

Components Necessary for a “Ready” Frontline Hospital

1. Needs assessment to evaluate the hospital’s current program readiness.
2. Multi-year plan for training and exercising the facilities procedures to identify and isolate a patient with a suspected high consequence infectious disease (HCID).
 - a. Annual training for personnel in patient facing roles in frontline facilities.
 - b. Performing exercises in the form of live activities and table top drills.
 - c. Donning and doffing skills reinforced.
3. Having enough PPE in various sizes available to wear for an HCID patient for 24 hours.
4. Having an HCID Readiness Binder with critical references at point of use for the staff to refer to in the event of a patient presenting with an HCID.
 - Signs
 - Checklist for rooming procedure
 - PPE List
 - Exposure tracking form
5. Personnel available to be the expert resource in the event a patient presents with an HCID.
6. Resources from local and state public health agencies.

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