

HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS – TRENDS AND NEXT STEPS

Recent events have highlighted the remaining gaps in healthcare preparedness. An unprecedented number of healthcare facilities have closed temporarily or permanently following these events due in part to facilities lacking effective emergency management programs. **Preparedness efforts improve the capacity of our organizations to maintain mission critical services and promotes resiliency of the entire community.**

A changing regulatory landscape and associated funding conditions require that healthcare organizations develop and maintain higher levels of operational resiliency. **Leading healthcare systems are advancing preparedness programs** to include an integrated model across emergency management, business continuity, IT disaster recovery and the operations of their institutions.

It is recommended that organizations develop a multi-disciplinary program focused on strengthening healthcare resiliency by integrating planning efforts with operations. **The California Department of Public Health Hospital Preparedness Executive Toolkit provides resources that showcase the needs and benefits of a strong preparedness program.** This toolkit was developed from interviews with executives of leading healthcare organizations with strong programs and first-hand experiences planning for and responding to disasters.

Why
Resiliency?

Trends in
Preparedness?

Next
Steps

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