

# Florida's Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) Program

**Mission:** The Cities Readiness Initiative is a federally funded effort by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to prepare major U.S. cities and metropolitan areas to effectively respond to a large scale bioterrorist event by dispensing antibiotics to their entire identified population within 48 hours of the decision to do so.

**Vision:** Enhance communications and collaboration across federal, state, and local boundaries, resulting in optimal use of shared resources.

The State serves as a conduit for the funding of CRI jurisdictions. A state level CRI Program Manager facilitates this process and provides the counties with program guidance and assistance. The State is responsible for conducting an annual assessment of each CRI county and promoting county collaboration, information sharing, and program development.

## 1. Florida CRI Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs)

- Miami (Miami-Ft. Lauderdale-West Palm Beach)
- Tampa (Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater)
- Orlando (Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford)

## 2. Florida CRI Counties

- Brevard (Florida recognized only)
- Broward
- Duval (Florida recognized only)
- Hernando
- Hillsborough
- Lake
- Leon (Florida recognized only)
- Miami-Dade
- Orange
- Osceola
- Palm Beach
- Pasco
- Pinellas
- Seminole

## 3. County Expectations

- Enhance current Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) Program to meet the criteria CDC has set forth in their Receiving, Distributing, and Dispensing Strategic National Stockpile Assets – A Guide for Preparedness (current version is 10.02) and Local Technical Assistance Review (TAR)
- Participate in monthly CRI conference calls to provide status updates and share information
- Prepare detailed program budgets and spend allocated funding accordingly
- Provide program status reports upon request from CDC

**County Expectations-continued**

- Serve as advisors to the State by providing feedback and suggestions regarding the State SNS Program and issues related to dispensing operations
- Serve as mentors to non-CRI counties by sharing program materials, best practices, suggestions, and encouragement
- Complete requirements set forth in the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Cooperative Agreement

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