



Public Health Preparedness Activities for a Possible Ebola Outbreak

Each case of Ebola = Significant allocation of State Health Dept. resources

Hawaii

of Ebola cases = 0

856 hours

spent in October preparing for a possible outbreak*

New York

of Ebola cases = 1

470 staff

activated in response and monitoring activities

Texas

of Ebola cases = 3

177 contacts

being monitored for possible infection

Ebola Preparedness Activities (primarily Federally Funded)

Partnerships

Building new and strengthening existing partnerships to ensure a unified and effective response.

- First responders
- Hospitals
- Waste management
- Consulates
- Mortuary affairs
- Schools
- Hotels
- Public transportation
- State and County Emergency Management
- And many others
- *Planning a statewide exercise to test Ebola response protocols (60 participants)*

Public Outreach

Providing factual, science-based health information to the community and healthcare providers.

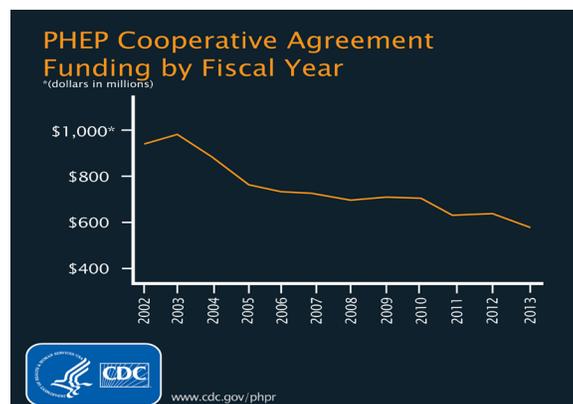
- Ebola webpage with FAQ, Maps, Infographics, etc.
- Handouts, Posters and Flyers
- 40+ presentations to healthcare, community, and neighborhood groups

Policies & Procedures

Reviewing and enhancing current plans and developing new collaborative protocols.

- Bloodborne pathogen training for Dept. of Health responders
- Guidance for first responders who provide pre-hospital emergency medical management
- In collaboration with healthcare partners, operationalizing recommendations for personal protective equipment and other patient care processes

Federal funding for Public Health Emergencies has been cut by nearly half (2003–2013)



*hours accrued primarily by 8 DOH staff (25 total)