

Monitoring, Tracking & Coordination

The District's Healthcare System Works Together to Prepare Patients & Providers During Emergency Threats

Preparedness Activities

- Develop standardized communication tools for patients and providers
- Disseminate information regarding updates to infection control protocols and healthcare best practices with Emergency Management & Infectious Disease/Infection Prevention Committees and hospital leaders
- Convene subject matter experts to support collective problem solving and shared decision making (e.g. infectious disease physicians and emergency managers)
- Regularly monitor media outlets and industry leaders for access to timely and accurate information

Preparedness & Response

- Developed emergency operation plans to address threats, pandemic/highly infectious pathogens
- Identify processes for communication, infrastructure, staff, patients and visitors
- Conduct annual exercises and drills on identified threats to be in compliance with CMS Emergency Preparedness Rule
- Hospital leadership teams conduct regular meetings to assess facility threats, challenges, and changes to clinical practice with frontline providers, facility operations, and administrative leaders
- Coordinate with DC Health and HMC partners (local and regional) for enhanced response capabilities

Coordinated Approach

- Participate in routine situational awareness across District and regional partners
- Conduct survey assessments to evaluate potential supply/equipment shortages or inventory management issues
- Support healthcare facility preparedness and response efforts with facilitation of city-wide exercises (e.g. DC Ebola Full Scale Exercise)
- Streamline information between healthcare facilities and key stakeholders and implement shared infection control standards and protocols
- Training and education across stakeholders



Picture Credit: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coordinated Approach Framework