

HOSPITAL **PREPAREDNESS** PROGRAM

# HAWAII



### HIGHLIGHTS

- Hawaii uses HPP funding to build and maintain a strong emergency preparedness and response foundation for the state's 1.4 million residents and eight million annual visitors.
- · Hawaii improved communication and collaboration with state and federal partners to strengthen rapid response to health care sector needs.
- Hawaii strengthened the Coalition Information Technology infrastructure to protect and improve the state's health care coalition (HCC) network.

# SPOTLIGHT ON PREPAREDNESS

When performing monthly communications tests, Hawaii identified outdated contingency communications devices that were failing. After conducting site visits to verify the status of this equipment, Hawaii Healthcare Emergency Management (HHEM) replaced or repaired 100 percent of the failing devices. To further improve communication capabilities, HHEM incorporated the use of radio communication. Outcomes were successfully tested during HHEM's statewide communications exercise with data showing an increase in community participation, leading to a more interconnected emergency response system.

## COVID-19 RESPONSE

- Hawaii coordinated with state partners to increase storage capacity of personal protective equipment.
- · Hawaii increased its capacity to assist and distribute resources to coalition members by increasing warehouse efficiency.
- By using data from an emergency management software platform, Hawaii ensured situational awareness among HCC partners and provided threshold data/justification for Department of Health medical surge staffing to aid hospitals statewide.
- Hawaii deployed several 20-bed Acute Care Modules at major hospitals on Oahu and neighboring islands.



**Health Care** Coalition

**HCC CORE** MEMBER **PARTICIPATION** 



of acute care hospitals



of emergency medical services



of public health agencies



of emergency management agencies

FY20 end-of-year data and HCC count as of 6/30/2021. Participation rate equals # of HCC member organizations divided by the total # of organizations in HI.