Commemorating 15 Years of PHEP

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13th Annual DPHP Meeting
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Promotional Activities

- Feature articles and blog posts
- Social media messages
- Web-ready graphics
- Posters and banners
- Success stories
- Videos
- Commemoration event
- Special supplement on the American Journal of Public Health
98% of PHEP-funding recipients now have sufficient storage and distribution capacity for critical medicines and supplies compared to 0% before 9/11.

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Preparedness and Response in Action: Stories from the States

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COO’s Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) cooperative agreements are a critical source of funding guidance, and technical assistance for state, local, tribal, and territorial public health departments to strengthen their public health preparedness capabilities. Through 1-PHP, the PHEP Program has worked to build and maintain a cohesive public health emergency management system that enables communities to rapidly respond to public health threats.

The four areas are a compact of how PHG has equipped states for each of the four stages of preparedness. Ready, Reach, Send, Call

READY: Planning for the inevitable

Often the emergency managers and public health professionals who respond to an emergency are personally impacted by the same event. The ability of emergency response staff to take action during a disaster is limited when they are strained in their homes due to an incident, with little power, or unable to make it into the office.

The Connecticut State Department of Health led by Jonathan Goff, took on the challenge to ensure that operations continue consistently even when their own staffs were directly impacted by an emergency. They developed the Has Dewet Program, which made three packages ready for any position in the emergency management structure—a primary contact with bus back-up. This means the health department can be fully staffed and ready to respond to a crisis in 20 minutes.

STEADY: Solving two problems at once

At the Sunshine summit, even the smallest task can pile up. Planning an essential part of any preparedness program, but it is often difficult to imagine every scenario and how they might arise during an emergency. But we also know that planning is the best way to identify and address those gaps and practices to quickly make the difference in the health department.

In September 2016, the Oklahoma State Department of Health prepared to conduct a full-scale exercise of their ability to distribute medical countermeasures—a practice that allows for the management of an emergency. Before the event began, the cache was placed in a secure area where it could be stored and made available to the state and the team distributed the vaccine in a matter of minutes to all areas of the state.

The team has managed 118,000 cases of vaccine to state health departments, while simultaneously preparing for the next event.

SHOW: Creating a culture of preparedness

Emergencies impact all sectors of health, and support from across departments is often crucial to our success. However, public health staff in these positions may not often consider their roles in an emergency situation.

To build a culture of preparedness across the entire Emergency Operations Division you need staff with a 30-hour emergency kit, contacts with staff in the Health and Human Services, and the staff to take on the Incident Management System. Since this initiative, staff presence improved, and now staff are more prepared for an emergency. The culture may not be perfect, but the culture is now more awareness of what they would do in the event of an emergency disaster,” said Gary Uden, Director, Public Health. “If we can build this culture of preparedness here, then we were better equipped to build community readiness in a larger scale.”
2017 AJPH Supplement

New Call for Papers

• Public Health Emergencies: Unpacking Medical Countermeasure Management for Preparedness and Response

• Manuscripts must be submitted to AJPH by January 15, 2018
Commemorating 15 Years of PHEP Video

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PHEP Impact Project

Update from the Steering Committee
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Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Program
Protecting America’s health, safety, and security to save lives.

The PHEP Program allows our nation to invest in the people, plans, training, and equipment needed to effectively respond to emerging public health threats.

**A Lifesaving Investment**

In 1978, Congress passed the Public Health Service Act to strengthen the nation’s public health emergency preparedness system. This led to the creation of the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Program.

**The Challenge**

Since 1978, the PHEP Program has been a critical component of the nation’s public health emergency preparedness system. It provides funds to state, local, and territorial public health agencies to enhance their ability to respond to public health threats.

**Improvements in Public Health Preparedness Since 9/11**

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**Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Program**

**NYC**

**Stories From the Field**

2012 Hurricane Sandy

**Situations**

On October 29, 2012, Hurricane Sandy hit New York City, affecting the city’s health care infrastructure. The PHEP Program helped in the recovery efforts.

**Impact**

The PHEP Program supports ongoing work with multiple agencies to improve emergency planning and response with the information they gather. This information helps in preparing for and responding to future emergencies.

**Critical Needs**

The PHEP Program focuses on critical needs such as surge capacity, communication, and coordination. It supports ongoing efforts to enhance emergency preparedness and response capabilities.

**The PHEP Program**

The PHEP Program strengthens the ability of our nation’s communities to prepare, withstand, and recover from public health threats.

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THANK YOU!

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