006, Florida conducted a comprehensive statewide assessment of its health and medical capabilities against the national requirements.
- The Capabilities Assessment data provided a baseline snapshot to prioritize planning and resources.
- 38% of Florida's 67 counties reported significant progress in achieving the national standards in health and medical preparedness.
- Public Health and Medical Preparedness Priorities: Strategic Plan for 2007-2010 outlines goals, objectives and strategies to achieve the national target capabilities.



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What Influences Public Health and Medical Preparedness?

- Preparedness involves all public and private emergency response and health care partners, including the Florida Domestic Security Oversight Council, the Regional Domestic Security Task Force, the State Working Group, local government and private organizations throughout Florida.
- Community level partners include county health departments, hospitals, Emergency Medical Services, health care providers, law enforcement, fire/rescue, and city and county government.

What is the State's Role?

States Can

- Secure and distribute federal preparedness grants.
- Facilitate strategic planning and performance measurement, project management.
- Communicate with Florida's domestic security and health care partners to achieve the national preparedness standards.

Florida Initiatives

Florida Domestic Security Oversight Council (State Agency Executives who set direction and policy)

State Working Groups (subject matter experts who set standards for planning, equipment, systems, training and exercises)

Regional Domestic Security Task Forces (multidisciplinary operational response partners)

Public Health and Medical Strategic Plan Oversight Team (multidisciplinary health partners responsible for prioritization, resource allocation, oversight and coordination of the health and medical target capabilities)

Health and Medical Capability Teams (subject matter experts and project managers responsible for developing action plans to achieve national standards)