



U.S. BORDER STATES EARLY WARNING INFECTIOUS DISEASE SURVEILLANCE (EWIDS) PROJECT

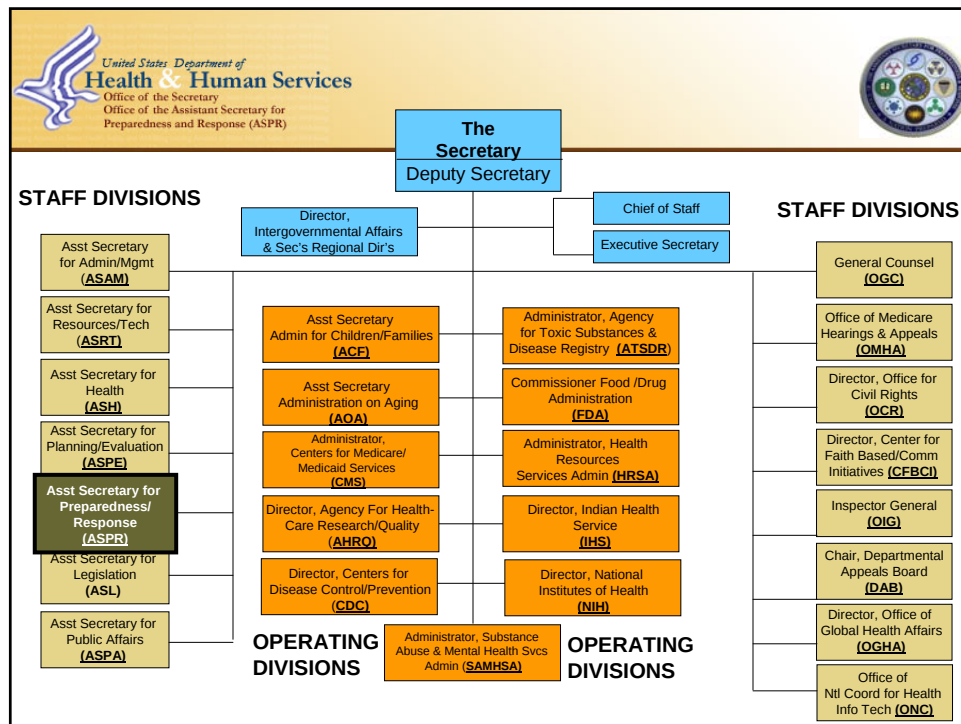
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Outline

- Brief Overview of HHS-ASPR
- Short Summary of the U.S. Border States EWIDS Project
- Describe Key Elements of the EWIDS Approach at the Borders
- Priority USG National-level Cross-Border Engagements: Pandemic Influenza Risk-Based Border Screening





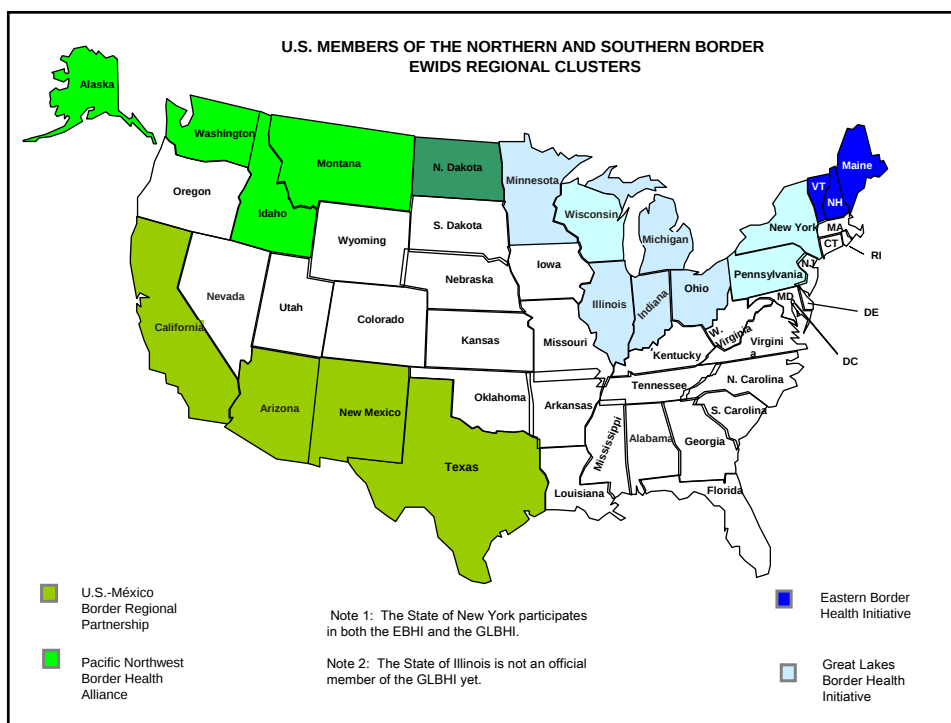
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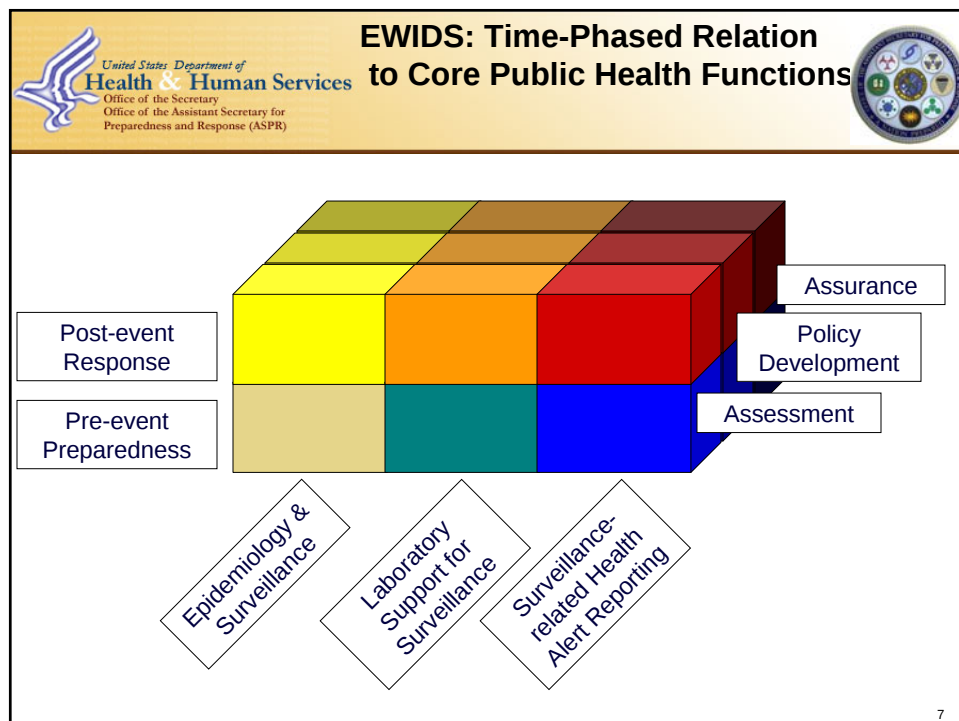
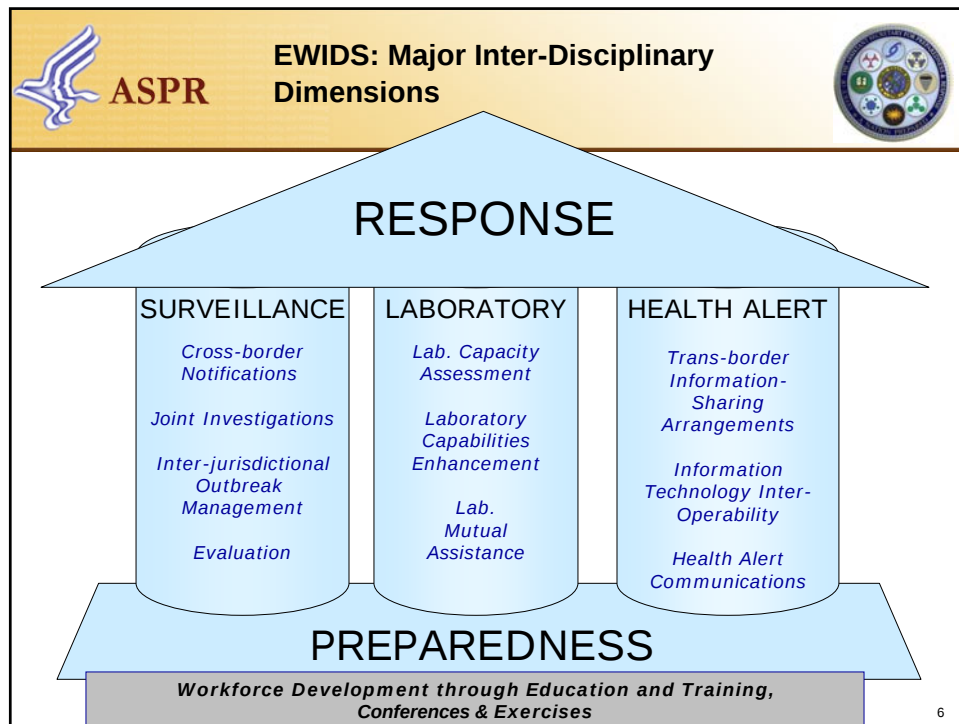


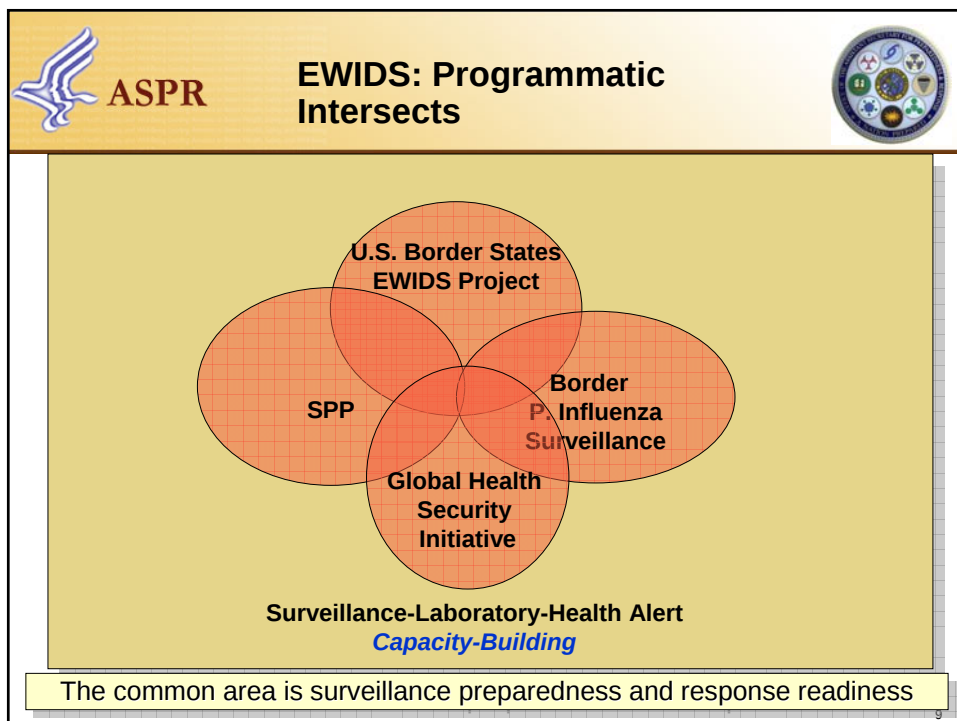
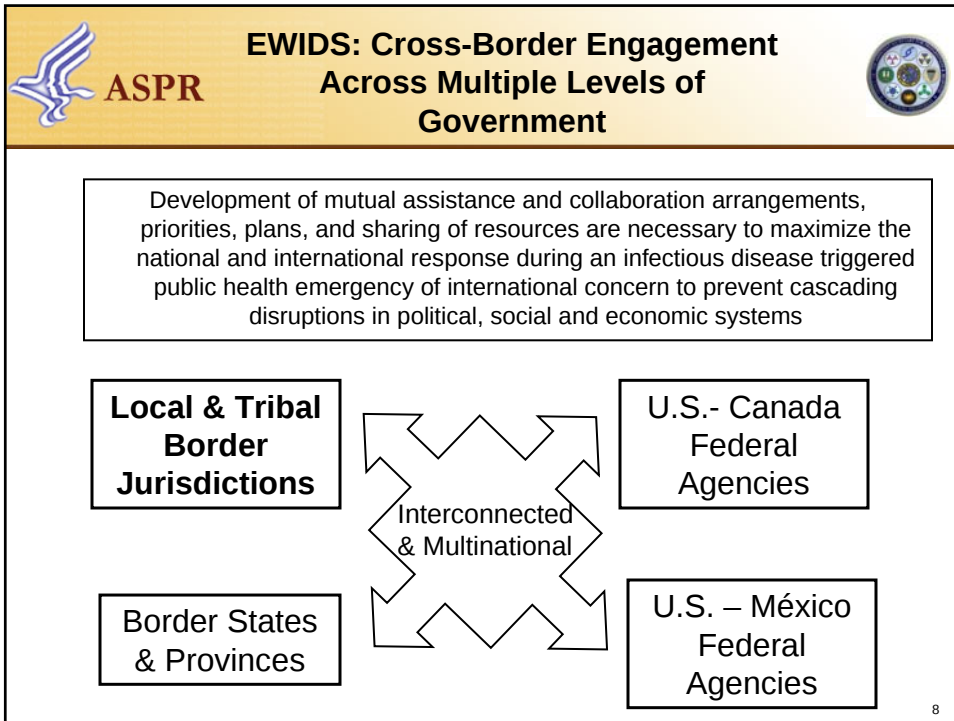
■ U.S. BORDER STATES EWIDS PROJECT

- Administered through CDC-COTPER-DSLR as supplement to HHS State-Local Cooperative Agreement for Public Health Emergency Preparedness
- Funding provided annually by OS/ASPR-OMSPH to 20 U.S. Border States:
 - FY03 \$4M; FY04 \$5.44M; FY05 \$5.44M; FY06 \$5.44M; FY07 \$5.44M; FY08 \$4.85 M
 - Total to date: Approx. \$30.61M
- The main strategic objectives of this project are to:
 - Enhance surveillance and epidemiological capabilities at both northern and southern borders
 - Improve cross-border detection, reporting and investigation of infectious disease outbreaks
 - Foster interoperable health alert communications with Canada and México
 - Develop public health workforce to undertake these activities

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Risk Based Border Screening



- Context – Severe pandemic influenza virus emerges abroad
- Goal – Delay entry of the virus to US while allowing commerce and travel to continue freely
- Strategy
 - Identify ill travelers by screening at border ports of entry
 - Identify contacts of ill travelers
 - Manage identified ill travelers and their contacts to reduce further exposures
- Implementation
 - Land borders, maritime ports, and airports
 - Collaboration across public and private sectors and with North American partners

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