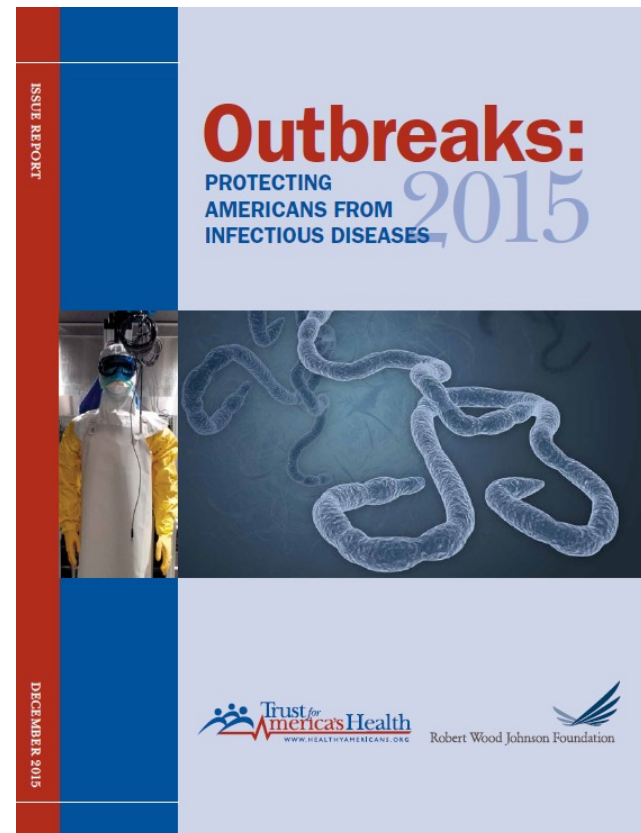


Outbreaks: Protecting Americans from Infectious Diseases

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Who We Are

- Trust for America's Health (TFAH) is a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to saving lives by protecting the health of every community and working to make disease prevention a national priority.
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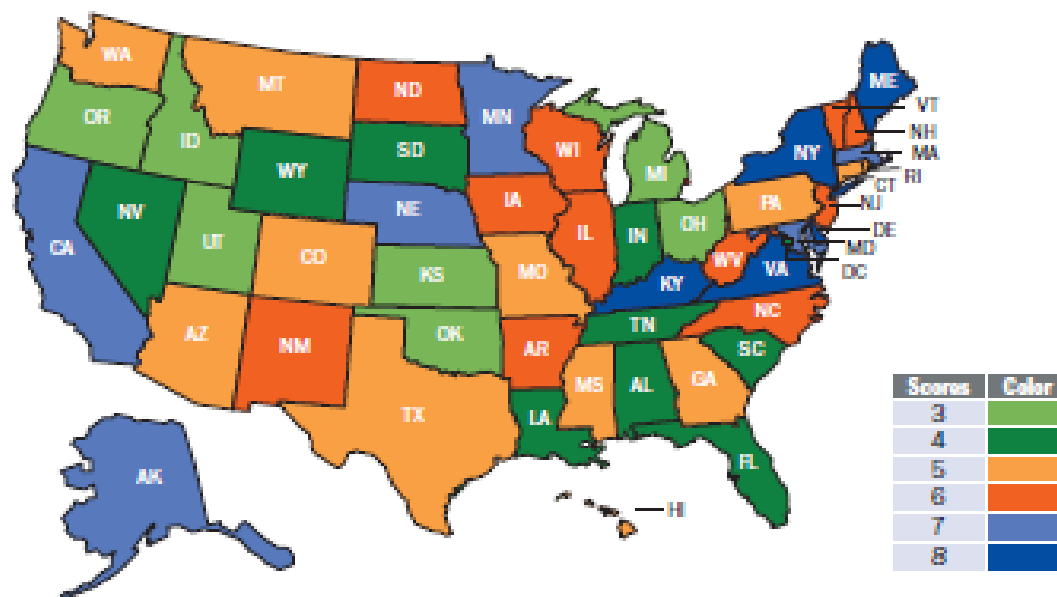
Overview

- ❑ Looks at ongoing and emerging threats
- ❑ Inconsistencies across states in capabilities and policies
- ❑ Need strong and steady defense against outbreaks



State scores reflect variability

- High scores – DE, KY, ME, NY, VA– 8/10;
Low scores – ID, KS, MI, OH, OK, OR, UT – 3/10

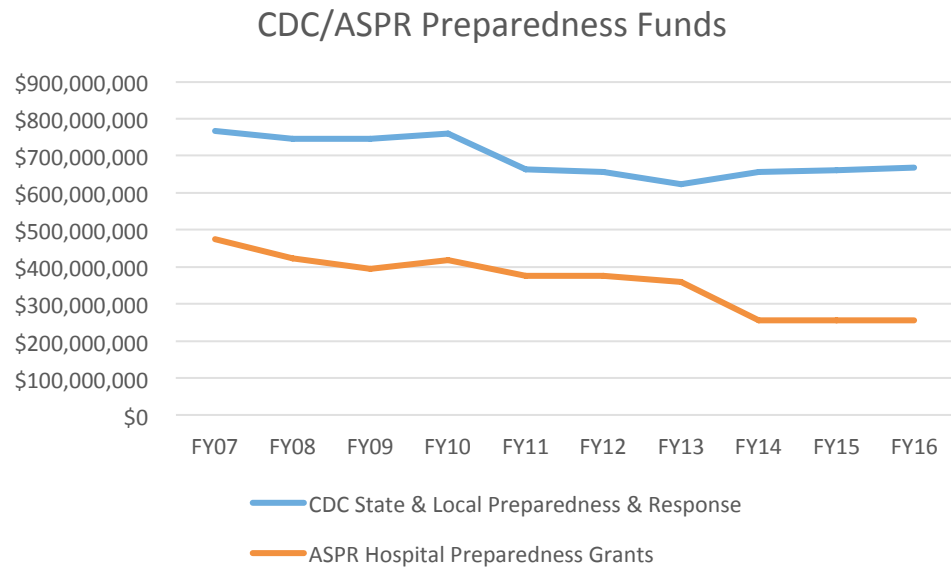


Highlights of state findings

- 36 states have a biosafety professional in their state public health laboratories. 35 state labs provided biosafety training for clinical labs.
- 15 states have completed climate change adaption plans that include the impact on human health.
- 9 states and Puerto Rico reduced standardized infection ratio for central line associated bloodstream infections (healthcare associated infection)
- 20 states exclude philosophical vaccine exemptions OR require parental notification for school attendance.

Key conclusions

- U.S. continues to underfund key health protections
- We have a tendency to focus on newest threat at expense of steady defense



More conclusions

- ❑ We're still not focused on basic protections
- ❑ Communication and training must reach the frontline of healthcare, public health
- ❑ Invest in foundational capabilities of public health



Recommendations

- ❑ Support for global health security
- ❑ Consistent funding for federal, state and local public health
- ❑ Modernize, integrate surveillance systems
- ❑ Medical countermeasures – end-to-end
- ❑ Prepare healthcare system for basic infection control, outbreak response

What is Zika?

- Spread mostly by *Aedes* mosquito
- Usually mild
- First time mosquito known to cause severe birth defects via pregnant woman
- Some cases of Guillain-Barré, death
- Over 400 travel associated cases in US, 600 local cases in territories

Zika Preparedness

- ❑ Surveillance, testing, prevention, vector control, education, R&D
- ❑ Prepare the healthcare system
- ❑ Ongoing vigilance for emerging infections
- ❑ Build global health security



Questions?

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