

# Building and Sustaining State and Local Preparedness and Response Capabilities

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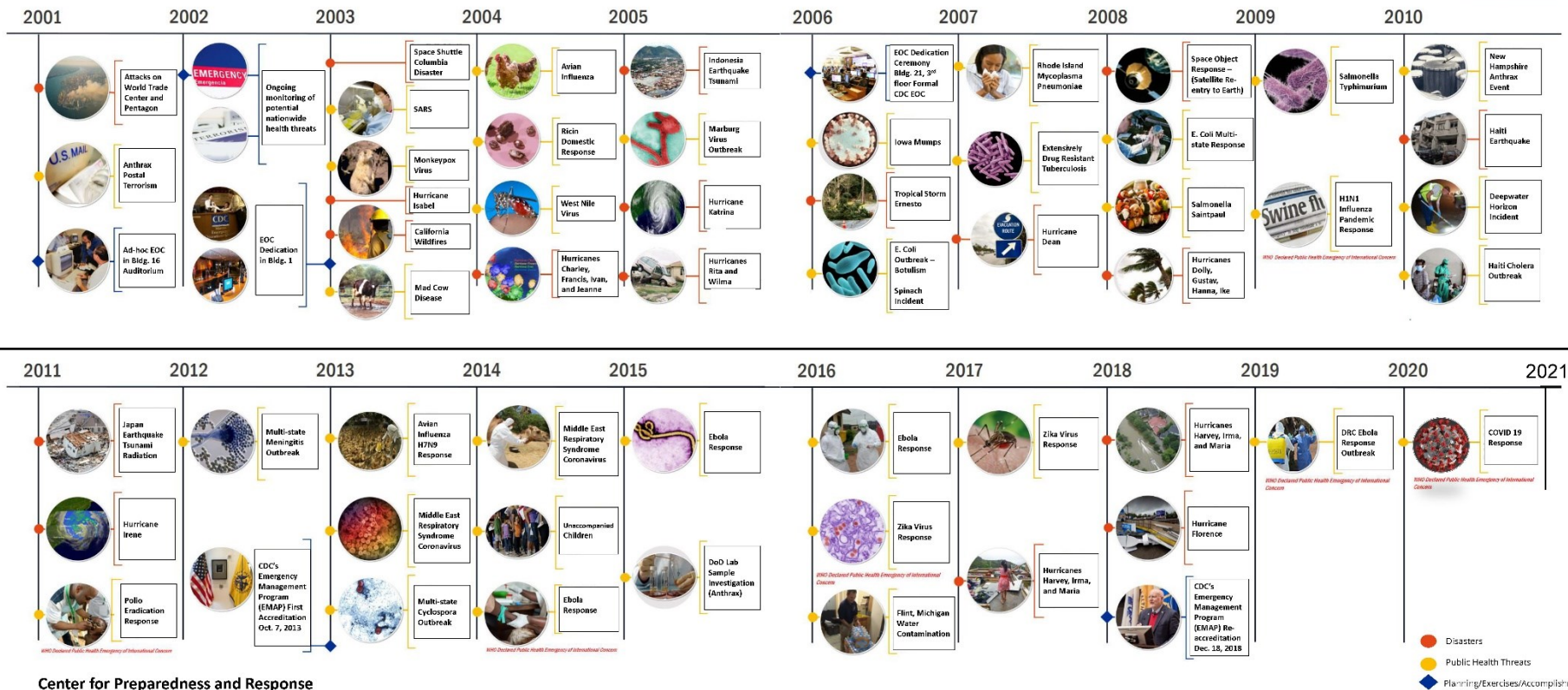
# Today's Agenda

- Background: CDC Support for Building Strong Public Health Emergency Management Programs within State and Local Public Health
- CDC Support for Local Public Health Preparedness and Response
  - Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Program
  - Public Health Crisis Response Program
- Discussion



CDC Support of Local Public Health Preparedness

# When America Calls, CDC is Ready

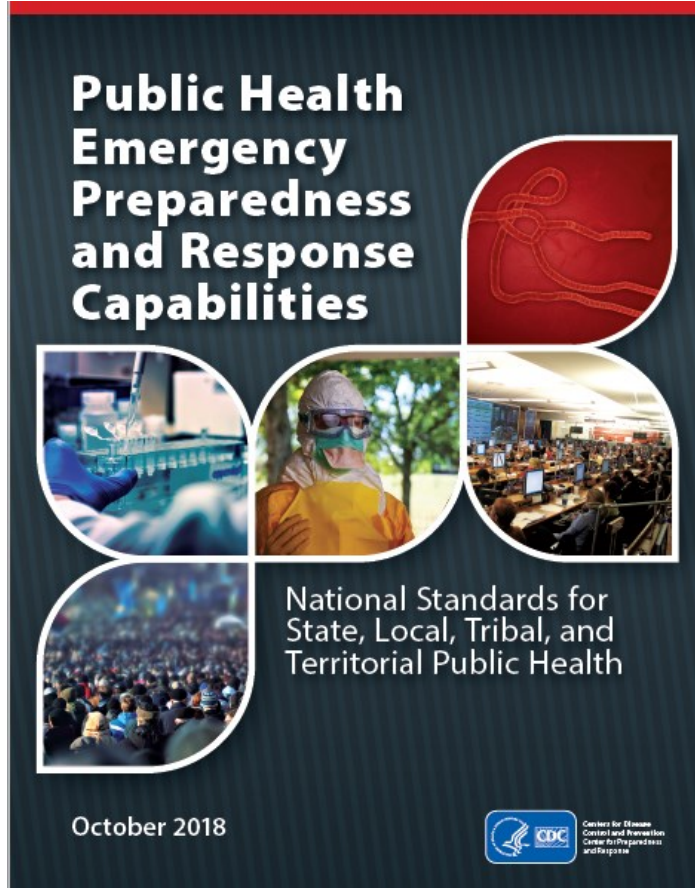


# Division of State and Local Readiness (DSLRL) and the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Program

- To assure the nation's public health system is prepared to respond to and recover from a public health event or emergency.
- To assist state, **local**, and territorial health departments in developing **strong, response-ready public health emergency management capabilities.**



# Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Capabilities



1. Community Preparedness
2. Community Recovery
3. Emergency Operations Coordination
4. Emergency Public Information and Warning
5. Fatality Management
6. Information Sharing
7. Mass Care
8. Medical Countermeasure Dispensing and Administration
9. Medical Materiel Management and Distribution
10. Medical Surge
11. Nonpharmaceutical Interventions
12. Public Health Laboratory Testing
13. Public Health Surveillance and Epidemiological Investigation
14. Responder Safety and Health
15. Volunteer Management

# CDC Program Operations to Improve State and Local Readiness



Public Health  
Preparedness  
Capabilities:  
National Standards



Threat Specific  
Planning



Public Health  
Workforce  
Training



PHEP  
Cooperative  
Agreement  
Funding



Response  
Assistance for  
Public Health  
Emergencies

# CDC Investments in State and Local Response Readiness

- Since 9/11, CDC Investments Have Built:
  - Strong public health emergency management programs nationwide
  - State public health emergency operation centers
  - Additional capability within state/local public health labs for rapidly detecting biological and chemical threats
  - Additional epi/surveillance capability (staff) including CDC field staff (CEFOs)



# CDC Investments in State and Local Response Readiness

- Since 9/11, CDC Investments Have Built:
  - Electronic disease reporting systems
  - Capability to rapidly dispense large volumes of MCMs to the public
  - Medical/PPE caches at the state/local level
  - Logistics, transportation and warehousing capability



# CDC Investments in State and Local Response Readiness

- Since 9/11, CDC Investments Have Built:
  - Secure comms systems for rapidly pushing out health alert messages to the public and first responders
  - Trained, response-ready workforce and exercise programs
  - Plans for MCM distro, Sheltering, Recovery, Mass Fatalities, Respiratory Protection, etc.
  - Systems for training, credentialing and activating volunteer responders



# Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Cooperative Agreement Funding<sup>1</sup>



Sources: CDC, OPHPR, DSLR

<sup>1</sup>Annual totals include PHEP Base Funding plus one or more of the following: Cities Readiness Initiative, Chemical Laboratory Capacity, Early Warning Infection Disease Surveillance (EWIDS), Real-Time Disease Detection, Risk Funding, Smallpox, Pandemic Influenza Supplement - Phase I, Pandemic Influenza Supplement - Phase II, Pandemic Influenza Supplement - Phase III and Ebola Supplemental Funding.

\*Asterisk denotes increase in PHEP awards due to emergency supplemental funding (2003 for smallpox; 2006, 2007, and 2008 for pandemic influenza; and 2015 for Ebola). The FY2008 total includes \$24 million for pandemic influenza preparedness projects that were from a different, competitive funding opportunity announcement.

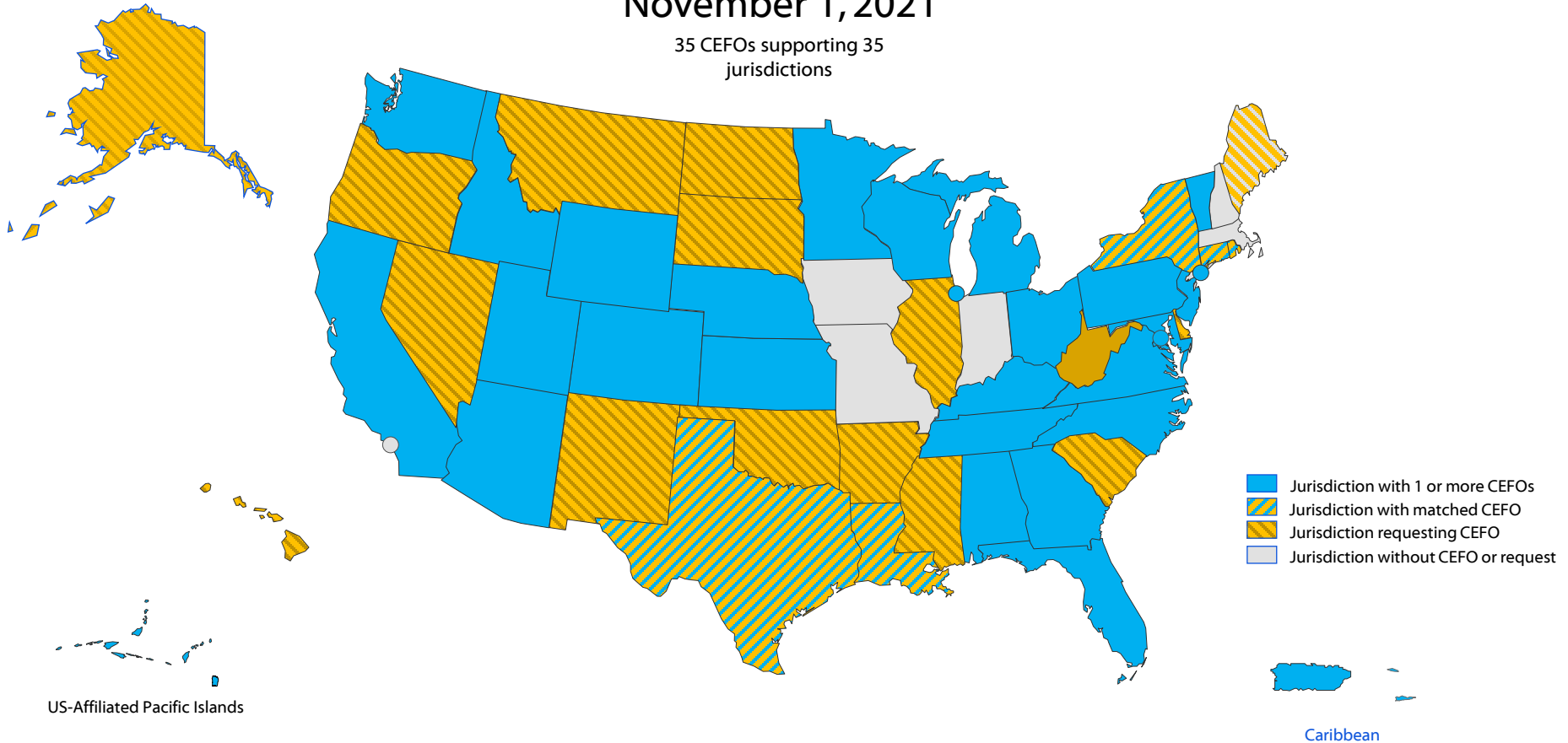
## FY 2021 PHEP Funding Increase Supports Local Jurisdictions

- FY 2021 appropriation: \$695 million, increase of \$20 million over FY 2020 enacted budget
- Additional funding directly impacts state, local, and territorial (SLT) health departments:
  - **Increased funding to 72 large metropolitan statistical areas (MSA) - at least one in MSA in every state – through the PHEP program's Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI)**
  - Assigning 56 CDC-funded senior epidemiologists (Career Epidemiology Field Officers or CEFOs) to support every SLT health department directly funded by PHEP

# Career Epidemiology Field Officer Recruitment By Jurisdiction

November 1, 2021

35 CEFOs supporting 35 jurisdictions





CDC Support of Local Public Health Response

# American Rescue Plan: CDC Awards Funds for Local Public Health Response

- CDC awarded \$2 billion in supplemental funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (May 2021) using the CDC public health crisis response funding mechanism



# American Rescue Plan: CDC Awards Funds for Local Public Health Response

- Goal of funding:
  - Establish, train, and sustain state, tribal, local, and territorial public health workforce to support jurisdictional COVID-19 prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery initiatives, including school-based health programs.



# American Rescue Plan: CDC Awards Funds for Local Public Health Response

- Support K-12 school health programs: ~25% of funding
- **Support local and community-based hiring: ~40% of remaining funds**
- Bolster administrative/grants management activities
- Access to General Services Administration (GSA) COVID-19 contract mechanism



# General Services Administration (GSA) Support for COVID-19 Response

- GSA developed COVID-19 response support package that enables jurisdictional health departments to enter into contracts with vendors for surge staffing and other needs.
  - GSA created similar mechanism for FEMA for alternate care sites.
- [GSA's market research](#) identified more than 120 vendors that could provide COVID-19 support services
  - Vendors cover all regions of the country, territories, and freely associated states.
- Scope of services include medical and other personnel, equipment, wrap-around services, contact tracing, and logistical support.



## Discussion

# Thank You

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