



# Measures to Enhance the Effectiveness of CDC Quarantine Station Expansion Plan for U.S. Ports of Entry

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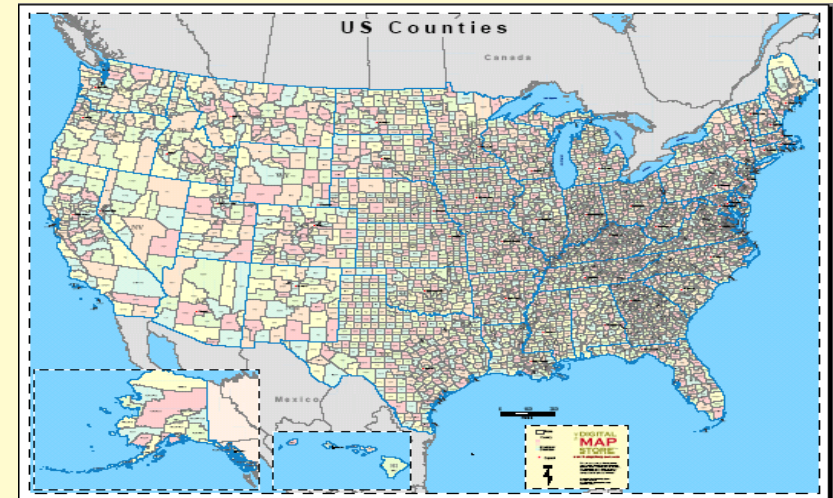
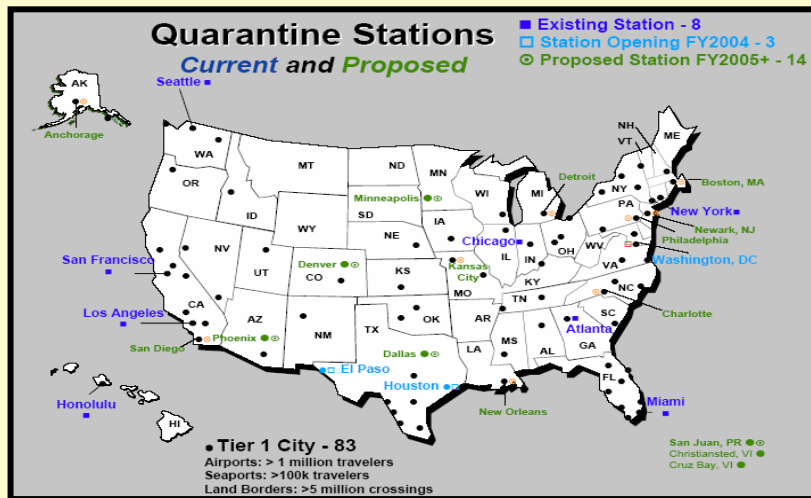
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# Overview Points



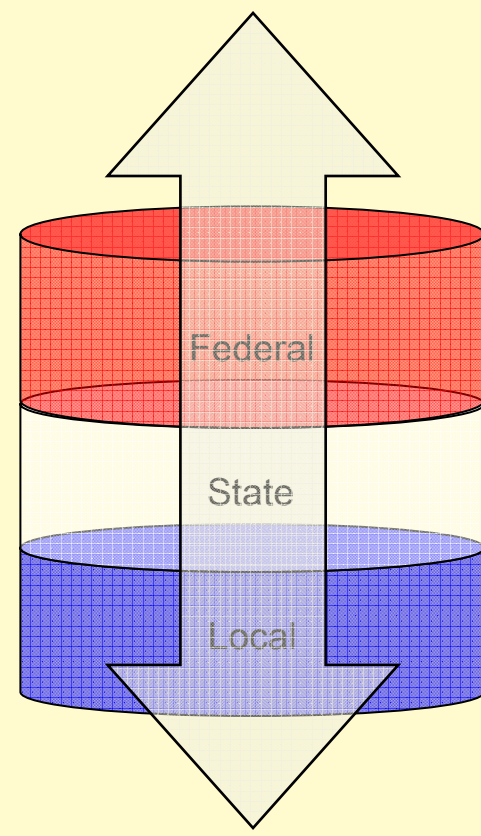
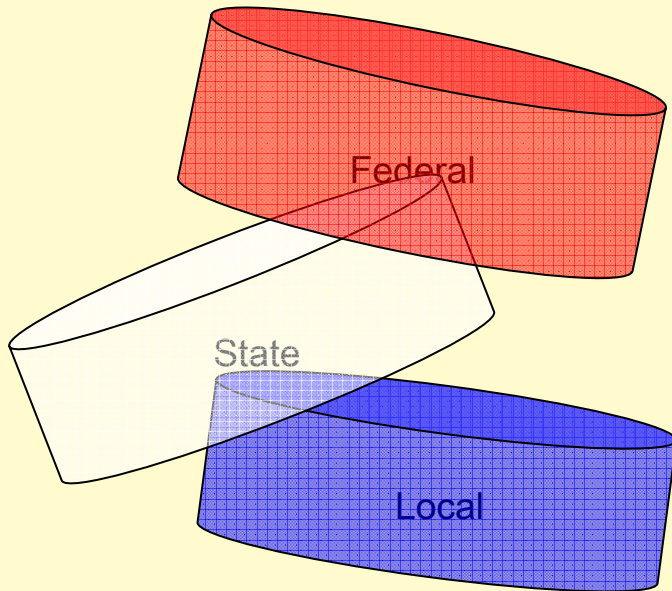
- Public health emergencies are local events: all response is local.
- A strong public health system is the result of strong local, state, and Federal partnership and collaboration.
- Efforts to enhance the quarantine station program must include effective links to local and state public health and healthcare agencies.

# Two Visions

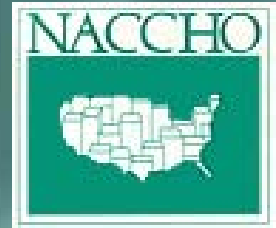


1. HHS/CDC is the Nation's Public Health Department which monitors and responds to public health events such as disease at ports of entry.
2. HHS/CDC strengthens and supports the work of the Nation's local and state health departments, which includes monitoring and responding to disease at ports of entry and their entire communities.

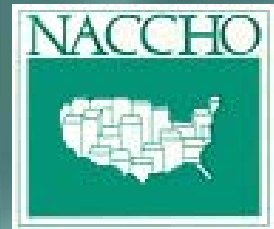
# Are We Working Together?



# What Should Happen?



- A plane lands in San Jose, CA with 3 suspect SARS cases
- A traveler with SARS-like symptoms crosses the border and presents in a Buffalo, NY hospital
- A cruise-ship docks in Miami, FL with 70 passengers complaining of fever, aches and GI distress



- Public health events require a sustained local response; this requires coordinated local, state and Federal resources.
- The best way to enhance the effectiveness of quarantine stations is to strengthen their link to existing local and state public health agencies.

# What Will Work



- Focus on the existing local public health system and integrating parts of the system.
- Strengthen partnerships between quarantine station personnel, port and border authorities, local and state public health agency staff, and local medical facilities.
- Distribute resources to increase integration between partners and enhance coordination between local, state, and Federal public health and healthcare agencies.