

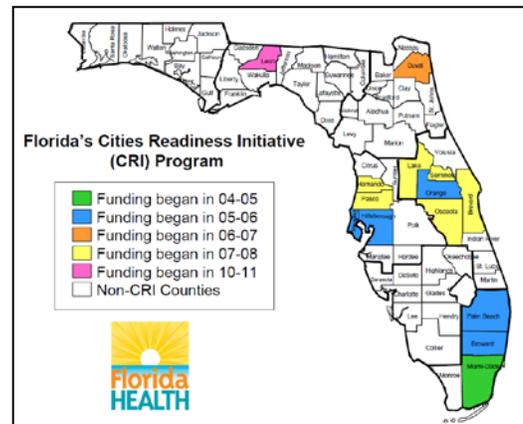
Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI)



Mission: To support major Florida counties to effectively plan for a large scale public health incident that requires dispensing of appropriate medical countermeasures.

Vision: Communications and collaboration will be enhanced across federal, state and local boundaries, resulting in optimal use of shared resources.

Purpose: CRI is a federally funded project that focuses on enhancing preparedness in counties and major metropolitan statistical areas. The project works to enhance community resilience by ensuring that large metropolitan county health departments are ready to respond and best prepared to provide medical countermeasures such as drugs, vaccines and diagnostics that may be needed to lessen the effects of a public health emergency.



Program Authority/Funding: The department receives funds from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Cooperative Agreement.

CRI aligns with:

[Florida Public Health and Health Care Preparedness 2014-2017 Strategic Plan](#)

Goal 5: Countermeasures and Mitigation, Strategy 5.1 Medical Countermeasure Dispensing

[CDC Public Health Preparedness Capabilities](#)

Capability 8: Medical Countermeasure Dispensing, Function 1 – Identify and initiate medical countermeasure dispensing strategies; Function 2 – Receive medical countermeasures; Function 3 – Activate dispensing modalities; Function 4 – Dispense medical countermeasures to identified population; Function 5 – Report adverse events

Capability 9: Medical Material Management & Distribution, Function 1 – Direct and activate medical Material management & Distribution; Function 2 - Acquire medical Materiel; Function 4 – Establish and maintain security; Function 5 – Distribute medical materiel; Function 6 – Recover medical materiel and demobilize distribution operations

Objectives:

- Support county level Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) and Mass Prophylaxis efforts.
- Provide technical assistance to assist counties with developing and implementing plans for receiving, distributing and dispensing medical countermeasures.
- Share tools, resources and successful practices to help counties establish, sustain, evaluate and enhance local projects.
- Annually review county plans and assess participating communities, in conjunction with the CDC, for evidence of overall readiness and ability to meet federal target capabilities.
- Assist counties in developing drills and exercises to test readiness capabilities.

- Enhance medical countermeasure preparedness in smaller counties through sharing of lessons learned by the larger, CRI-funded counties.

2013-2014 Highlights:

- Successful Technical Assistance Reviews were completed on all 14 participating counties.
- Tools and resources were collected for the updating and enhancement of an online CRI Toolkit.
- Monthly conference calls were held with local CRI coordinators to review plans, share resources and address questions and concerns.
- CRI was included in the annual state Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) Technical Assistance Review by the CDC. Florida was awarded a score of 100.
- State Receipt, Stage and Store (RSS) Team participated in a CDC-hosted training to increase the state's ability to quickly receive, process and distribute emergency supplies.

Partners: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, county health departments, state and local emergency management, local public and private Points of Dispensing partners.

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For more information on the Florida Department of Health, Division of Emergency Preparedness and Community Support, Bureau of Preparedness and Response, Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) go to: www.floridahealth.gov/preparedness-and-response/community-preparedness/cities-readiness-initiative or go to www.floridahealth.gov and enter "Cities Readiness" in the search box.