Public health emergency preparedness

The International Health Regulations (IHR) core capacities are those required to detect, assess, notify and report events and to respond to national and international health emergencies.

The IHR capacity index score assesses the level of emergency preparedness in countries.

The average score for the WHO European Region increased from 73% in 2018 to 74% in 2020.

- IHR capacity for coordination: 81%
- IHR capacity for laboratory functions capacity: 81%
- IHR capacity for designated international points of entry such as airports, ports and ground crossings capacity: 60%
- IHR capacity for risk communication: 66%
- IHR capacity for chemical events: 66%

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