

Office of Public Health Emergency Preparedness

Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention

Maine Department of Health and Human Services

The Office of Public Health Emergency Preparedness (OPHEP) is located in the Division of Public Health Systems within the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention. It's mission is to protect the health and safety of Maine residents through development and implementing of a coordinated, statewide system that assures the early detection, containment and management of public health emergency events with minimal morbidity, mortality and other consequences.

- ❑ Along with the nation, Maine is at risk for terrorist attacks and natural disasters.
- ❑ Disasters of all types contain threats to the public's health.
- ❑ Preparedness strategies require collaboration and planning among a wide variety of partners .



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The Maine Office of Public Health Emergency Preparedness (OPHEP) is the lead state program responsible for the planning, coordination, and response to bioterrorism and other public health emergencies. OPHEP works in collaboration with key federal, state and local agencies to protect the health and lives of people in Maine by strengthening the ability of health agencies and partner organizations to detect, contain and manage public health threats and emergencies.

OPHEP has developed four goals, each with annual objectives, that will assure that Maine meets or exceeds the fourteen critical benchmarks established by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services when the emergency bioterrorism preparedness and response legislation was passed in 2001.

- ❑ Early Detection
Assure early detection of bioterrorist events and other potential public health emergencies through surveillance, outbreak investigation and epidemiologic analysis.
- ❑ Response Planning
Assure the development and implementation of a comprehensive public health emergency response plan for the state of Maine that is coordinated with appropriate governmental, voluntary, private sector and other partners.
- ❑ Communication
Assure the development and implementation of a health communication infrastructure for use during public health emergencies that will connect all appropriate preparedness and response partners.
- ❑ Training
Assure the development and implementation of adequate public health preparedness and response education and training programs for the emergency health care workforce in Maine. That training will be based on specific needs and national standards.

Funding Sources

- ❑ Center for Disease Control (CDC) Bioterrorism Funding \$6,321,437 (FY 06)
- ❑ Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Hospital Preparedness Funding \$2,434,432 (FY 06)
- ❑ Pandemic Influenza Supplemental Funding , Center for Disease Control and Prevention \$ 1,364,241 (FY06)

Budget: \$10,120,110 (FY 06)

Staff count: 9