



# REGION 2 RESPTC

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## REGION 2 RESPTC ANNUAL REPORT 2023

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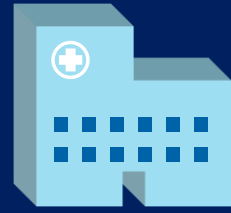
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## OVERVIEW

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Region 2 Regional Emerging Special Pathogen Treatment Center (RESPTC) at NYC Health + Hospital / Bellevue serves as a Level 1 National Special Pathogen System of Care (NSPS) regional hub for New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. In 2023, Bellevue's clinical capabilities, coordination, and leadership created a more resilient and prepared HHS Region 2.



## BY THE NUMBERS



### 500+

Partners engaged through webinars, trainings, and outreach



### 150+

Partners engaged to give input on the updated Patient Transport CONOPs



### 100+

Healthcare workers trained on the special pathogens team



### 25+

Medical team members onboarded



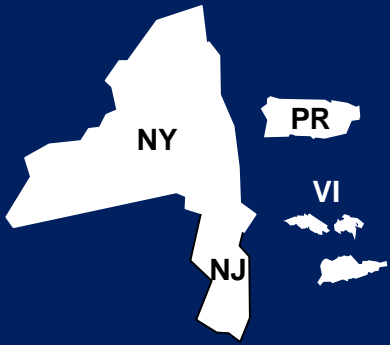
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## 2023 HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ **Partner Engagement:** Increased regional collaboration by engaging partners from every jurisdiction through the Partner Community and Core Advisory Group
- ✓ **Education and Training:** Provided multiple trainings to better prepare the healthcare workforce including the December 2023 mpox webinar
- ✓ **Website and Resource Sharing:** Established a dedicated Region 2 RESPTC website to share news updates and education resources with partners
- ✓ **Patient Transport CONOPs:** Strengthened response plans by updating the Region 2 High-Consequence Infectious Disease Patient Transport Concept of Operations (CONOPs)
- ✓ **Promoting Readiness:** Maintained and enhanced special pathogen capabilities by hosting national and international partners and conducting new trainings

## PARTNER ENGAGEMENT



### REGION 2 PARTNER COMMUNITY

The Region 2 RESPTC established a community of 500+ healthcare and public health partners in the region. Partners are engaged through the website, webinars, and emails to rapidly share response resources and enhance coordination efforts.

### CORE ADVISORY GROUP

The newly founded Core Advisory Group (CAG) is comprised of 15 experts representing all jurisdictions and the Federal government. CAG member expertise, ranging from epidemiology to healthcare preparedness to pediatric care, ensures the RESPTC gains holistic input on critical preparedness and response decisions.



### 15

Different organizations represented



## WEBSITE AND RESOURCE SHARING

### SPOTLIGHT: REGION 2 RESPTC WEBSITE

R2RESPTC.org launched so partners have a go-to source for special pathogen preparedness resources in HHS Region 2. The website includes information on the NSPS, shares essential resources, and provides contact information. The website amplifies partner resource repositories, including resources from the National Emerging Special Pathogen Training and Education Center (NETEC).

## TRAINING

### SPOTLIGHT: NOVEMBER SKILLS COURSE



In November, the RESPTC hosted an in-person training to better prepare the Region to safely care for patients with special pathogens. Providers from 19+ healthcare entities from across New York and New Jersey were trained on critical special pathogen skills, including how to safely draw blood and don Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

## PATIENT TRANSPORT CONOPS

The RESPTC engaged over 150 partners to update the HHS Region 2 Concept of Operations (CONOPs) for Transport of Patients Confirmed with High-Consequence Infectious Diseases. This CONOPs outlines the cross-jurisdictional considerations for safely transporting a HCID patient to the RESPTC or another equipped regional facility.

## ROADMAP TO GATHER INPUT



## PROMOTING READINESS

The RESPTC maintained its enhanced clinical capacity and capability, so Region 2 is better prepared to care for special pathogen patients. The team hosted partners from HHS Region 3 and international partners from South Korea and Japan to increase inter-regional collaboration, share training methods that enhance both programs, and build new relationships.



“Region 2 is especially vulnerable to special pathogen outbreaks, given its dense cosmopolitan population and proximity to multiple international airports. **The Region 2 RESPTC at Bellevue aims to raise the tide of preparedness across the region.**”

--- Dr. Vikram Mukherjee (Special Pathogen Program Medical Director)



## LEARN MORE

- [Region 2 RESPTC Website](#)
- [Region 2 RESPTC Publications](#)
- [NETEC Website](#)
- [ASPR Health Care Readiness Website](#)

