Panel History
Secure and Resilient Commonwealth Panel Charter

Secretary Public Safety and Homeland Security chairs. The Panel shall have as its primary focus emergency management and homeland security within the Commonwealth to ensure that prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery programs, initiatives, and activities, both at the state and local levels, are fully integrated, suitable, and effective in addressing risks from man-made and natural disasters. The Panel shall where necessary review, evaluate, and make recommendations concerning implementation of such initiatives*. The Panel shall also make such recommendations as it deems necessary to enhance or improve the resiliency of public and private critical infrastructure to mitigate against man-made and natural disasters.

Senate Bill 10 Implications
SRCP Membership

3 Delegates
- 2 non-legislative citizens

3 Senators

Secretaries:
- Commerce and Trade
- Health and Human Resources
- Technology
- Transportation
- Public Safety and Homeland Security
- Veterans and Defense Affairs
- 2 physicians with knowledge of public health
- 5 members from the business or industry sector

Lieutenant Governor
Attorney General
Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court

Agency Heads:
- State Coordinator of Emergency Management
- Superintendent of State Police
- Adjutant General
- State Health Commissioner
- 2 two local first responders
- 2 local government reps
- 2 citizens from the Commonwealth at large
Health and Human Resources Subpanel

• Only subordinate entity In-place since inception of the Panel
• Meets prior to each Panel meeting and reports out to Panel
• Acts on directions from the Panel and establishes an HHR-specific agenda.
• Acts as OEP’s Grants Advisory Board
• Has no specific membership at this time.
• Current membership has evolved based on interests of its members.
• No new chair designated since new Administration took office.
Ongoing Efforts to Gage Preparedness

- National Health Security Preparedness Index
  - [https://nhspi.org/2017-index-released/](https://nhspi.org/2017-index-released/)
- National Association of County and City Health Officials: Project Public Health Ready
  - [http://archived.naccho.org/topics/emergency/PPHR/index.cfm](http://archived.naccho.org/topics/emergency/PPHR/index.cfm)
- Robert Woods Johnson Foundation’s Trust for America’s Health: *Ready or Not* Report
- CDC’s Operational Readiness Review
Recent Acknowledgements

• National Health Security Preparedness Index - Top 2 States

• Robert Wood Johnson *Ready or Not* Report - Top 5 States

• NACCHO *Project Public Health Ready* - Only state with all local health districts recognized
Project Public Health Ready (PPHR)

- All Health Districts Recognized and Re-recognized
- Next Round Prep begins August ‘22
- ~ 1/2 LHDs participating in this round
- State review precedes project submittal to NACCHO
- VDH provides Reviewers for out-of-state reviews
- 100% recognition is Governor’s Goal
Incident Management Team
The COVID-19 environment evolved over time, complexity grew, but so did the agility & adaptability of Virginia’s response.
challenges arose, Virginia continually adjusted its response to prioritize initiatives while managing the funding challenges.

- VA launches COVIDWISE - 1st Exposure Notifications app in US
- US Reporting 100k Case/Day
- US Surpasses 100k deaths
- US Surpasses 200k deaths
- FDA Grants Pfizer Vaccine EUA
- First Vaccine Doses in VA
- VA Ranks Among Lowest Vaccine Administered
- US 100 Million Doses
- VA Surpasses 2M COVIDWISE users
- Incorporation of Vaccination QR Code System
- J&J Pause
- COVIDWISE users

Delta Surpasses Variant

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- VA in Top 10 US Vaccination %
- VA > 75% Adults Fully Vaccinated

Omicron Surpasses Delta Variant

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- VDH launches CTC-testing vans
- CDC recommends Community Mitigation

Increase Testing Capacity

- Increase Testing Capacity
- CI/CT Ramp Up
- Vaccination prep

Primary Vaccination Series

- 12-15 y/o
- 3rd Dose & Booster

Delta Response

- 5-11 y/o

PHEP Funding

- Awaiting CRF Decision Briefs

CRF Funds Available to VDH (Expired 12/31/21)

- CDC Grants (Vaccination and ELC)
- FEMA Funding (Extended to 04/2022)
- ARPA FY22
Office of Emergency Preparedness

The Office of Emergency Preparedness (OEP) exercises oversight of and coordinates Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Recovery across VDH to include coordination with all local health districts and healthcare facilities statewide. OEP:

- Facilitates staffing of the VDH Emergency Coordination Center; and, when activated, coordinates providing liaison representatives to the Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC) to lead the health and medical response (Emergency Support Function 8).
- Coordinates statewide distribution of emergency medical countermeasures.
- Leads the development, implementation, maintenance and regular exercising of the statewide VDH Emergency Response Plan, ensuring coordination with local, state and federal agencies and private sector partner planning.
- Manages the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Cooperative Agreement and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) grant.
Office of Emergency Preparedness

Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Program
- All-hazards Emergency Planning
- Emergency Coordination / Organizational Response Structure
- Training, Exercises and Education
- Supply Chain Management
  - SNS / Medical Countermeasures / PPE Distribution
- Real Time Situational Awareness
- Fatality Management
- Risk Communications
- Access and Functional Needs Planning

Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP)
- Hospital, Skilled Nursing Facility, Healthcare Facility All-Hazards Preparedness
- Surge Planning / Status Tracking / Alternate Care Sites
- Crisis / Altered Standards of Care
- Regional Healthcare Coalition Coordination
- Patient Tracking
Office of Emergency Preparedness Funding

HPP Total Funding  (FY 23)  $6,857,550
  • Funding provided to our Six Health Care Coalitions  $5,487,290
  • Funding provided to the VHHA  $825,530
  • Base Funding  $544,730

PHEP Total Funding  (FY23)  $15,885,898
  • Base Funding  $11,243,314
  • Base Funds provided to DCLS  $1,430,500
  • Base Funding for City Readiness Initiative (CRI)  $2,104,697
  • Level 1 and Level 2 Lab (DCLS) Funding  $1,107,387

Overall Funding From HPP and PHEP for FY2023  $22,743,448
Statewide Hospital Preparedness Program

VDH provides the framework for statewide administration of HPP

VDH collaborates the Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association (VHHA) to coordinate governance and initiatives to **6 Healthcare Coalitions** with **300+ participating facilities**

- Regional Healthcare Coordinators develop their regional plans, policies and governance structure under the oversight of their Regional Healthcare Coalition
- Regions operation Regional Healthcare Coordination Centers (RHCC)
VIRGINIA MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS
The volunteer program of the Virginia Department of Health

VA MRC DEPLOYMENT IMPACT
January 2020 - June 2022

26,063 DEPLOYED*
12,184 MEDICAL
13,879 SUPPORT

838,814 Service and Training Hours

86% Service Hours for COVID Focus

224% Deployable Growth

$25.8M Workforce Savings
Administrative Preparedness

• Ability to receive federal funding without additional legislative action
• State contracts in place for temporary personnel, transportation, supplies, equipment, PPE, etc.
• Streamlined process to award funds to subrecipients
• Emergency procurement procedures exist to expedite purchasing during emergencies
• Alternate ECC for emergency coordination efforts
• Alternate communication methods
• Staff have the ability to work from alternate locations including home
Logistics Preparedness

Virginia Emergency Support Team
Operation Allies Welcome

The Commonwealth supported Operations Allies Welcome (OAW) since August of 2021 for the repatriation and resettlement of American Citizens (<5%) and Afghanistan citizens (Special Immigrant Visa-holders and Humanitarian Parolees).

- 4,518 guests processed through the National Conference Center (Loudoun County)
- 5,081 guests processed through Marine Corps Base Quantico (Prince William County)
- 7,480 guests processed through Fort Pickett (Blackstone, VA)
- Roughly 3,000 guests processed through Fort Lee (Prince George County)
- Roughly 52,000 guests processed during the initial phase/evaluation at Dulles International Airport, serving as the original Point of Entry (POE).
Training Needs Assessment

- Performed every 2 years
- Shows level of understanding and helps determine training needs
- Emergency Preparedness focused with additional data collected upon request
VDH Preparedness Summit

“Resetting for Success, Public Health Resilience Moving Forward”: The Public Health Preparedness Summit and Virginia Epidemiology Seminar provide a venue where participants are exposed to current information, research findings, practical tools and lessons learned from the COVID 19 response efforts to strengthen public health preparedness in Virginia.

The Virginia Epidemiology Seminar hosts a variety of speakers covering recent outbreak investigations and other topics of interest to the communicable disease practitioners in health departments, hospitals, and health care community.

- September 27-28, 2022: Virginia Public Health Preparedness Summit 2022 -VDH staff only
- September 29, 2022: VDH: 2022 Virginia Epidemiology Seminar (In Person)
- September 29, 2022-VDH: 2022 Virginia Epidemiology Seminar (via Webinar)
- September 30, 2022-VDH Epidemiologist workshop (invite only)

Hampton Convention Center
Questions?

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