

## **ESF 8 Portal Resource Management**

### **Resource Screen Protocol**

#### **Resource Assessment**

The **Resource** tab has been established within the ESF8 Portal, Resource Management application. This screen is intended to be used by hospitals to capture essential resources or critical suppliers used at the facility level for regional/state level resource analysis. It is intended to be updated annually but also has the capability to capture specific information at the request of a Healthcare Coalition lead, Designated Regional Coordinator (DRC) to assist with response to regional or statewide events in which resources may need to be shared. The specific resources captured may be equipment purchased by a hospital individually or on behalf of a healthcare coalition with Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) grant funds. Hospitals are also requested to include resources not purchased by grant funds but may be in supply to coalition leads understand where gaps may exist.

#### **Gap Analysis**

This screen provides regional and state planners an opportunity to conduct a resource gap analysis. Housing this data collectively on the ESF8 Portal enables regional and state ESF8 leads to identify facilities or coalitions who may have resource gaps prior to an event and in real-time. Gaps may be addressed through prioritizing purchasing additional resources with HPP Grant funds, mitigation strategies like establishing contracts, and resource sharing processes outlined in HCC and State Preparedness and Response Plans.

#### **Essential Elements of Information Included**

Some of these items are not routinely used in hospitals, may become quickly overwhelmed in a large-scale event and are critical for resuming operations during an emergency.

- Communications
- HazMat and Decontamination Equipment
- EPV Vents
- Supply Vendors
- Pharmaceutical and equipment caches

Other fields may be added during an event to capture supply levels that may be needed based on event type. Additional items of concern may be specific pharmaceuticals, medical supplies and medical equipment during patient surge events.

#### **Recommended Updates**

It is recommended that these fields be updated at least one time per year. A DRC may establish an annual update timeline that meets the HCC schedule of needs based on real events, upcoming exercises or trainings or during planning updates.

