

## **Region 5 Ebola Cache**

As part of the region's strategy to effectively respond to an HCID (high consequence infectious disease), the Coalition worked with the region's hospitals to standardize PPE for Ebola Virus Disease, including purchasing equipment and establishing donning/doffing protocols.

In FY 2019-2020, the Coalition purchased and distributed to hospitals sufficient coveralls/suits to cover a three person team, for four hours shifts, for up to five days). Each hospital also received three (3) Sentinel XL HP Bioshield Full Hood System in Duffle (to cover a three person team for one four hour shift). Due to the cost of these hoods, the Coalition created a cache with 72 hoods on a trailer (to cover a three person team, for four hours shifts, for up to five days, deployable to any hospital within the region within four hours. The regional cache is currently housed at the Orlando Health warehouse.

Upon presentation of a PUI, a hospital within the region may request the regional hood cache from the Coalition. The initial request may be by phone call to 407/928-1288 or 407/908-0142 or email at <u>info@centralfladisaster.org</u>, but must also coincide with a submission of a mission request through the local ESF8.

Upon receipt of the request, the Coalition will work with the requesting hospital to deploy the regional cache, as follows:

- 1. The Coalition will notify the regional cache custodian (Orlando Health) and the Regional Medical Assistance Team (RMAT) command of the request.
- The Coalition (either the projects manager or an RMAT member) will pick up the Ford 350 truck from the Orange County warehouse at 650 North Pine Hills Road, Orlando, FL 32808; pick up the Ebola cache trailer from the Orlando Health warehouse at 1420 Sligh Avenue, Orlando, FL 32806; and deliver the trailer to the requesting hospital.
- 3. If the Coalition is unable to pick up and deliver the trailer, Orlando Health will be asked if they can deliver the trailer to the requesting hospital.
- 4. If Orlando Health is unable to deliver the trailer, the requesting hospital will be asked to pick up the trailer from the warehouse for transport to the requesting hospital.
- 5. If there are PUIs at more than one hospital, the Coalition will distribute equipment to meet immediate needs (e.g., deploy hoods to each requesting hospital to cover the initial 24 hour period), and work with local vendors and the state to secure additional resources.
- 6. Upon transport of the PUI to an assessment facility, the requesting hospital will work with the Coalition to return the trailer to the warehouse.
- 7. The requesting hospital will replace any used hoods to ensure that the cache is ready for future deployments.