

Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Capabilities: 2018 Update



Why were the capabilities updated?

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released the **Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Capabilities** in 2018 to support continued advancement of state, local, tribal, and territorial public health preparedness programs.

Drivers for the updates

- Evolution of public health preparedness guidance and resources
- Lessons learned from public health emergency responses
- Findings from internal CDC reviews and assessments
- Feedback from the public health preparedness practice community

How were the updates made?

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Phases used to draft, review, and finalize the updated capabilities

19

Work groups conducted detailed reviews of the capabilities

350+

CDC experts and partners provided feedback on the revised capabilities

What's new in the capabilities?



Expands strategies that plan for disproportionately impacted populations



Accounts for public health consequences of environmental hazards in emergencies



Incorporates considerations for maintaining chemical laboratory capacity



Modernizes information technology and data security measures



Expands medical countermeasure strategies to include vaccination



Promotes social media use to keep communities safe and aware



Strengthens responder safety and control measures