



Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness & Response

HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM

VERMONT

HPP FUNDING

3% decrease in funding since FY 2013



HIGHLIGHTS

- Vermont (VT) uses HPP funding to improve its emergency preparedness and response foundation for its over 643,000 residents.
- The Vermont Healthcare Emergency Preparedness Coalition (VHEPC) increased its membership by 20 long-term care, skilled nursing, assisted living, and hospice facilities.
- The VHEPC improved its network of infectious disease specialists as an identified improvement from the Infectious Disease Surge tabletop exercise.
- VT onboarded two new ancillary health care standing members to the Executive Committee of the state's single health care coalition (HCC).

SPOTLIGHT ON RESPONSE

VT's HCC clinical advisors have played an invaluable role as liaisons in VT's COVID-19 response. They have facilitated conversations between multiple health care response partners from hospital leadership to emergency medical services, helping to inform various statewide response strategies regarding alternate care sites and telemedicine. The HCC's direct connections to clinical entities in the field have been essential in connecting necessary partners to inform situational awareness and response throughout the state.

COVID-19 RESPONSE

- The VHEPC provided 364 daily hospital COVID-19 status reports for fiscal year 2020 via the Health Operations Center in collaboration with hospital and state partners.
- The VHEPC conducted 60 hospital situational meetings and produced 60 situation reports in order to provide a common operating picture for VT hospitals engaged in COVID-19 response activities.
- The VHEPC shared essential COVID-19 information with health care stakeholders by amplifying state and federal alerts, guidance, and reporting.



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**Health Care
Coalition**

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 VT.