

## WHO WE HELP

Emergency Management Agencies

Departments of Homeland Security

Health Departments

Departments of Transportation

Colleges & Learning Institutions

Hospitals

Courts

Municipalities

Non-Profits

Private Companies

## KEY PARTNERS

Federal Emergency Management Agency

Maryland Department of Health

Baltimore Urban Area Working Group

D.C. Homeland Security & Emergency Management Agency

Maryland Emergency Management Agency

## Public Health

### WHO WE ARE

Founded in 2002, the University of Maryland Center for Health and Homeland Security (CHHS) is a non-profit consulting firm and academic center that works side-by-side with the nation's leading emergency responders in the public and private sectors to develop plans, policies, and strategies that ensure the safety of citizens in the event of natural or man-made catastrophes.

The Public Health Division of CHHS focuses on employing our expertise to assist clients in each step of the emergency paradigm, from planning and preparedness, to drills and exercises, to real world emergency response. Our experts also help clients by interpreting cutting edge scientific and health studies to inform preparedness efforts and bridge the gap between science and policy issues. The Public Health Division assists federal, state, and local public health agencies and hospitals to understand the legal framework within which they must operate during an emergency response, as well as helping them develop emergency operating procedures, policies, and strategies.



### WHAT WE DO

#### Planning, Preparedness & Response

- **Develop emergency plans.** Our public health experts assist federal, state, and local public health agencies and hospitals in creating standard operating procedures and emergency plans that enable them to function efficiently and prioritize key services during an emergency response.
- **Assist in emergency response.** We operate seamlessly with public health responders in real world emergency response activities ranging from working in Emergency Operations Centers (EOCs) to supporting emergency vaccination clinics.
- **Prepare legal handbooks and guidance on best practices.** By designing legal handbooks and summarizing best practices, we educate public health partners on the framework of federal, state, and local laws that govern how they operate during an emergency.

#### Exercise, Evaluation & Training

- **Prepare for disasters.** We build compliant and effective exercise programs for hospitals and public health partners to be best prepared to respond to a biological event (bioterrorism, pandemic) or the medical surge stemming from a Mass Casualty Incident (MCI).
- **Be accredited.** We evaluate preparedness and mitigation plans for hospitals in order to successfully accomplish the goals outlined in the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP), as well as the Joint Commission accreditation standards.
- **Ensure best practices.** We guide clients toward successful compliance with the National Incident Management System (NIMS), Hospital Incident Command System (HICS), and various Continuity of Operations (COOP) training requirements and standards.

#### Science & Public Health Policy

- **Translate research.** With our diverse expertise in science and public health, we help interpret the impacts of scientific research on our public health partners and the community at-large.
- **Provide direction.** Our staff works with clients to interpret and implement new legislative directives to improve the care for community members, including those with functional needs or increased vulnerabilities.

