

PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE PREPAREDNESS



ublic health officials play a vital role in emergencies, working to prevent disease, protect the safety of other emergency personnel, and support the health care delivery system. Health care coalitions are critical to facilitating information and resource sharing and strengthening the preparedness of the health care system. Recent catastrophic events in the United States — including disease outbreaks and natural disasters — have underscored the importance of mounting an effective public health and health care response to emergencies.

JSI provides technical assistance on all aspects of public health and health care emergency preparedness and response. JSI works with state and local public health and health care stakeholders to develop all-hazards plans and to implement health-focused jurisdictional risk assessments (JRAs) and hazard vulnerability assessments (HVAs) that reflect community needs and are based on national standards and guidance. JSI implements Homeland Security Exercise Evaluation Program (HSEEP)-compliant exercises and skills-based training programs. JSI's involvement with local preparedness and response efforts informs our work on the national level.

JSI helps clients to strengthen capacity in areas such as community preparedness, infectious disease surveillance, emergency public information and warning, medical surge, countermeasures dispensing, non-pharmaceutical interventions, and volunteer management. JSI's Incident Command System- and HSEEP-trained staff bring extensive public health expertise to emergency preparedness planning, facilitation, training, communications, and systems development.

Select Clients

Bi-State Primary Care Association

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Granite State Health Care Coalition

Massachusetts Department of Public Health

New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services

New Hampshire Department of Safety

North Central Wisconsin Healthcare Emergency Readiness Coalition

Speare Memorial Hospital

Vermont Department of Aging and Independent Living

Areas of Expertise

- Assessing health and public health system risk
- Emergency plan and protocol development
- Training program development and implementation at national, state, and community levels
- Exercise design, implementation, and evaluation
- Health education and emergency public information, including use of social media tools
- Infectious disease surveillance
- Post-response After Action Report development

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