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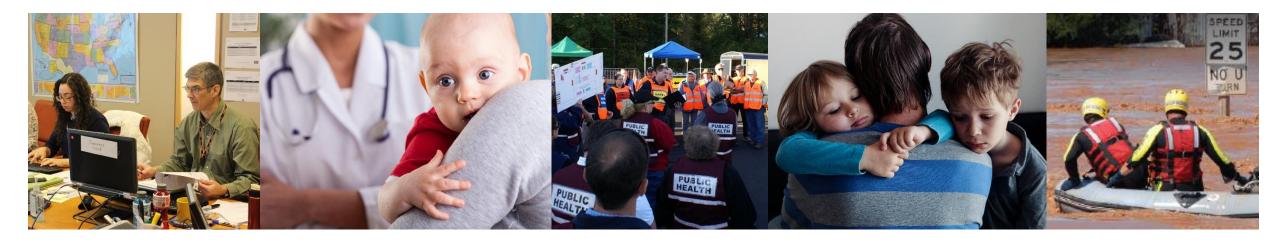
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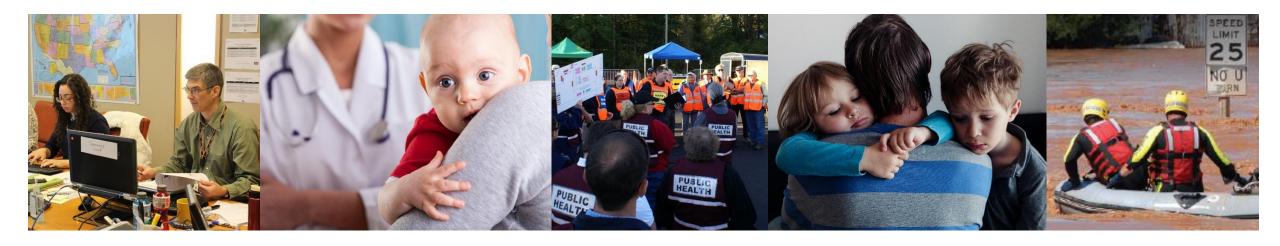
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CDC's Role in State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Public Health Preparedness and Response



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Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Program

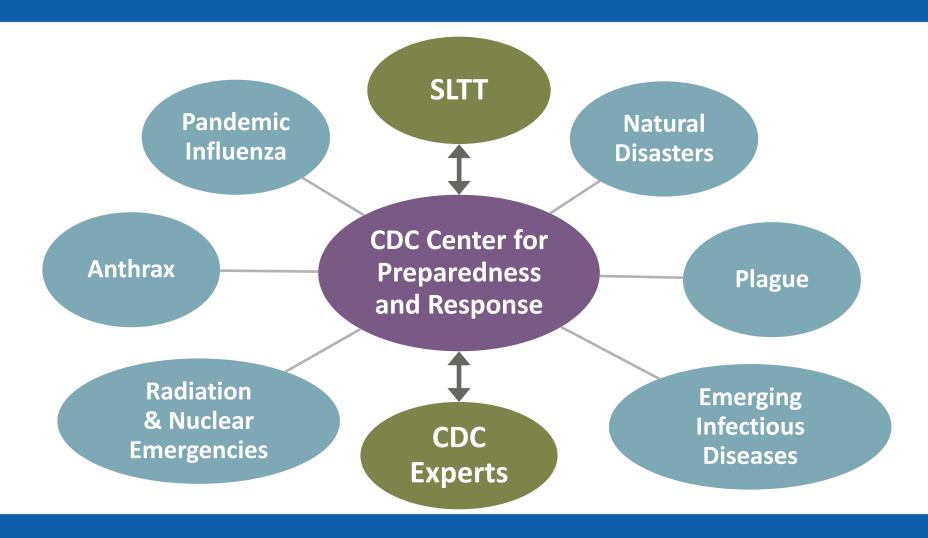
Evolution of the PHEP Program

- Events of 9/11 exposed the lack of readiness at the state and local level for response to intentional threats
- ➤ Intent of the PHEP program is to ensure state and local public health agencies are prepared and ready to respond to any event that threatens the health and safety of their community
 - PHEP builds state, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) preparedness and response capability

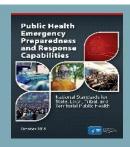


New York City, September 2001

CDC Public Health Response Framework



Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Program Operations



Public Health Preparedness
Capabilities: National Standards





Threat-Specific Planning



Response Assistance for Public Health Emergencies

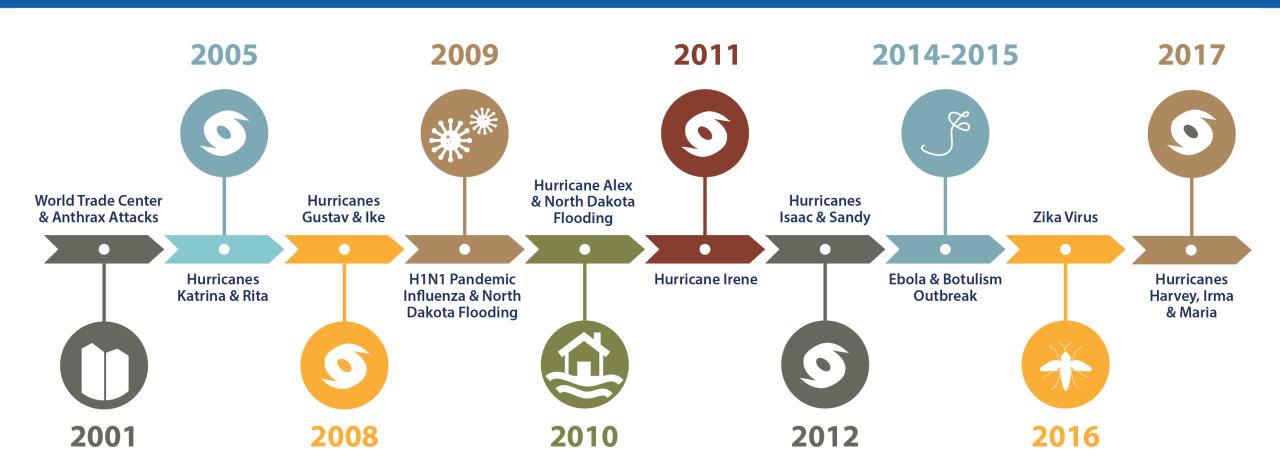
Select PHEP Program Accomplishments



	PHEP Capability Standard	SLTT Demonstration of Capability
	Developed Public Health Emergency Management expertise	Trained public health first responders in incident command and public health response
	Adopted national standards for Incident Management	Standardized, scalable response systems that can effectively manage public health response and ensure coordination with other response partners in the community
4	Increased capacity for Rapid Threat Detection	Network of public health labs capable of rapidly detecting and characterizing biological and chemical threats
0	Improved capacity for Medical Countermeasure Dispensing and Distribution	Delivery of lifesaving medicines and medical supplies during an emergency
****	Improved Risk Communication to the Affected Population	Deliver credible information to the public regarding self-protective measures, thereby reducing risk to families and communities

PHEP: Public Health Emergency Preparedness
SLTT: State, local, tribal, and territorial public health

Snapshot of National CDC Responses



^{*}Not shown above: Frequent small scale responses

Other CDC Programs and Resources Available To Support Preparedness and Response

Children's Preparedness Unit



NIOSH Emergency
Preparedness and Response:
Worker Resources



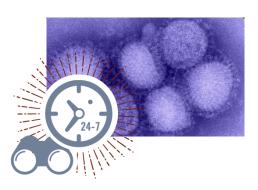
Reproductive Health Emergency Preparedness Training Course



Emergency Partners Information Connection



Pandemic Influenza Planning, Preparedness, and Response



Clinical Outreach and Communication Activity



Response Support

State Coordination Task Force (SCTF)

- State, local, and territorial coordination
- National partner communication
- Connect jurisdictions with CDC subject-matter experts
- ➤ Public Health Crisis Response Cooperative Agreement
 - Mechanism to expedite CDC emergency funding to impacted jurisdictions



2014–2015 Ebola Virus Disease Response Examples







PPE: Personal protective equipment

PHEP: Public Health Emergency Preparedness

Zika Virus Disease Response



Community Training to Decrease Mosquito Breeding Sites



Mosquito Net

Mosquito Net

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Zika Prototype Prevention Kit (ZPK)

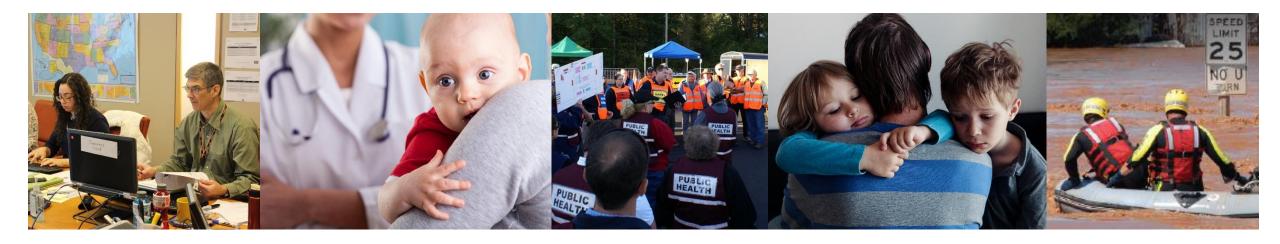
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www.cdc.gov/cpr/readiness

Protecting Families from Emerging Health Threats Local Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Activities



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Presentation Outline

- ➤ Our mission
- > Public health practice
- **➤** Woolsey wildfire
- > Public health actions to protect and educate families

Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Mission: To protect health, prevent disease, & promote health and well-being

> Our focus is on the population as a whole



Four core activities that summarize public health practice – how we do our work

1. Surveillance

- →The 5 Ws (What, Who, Where, When, Why?)
- 2. Disease Control & Prevention
- →How to interrupt and prevent the spread and reduce risk of illness

3. Communication

→Messages to the 3 Ps (Providers, Public, and Policymakers)

4. Resource Coordination

→Work with others to effectively manage all of the above

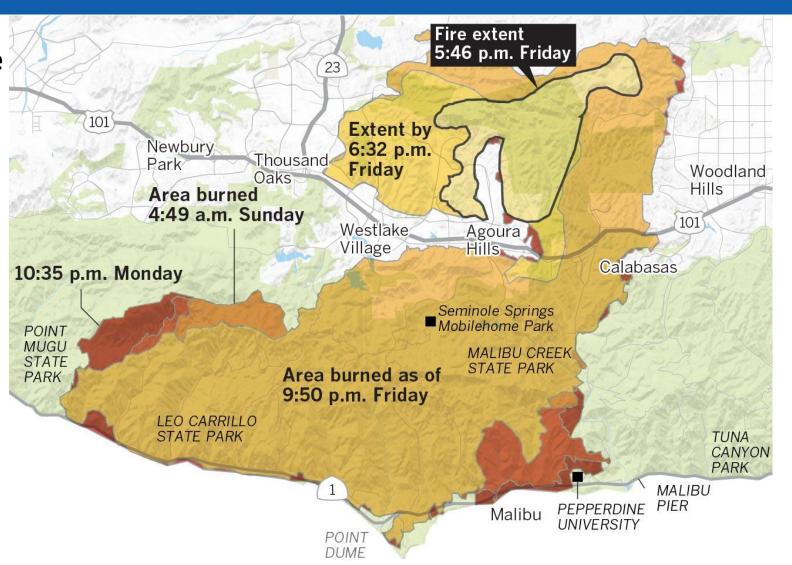
The work is directed and supported by staff with diverse set of skills, expertise, and training

- > Administrative Support Workers
- Community Workers
- **Doctors**
- **Epidemiologists**
- > Environmental Health Specialists
- > Health Educators
- **►** Information Technology Specialists

- Occupational Health Specialist
- **➤** Operations Support Workers
- Public Health Nurses
- Public Health Investigators
- **→** Microbiologists
- **Nutritionists**
- > Researchers
- Veterinarians

On November 8, 2018, the Woolsey fire ignited and burned in Ventura and Los Angeles Counties for 13 days before containment

Here's where the Woolsey fire burned through the hills of Southern California in the first few days...



... a total of 96,949 acres burned.

Evacuees filled shelters, stayed with friends and family and awaited news of their homes while 3,242 responders worked to gain control







Structures Damaged: 364



Structures Destroyed: 1,643

Public Health <u>surveillance</u> started at the beginning of the fire and with the response to it. Some examples include...

✓ Unhealthy air quality in areas around and downwind of the fire





✓ Evacuees gathering, potentially staying, in locations not designed to safely meet basic daily needs

✓ Risk of perishable food in affected homes and restaurants spoiling



✓ Planned (and unplanned) power shutoffs, impact on treated water systems



After determining the 5 Ws
(Who, What, When, Where, and Why?),
we, at the public health department, determined
what actions were needed to protect
health and the environment

Public Health <u>communicated</u> with the 3 Ps about actions needed to protect health and the environment



Public

- Wildfire Smoke Advisory
 - Who is at greatest risk?
 - □ How to protect yourself
 - Use and safety of masks
 - Limit outdoor activities (for public and schools)
 - Where to get updates

Policymakers

- Limit outdoor activities of field staff
- Mask Guidance to Protect from Wildfire Smoke or Ash
 - Answered questions about the use of N95 respirators* during wildfires

^{*}N95 Respirators: a respiratory protective device designed to achieve a very close facial fit and to filter at least 95% of airborne particles.

They are not designed for children or people with facial hair because a proper fit cannot be achieved for them.

3Ps: Providers, Public, and Policymakers

Public Health communicated with the 3 Ps about actions needed to protect health and the environment

Public

- Offered immunizations
 - □ Influenza (flu)
 at shelters
 (fires occurred mid-flu season)
 - Tetanus booster at Disaster Recovery Centers
- Health Fact Sheets
 - □ Returning Home After...
 - Mental Health & Stress after an Emergency



Policymakers

- DPH Environmental
 Health inspected each shelter to assess for environmental and food safety concerns
- DPH coordinated with other government agencies inside the response structure
- Resources needed for mental health impacts

3Ps: Providers, Public, and Policymakers

Some actions done in <u>coordination</u> and in <u>collaboration</u> with other departments

> Public

- Health Fact Sheets
 - □ Cleaning Smoke & Soot
 - Water Storage Tank Disinfection
 - ☐ Food Safety After a Power Outage
 - Mental Health & Stress after an Emergency (with Dept of Mental Health)
 - Swimming Pools After a Fire (with Public Works and Vector Control)
- Trash and Fire Debris Removal (with Public Works)

Policymakers

 Health Officer Order prohibiting the unsafe removal, transport, and disposal of fire debris



Joint Health Advisory:

 Identifying and Managing the
 Mental Health Impacts of the
 Woolsey Fire on Residents and
 First Responders
 (with Dept of Mental Health)





Some lessons learned...

- People need and want to know...
 - What to expect
 - What they can do
 - Where to get help
- Policymakers need and want to know...
 - What to expect
 - What they can do
 - Where their constituents can get help

- The key is to coordinate and collaborate with others
 - Avoids confusion
 - No one entity can do or know it all
 - Helps families recover and rebuild faster

Partnering with Health Professionals to Respond Locally



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Meet "Sam"

6-month-old boy presenting to emergency department

Day 1 Day 2 Day 3

Day 4

Fever
Some upper respiratory symptoms

Diffuse erythematous rash

Abruptly stopped using left arm

Referred to emergency department



Sam's Physical Exam, Laboratory and Diagnostics





Impression: Cervical polyradiculitis and enhancing focal lesion within the mid-left cervical spinal cord (e.g., inflammation in his spinal cord, on the left side, in the neck region)

CDC Acute Flaccid Myelitis (AFM) Case Definition

Acute onset flaccid limb weakness

AND

Confirmed AFM Case

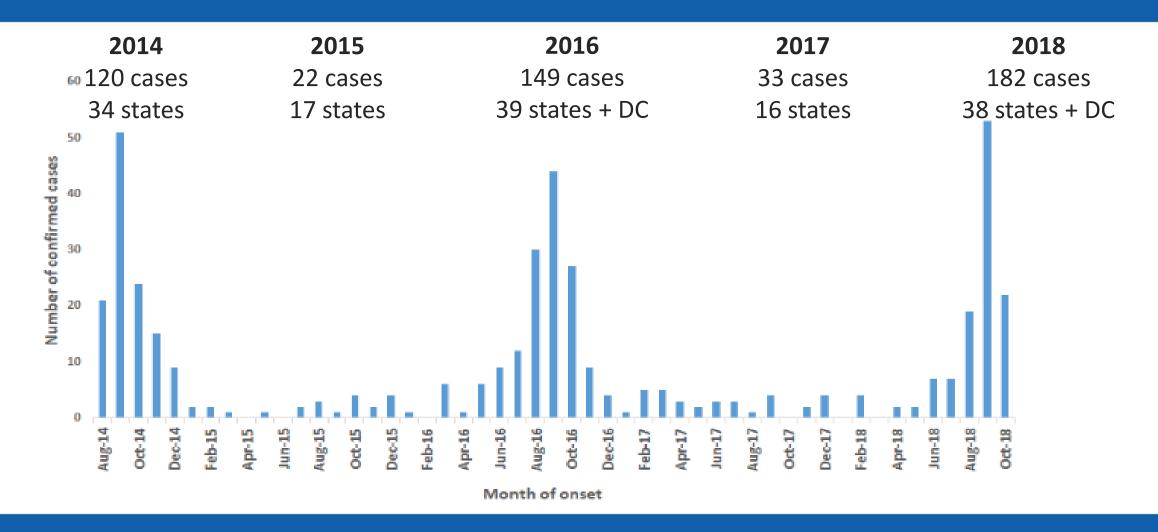
MRI findings of spinal cord lesion largely restricted to gray matter and spanning one or more spinal segments

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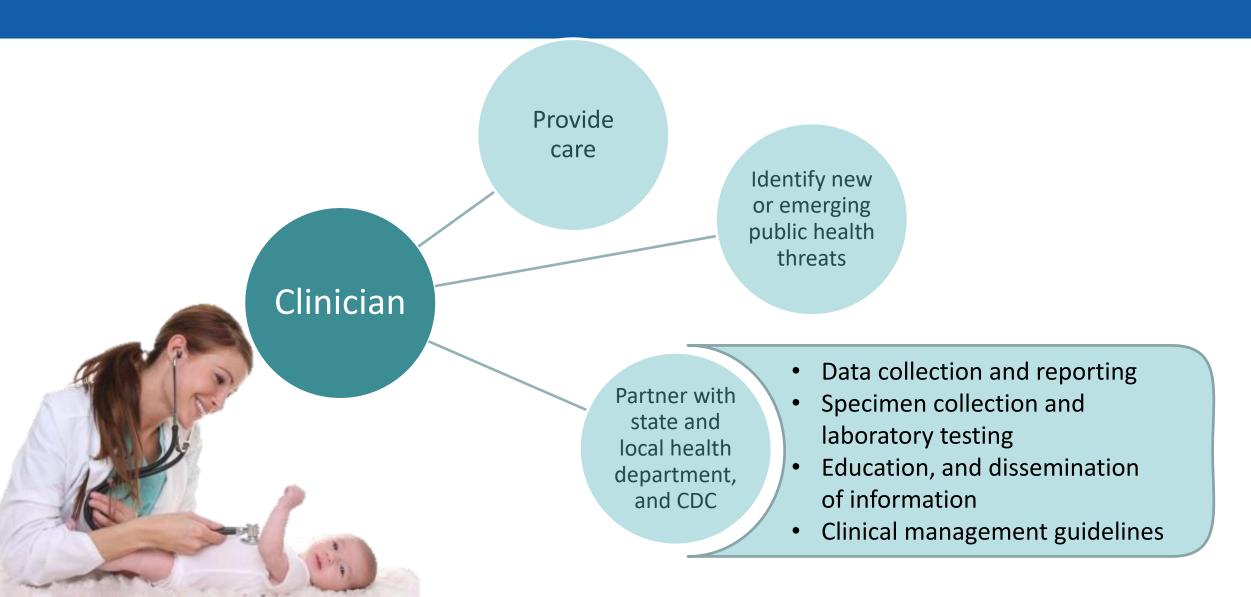
Probable AFM Case

Cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) with pleocytosis (>5 cells/mm3)

Confirmed U.S. AFM Cases Reported to CDC by Month of Onset



Clinician's Role in a Local Public Health Emergency



Clinical and Public Health Communication and Collaboration



HCP: Healthcare provider

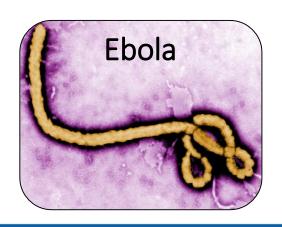
LHD: Local health department

Public Health Data: What Clinicians Need

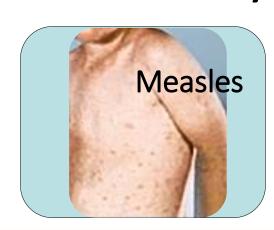
- > CDC and local health department (LHD) websites "For Providers"
 - Updated epidemiologic data and guidelines to inform care
- Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity (COCA) calls/webinars
- **►** Local Health Department:
 - Clear communication regarding available testing and how to request
 - Specific guidelines for who, when, and how to request testing
 - Electronic mechanisms for requests, approval, and communication
 - Hotline numbers to reach key LHD personnel 24/7
- Conference calls between healthcare provider and LHD, and when indicated, CDC

Strategies for Local Health Departments (LHD): Clinical Engagement

- ➤ Develop relationship between LHD and clinician <u>prior</u> to health care emergency
- Develop single point, infallible LHD contact strategy
- Develop agreed upon non-redundant communication plan between institution and LHD for health care emergency events before they occur







Sam: An Update

Respiratory

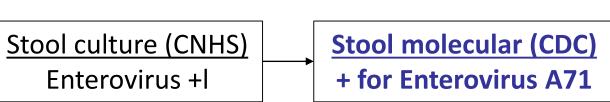
Multiplex RT-PCR: negative

Serum

- WNV IgG/IgM: negative
- Enterovirus PCR: negative

Cerebrospinal Fluid

- Bacterial culture: negative
- Meningitis/Encephalitis Multiplex PCR Panel (including Enterovirus and HSV): negative





RT-PCR: Real time polymerase chain reaction

HSV: Herpes simplex virus

WNV: West Nile virus Ig: Immunoglobulin

Power of a Close Relationship between Clinicians and LHD

- ➤ LHD epidemiologic data assisted clinician in diagnosis, including a less common emerging disease
- Clinician could:
 - Easily and efficiently provide clinical specimens and data to LHD
 - Provide LHD clinical nuances and follow-up data for registries and databases
 - Partner with LHD and CDC to refine clinical practice guidelines
- Partnership enhanced patient care and provider education

Activating Local Partnerships to Respond to Emerging Threats to Families



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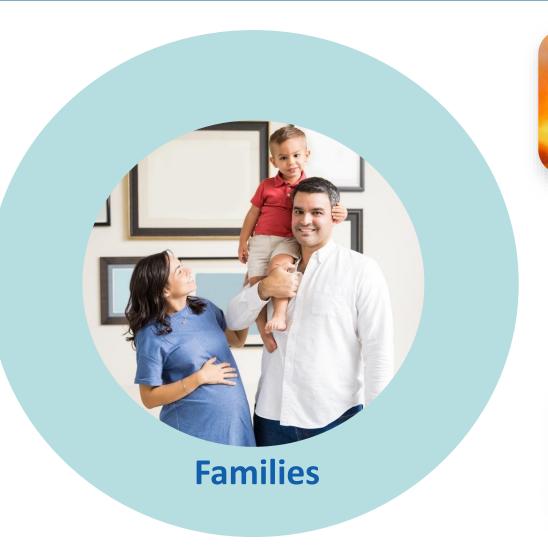
National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities



Families: Uniquely Vulnerable to Emergencies



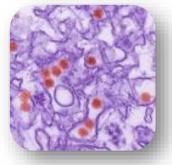
H1N1 Influenza



Wildfires



Lead in Drinking Water



Zika







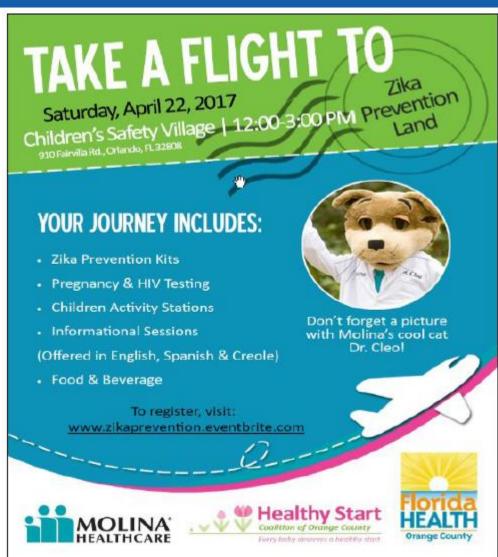


Forging Local Partnerships During Zika Response



Community Partnerships During Zika Response





Clinical Partnerships During Zika Response

Provider outreach:

- Zika testing guidelines
- Insurance coverage
- Test results to providers

> Partnering with clinical organizations:

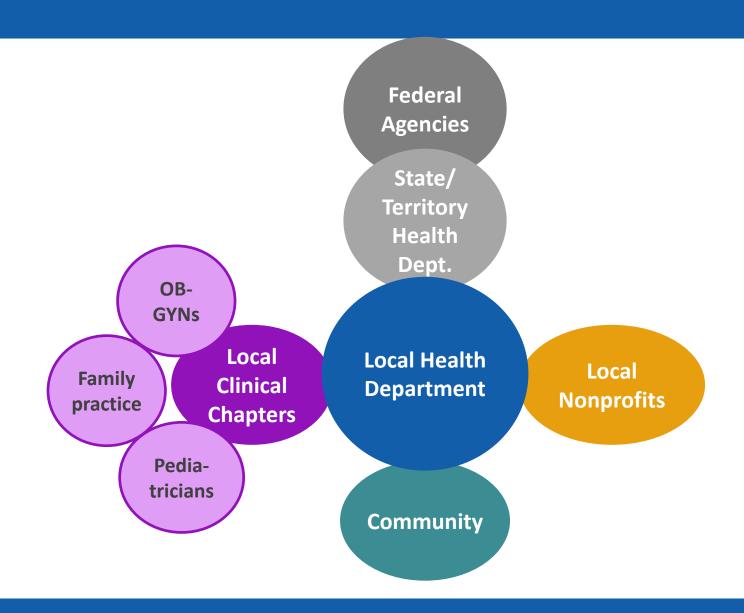
- Use existing materials
- Facilitate outreach and education to local membership



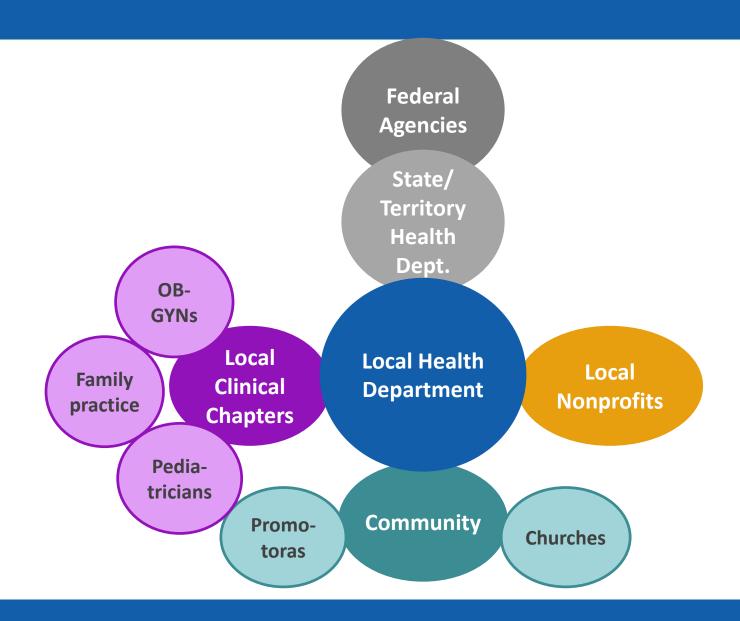
Building Networks: Local Health Departments



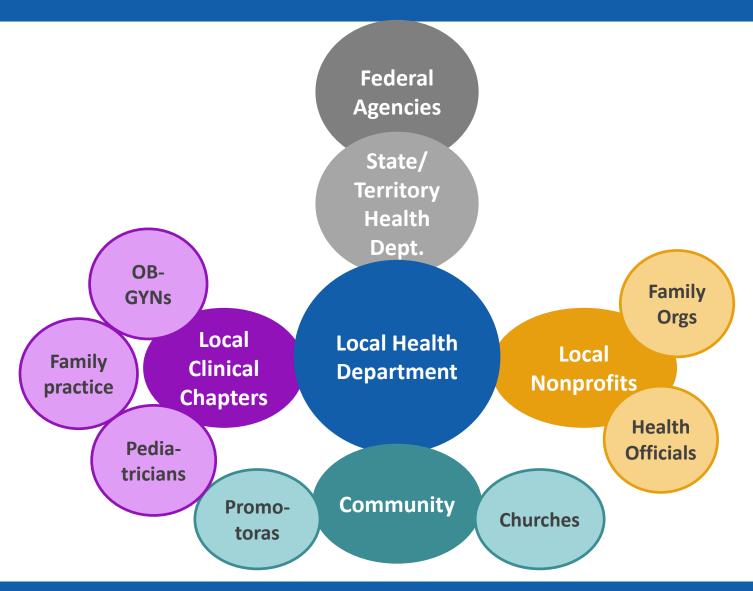
Building Networks: Providers



Building Networks: Community



Building Networks: Organizations Working with Families and Maternal and Child Health



Multi-Directional Communication



Impact: Local Field Support during 2016 Zika Response

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS				
National Partners Engaged	Jurisdictions Received Support	Families Referred	Providers Contacted	Zika Virus Tests Provided to Pregnant Women
12	30	>400	>5,000	>40,000

Leverage existing resources

- PHEP funds
- Coordinate with CDC's Division of State and Local Response

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- Connect with local chapters of clinical, and communitybased organizations to amplify messaging to broad networks

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