



# *COVID-19 and the Health Supply Chain*

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# Why We Exist



**Mission:** Healthcare Ready leverages unique relationships with government, nonprofit and medical supply chains to build and enhance the resilience of communities before, during and after disasters.

## Industry Call to Action

### Lessons Learned

#### Hurricane Katrina



- Protecting public health after a disaster requires continued access to essential medicines
- Better coordination & communication between sectors was needed
- A forum for resolving issues in real-time was needed

Rx Response (now Healthcare Ready) was built as a critical new asset to help ensure the continued flow of medicine to patients during:

- Severe natural disaster
- Large-scale terrorist attack
- Pandemic or disease outbreak



## Supply Chain *Coordination with end-to-end supply chain*

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- Policies and exemptions that impact movement
- State outreach to emergency management (private sector liaisons) on status of supply chain operations and current challenges

## Government *Coordination with federal government*

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- FEMA National Business Emergency Operations Center
- FEMA Supply Chain Task Force
- HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response

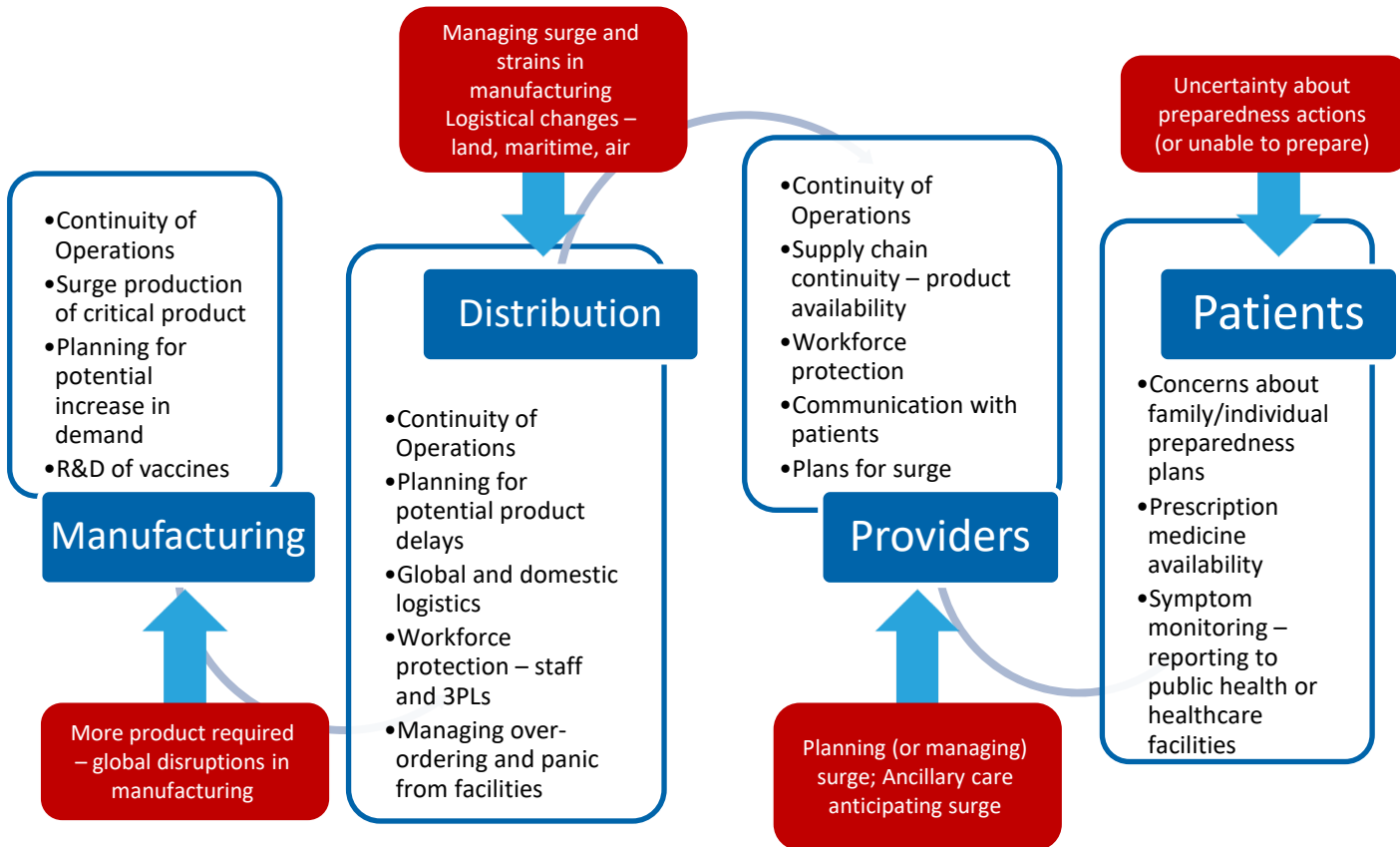
## Healthcare *Outreach to healthcare partners*

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- Patient coalitions and healthcare organizations focused on dispensing and direct patient care
- Pharmacies/pharmacists, dialysis coalitions, diabetes coalition



# Current Operating Picture



# Current Concerns



Availability of ventilator and intubation meds

Availability of COVID-19 medicines and chronic care medicines

Duplication of hospital requests to feds, state, and companies

Visibility on possible future shortages

Use of the SNS

Impact of federal actions on supply availability

Balancing demands from states with facilities and federal requests

Upcoming hurricane season

Upcoming flu season



## Stay Connected with Healthcare Ready

[www.HealthcareReady.org](http://www.HealthcareReady.org)

Response-related questions or assistance: [Alerts@HealthcareReady.org](mailto:Alerts@HealthcareReady.org)

General outreach to Healthcare Ready: [ContactUs@HealthcareReady.org](mailto:ContactUs@HealthcareReady.org)

Hotline: 1-866-247-2694

COVID-19 Emergency Page: <http://www.healthcareready.org/covid19>

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