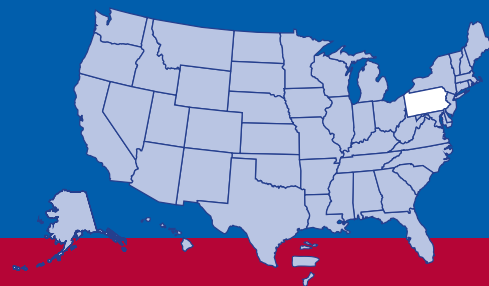


PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT (PHEP) PROGRAM

PENNSYLVANIA



15 Years of PHEP

In response to the deadly events of September 11, 2001, and the subsequent anthrax attacks, Congress established a new program to help health departments across the nation prepare for emergencies. It is now 15 years since CDC initiated the [Public Health Emergency Preparedness \(PHEP\) program](#).

Every year since, the PHEP program has provided vital resources to ensure communities can effectively respond to infectious disease outbreaks, natural disasters, and chemical, biological, radiological, or nuclear events.

PHEP Now

In 2017, PHEP provided \$612 million across public health departments to improve response readiness. About 40% of funds went to support epidemiologists (disease detectives), lab staff, planners, and other preparedness staff on the ground.

In the future, CDC will continue to support PHEP awardees by sharing technical expertise, best practices, and lessons learned, along with tools and resources to identify and address gaps.

Learn More

For more information about the PHEP Program, visit www.cdc.gov/phpr/map.htm.

AT A GLANCE

In Pennsylvania

- ▶ **12.8 million residents**
- ▶ **51%** reside in Cities Readiness Initiative metropolitan statistical areas (CRI MSA). A federally funded program, CRI helps cities effectively respond to large-scale public health emergencies requiring life-saving medications and medical supplies.
- ▶ **10** local public health departments

Key Emergency Operations Center Activations

- ▶ 2015: Severe Winter Storm
- ▶ 2015: Flooding

Frequent Public Health Emergencies

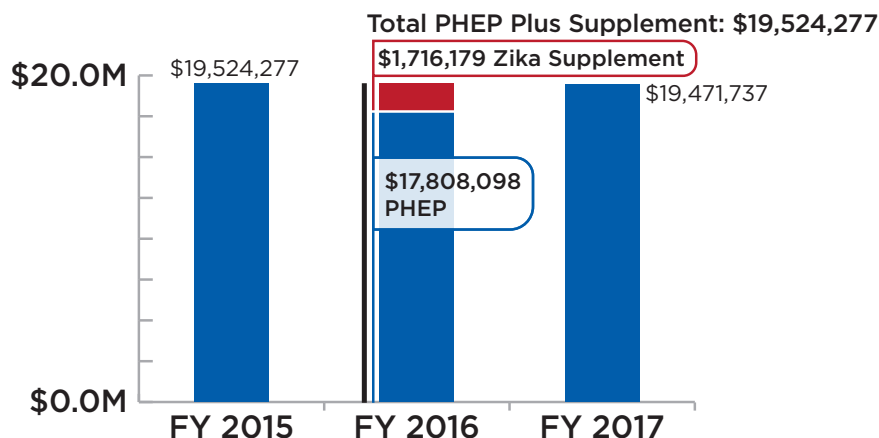
- ▶ Tornadoes
- ▶ Flooding
- ▶ Special Events

PHEP funds programs and activities that build and strengthen the nation's preparedness for public health emergencies.

Preparedness and Response Funding Snapshot

FY 2017 PHEP - \$19,471,737

Base Plus Population - \$17,395,919
Cities Readiness Initiative - \$1,675,818
Level 1 Chemical Lab - \$-



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PHEP IN ACTION – PREPARING FOR THE POPE’S VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES



During the Pope’s visit to the U.S. in fall 2015, the City of Philadelphia saw between 600,000 and 1 million people travel through. The city, region and state prepared for this event for a year. PHEP and the Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) collaborated to support four medical stations and six first aid stations which saw a total of 350 patients during the event. The city also used state PHEP funds to monitor the first aid stations, hospitals, and hotels for adverse health events that would lead to quick identification of disease outbreaks.

CDC identified 15 public health preparedness capabilities critical to public health preparedness.

TOP PHEP CAPABILITY INVESTMENTS

- 1. Information Sharing
- 2. Public Health Laboratory Testing
- 3. Public Health Surveillance & Epidemiologic Investigation
- 4. Community Preparedness
- 5. Responder Safety and Health

For a complete list of all 15 public health preparedness capabilities, visit www.cdc.gov/phpr/readiness/capabilities.htm.

Medical Countermeasure Readiness: Ensuring that medicine and supplies get to those who need them most during an emergency.

KEY STRENGTH	KEY CHALLENGE
Well-defined and practiced plans for the Health Department Operations Center	Monitoring and providing technical assistance to local jurisdictions

States, territories, and localities are required to develop emergency plans covering children, pregnant women, and other vulnerable populations.

Households included children	34%
Respondents who know they are pregnant	4%
Respondents 65 or older	22%
Respondents who reported having diabetes	10%
Respondents who reported a condition that limits activities	20%
Respondents who reported a health problem that required the use of specialized equipment	9%

PHEP funds support staff who have expertise in many different areas.

PHEP-Funded Staff	
CDC Field Staff	4
Educators	4
Epidemiologists	10
Health Professionals	4
Laboratorians	14
Other Staff	71

PHEP PROGRAM—KEY PERFORMANCE MEASURE RESULTS

In an emergency, it is critical that staff can meet quickly to plan for, lead, and manage a public health response. Public health staff serve as Incident Commanders, Public Information Officers, Planning Section Chiefs, Operations Section Chiefs, and other response roles.

Emergency Operations Coordination	2014	2015	2016
Number of minutes for public health staff with incident management lead roles to report for immediate duty	31	25	17

Timely and effective communication between lab and epidemiologic staff can reduce death and injuries in a public health emergency.

Public Health Laboratory Testing	2016
Result of communication drill between laboratory and epidemiological staff	Completed drill in time: (target: 45 mins) Completed drill in time: (target: 45 mins)

Laboratory Response Network biological (LRN-B) and PulseNet labs rapidly identify and notify CDC of potential biological health threats to minimize disease outbreaks. CDC manages the LRN-B, a group of public health labs with testing capabilities to detect and confirm biological health threats. CDC also manages PulseNet, a national network of labs that analyzes and connects foodborne illness cases together to identify outbreak sources.

Current number of LRN-B public health labs: 1

Public Health Laboratory Testing: LRN-B	2014	2015	2016
Proportion of LRN-B proficiency tests passed	3 / 3	2 / 2	2 / 2
Public Health Laboratory Testing: PulseNet	2014	2015	2016
Percentage of <i>E. coli</i> -positive tests analyzed and uploaded into PulseNet national database within four working days	99% (target: 90%)	96% (target: 90%)	97% (target: 90%)
Percentage of <i>Listeria</i> -positive tests analyzed and uploaded into PulseNet national database within four working days	93% (target: 90%)	100% (target: 90%)	100% (target: 90%)

LRN chemical (LRN-C) labs rapidly identify exposures to toxic chemicals, aid diagnoses, and minimize further human exposures. CDC manages the LRN-C, a group of labs with testing capabilities to detect and confirm chemical health threats. LRN-C labs are designated as Level 1, 2, or 3, with Level 1 labs demonstrating the most advanced capabilities.

Current number and level of LRN-C Labs: 1 (Level 2)

Public Health Laboratory Testing: LRN-C	2014	2015	2016
Proportion of core chemical agent detection methods demonstrated by Level 1 and/or Level 2 labs	9 / 9	9 / 9	9 / 9
Number of additional chemical agent detection methods demonstrated by Level 1 and/or Level 2 labs	2	2	2
Result of LRN exercise to collect, package, and ship samples	Passed	Passed	Passed



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