



Partnership between public health, industry, clinical laboratories and the government: An essential aspect of pandemic preparedness and response

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COVID-19: CHALLENGES FACED ALONG THE WAY

- Access to diagnostic tests
- Access to validation material
- Complexities of EUA process
 - Despite FDA being an excellent partner
- Acquisition of equipment and reagents
- Ongoing supply shortages
- Staffing



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PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORIES

- Foundation of public health response
- Epidemiologic surveillance
- Early access to positive samples
- CDC best positioned to lead early test development efforts

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**CLINICAL
LABORATORIES**
(hospital, academic,
health systems)

- Frontline of patient care
- Have the infrastructure for hospital and clinic-based testing
- Provide the most rapid turnaround time for testing

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INDUSTRY

- Necessary resources for test development and commercialization
- Ability to produce reagents/equipment at scale
- GMP production facilities help ensure high quality and reproducibility

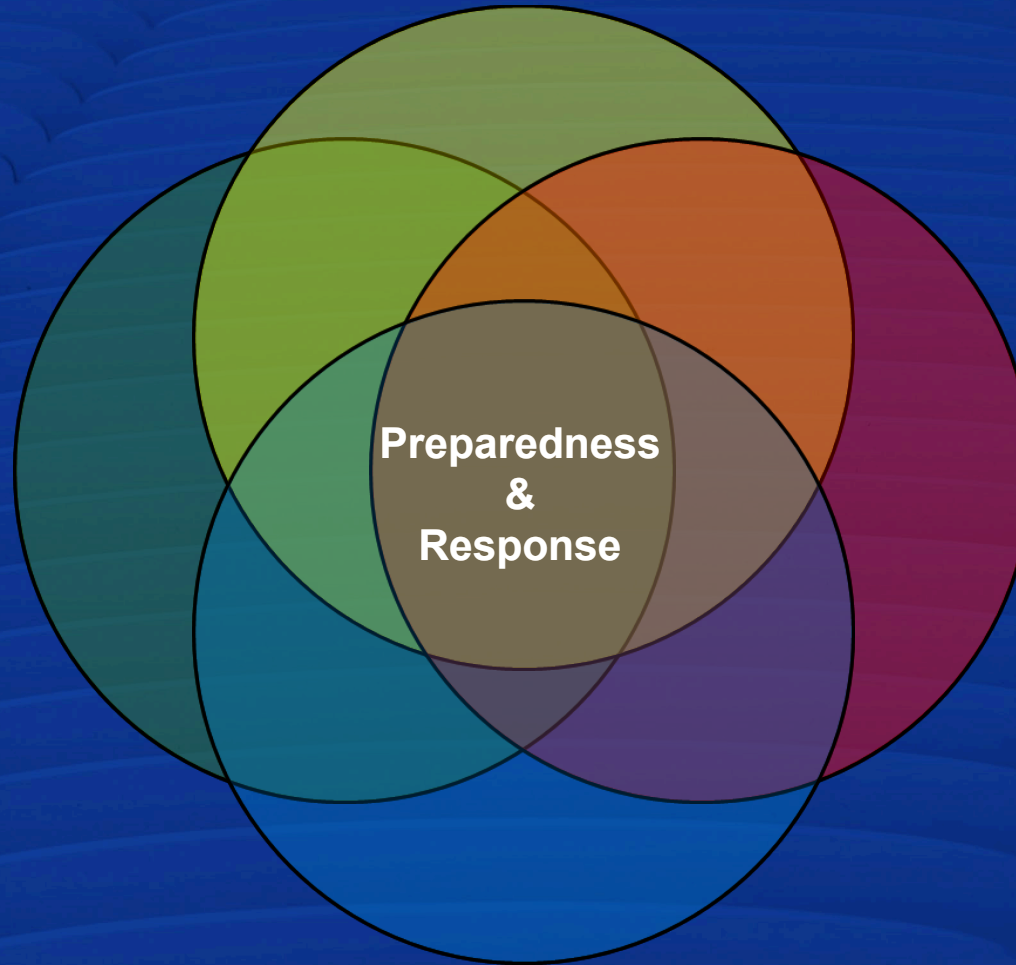
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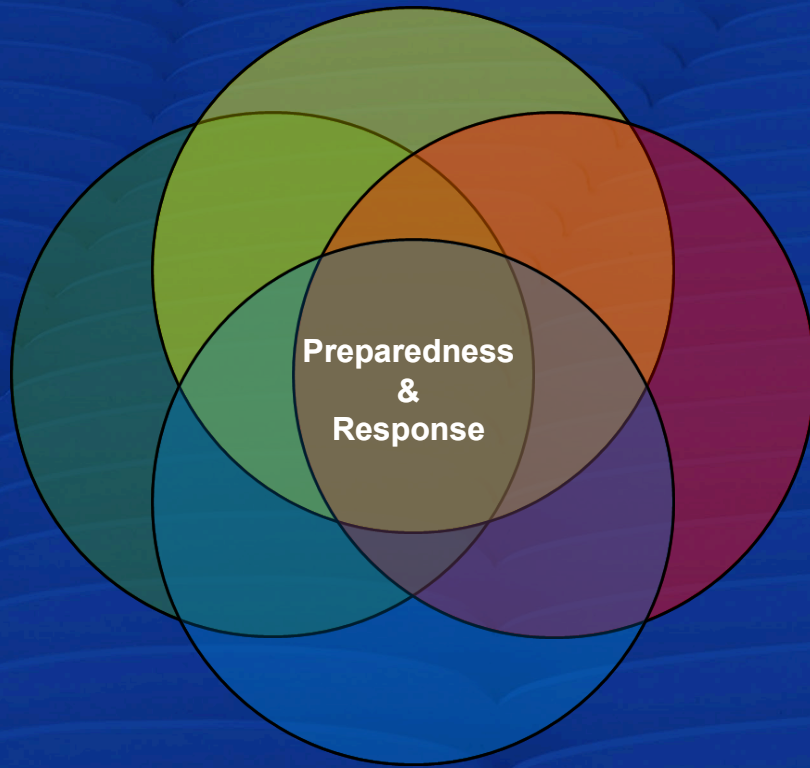
GOVERNMENT

- Coordination of public health response
- Funding
- Prioritization and decision-making

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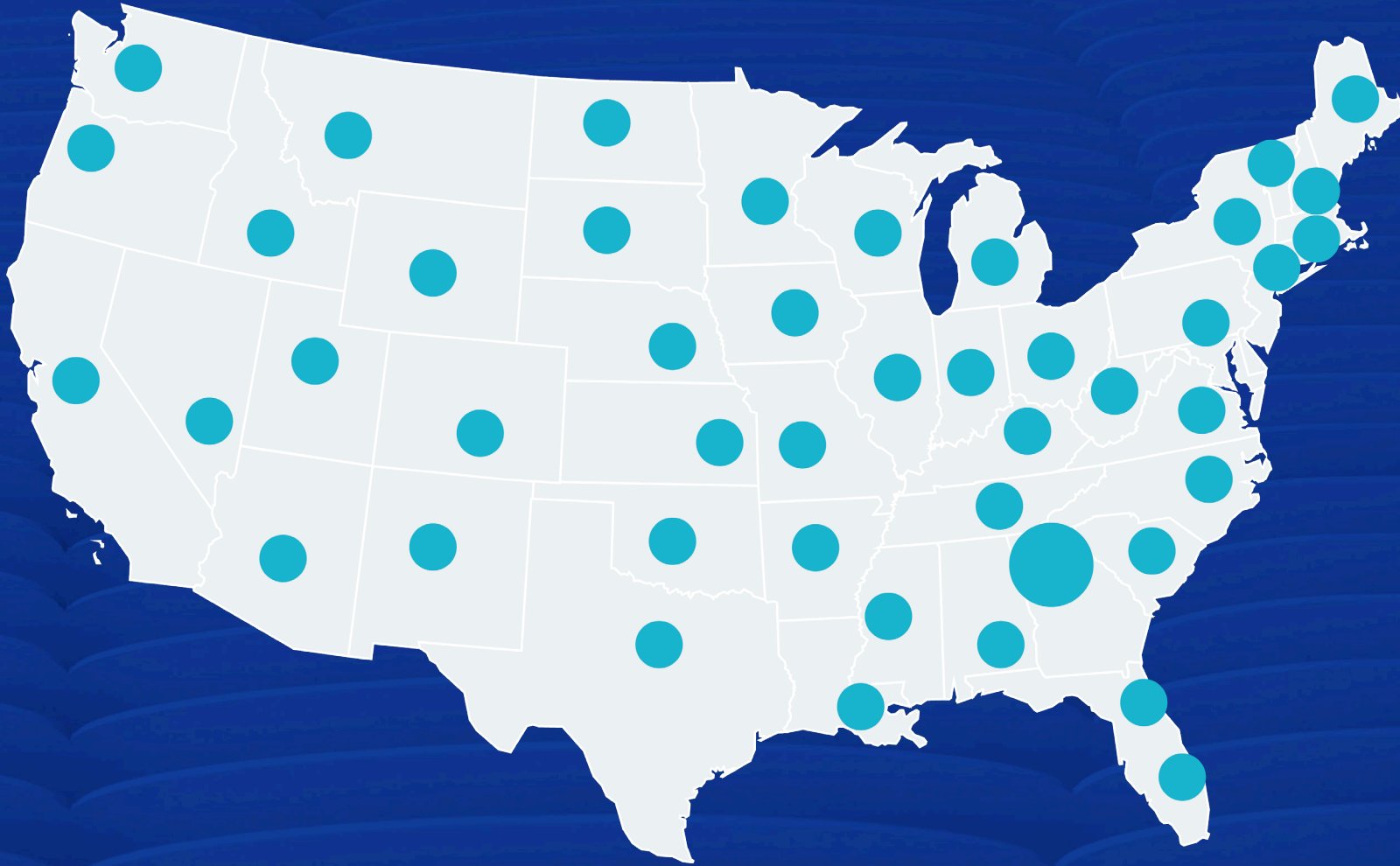
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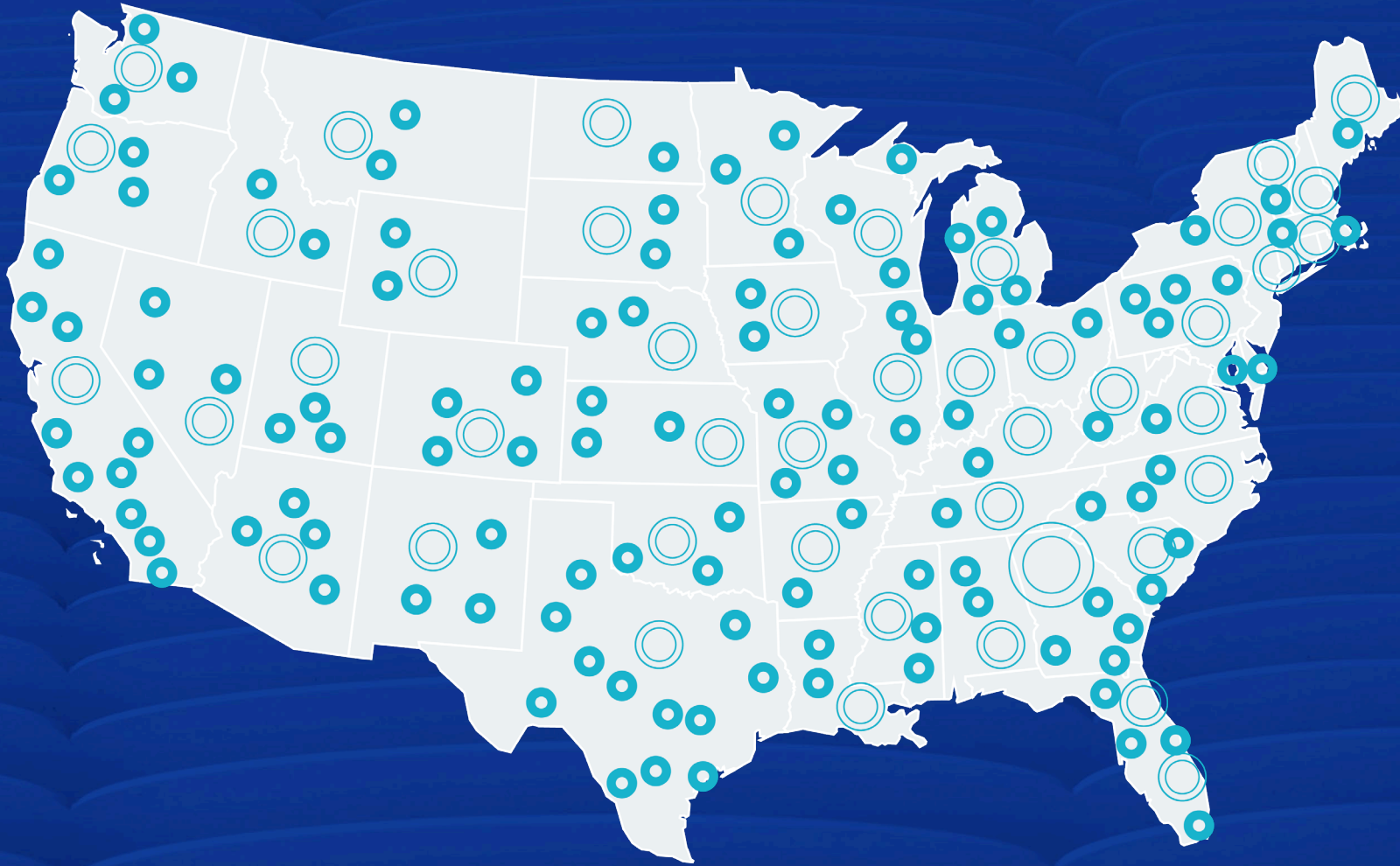
- Proactive *versus* reactive
- A coordinated strategy to develop and implement testing is needed to respond to emerging infectious diseases
- Widespread testing during early phase of an outbreak is needed to prevent broad community transmission

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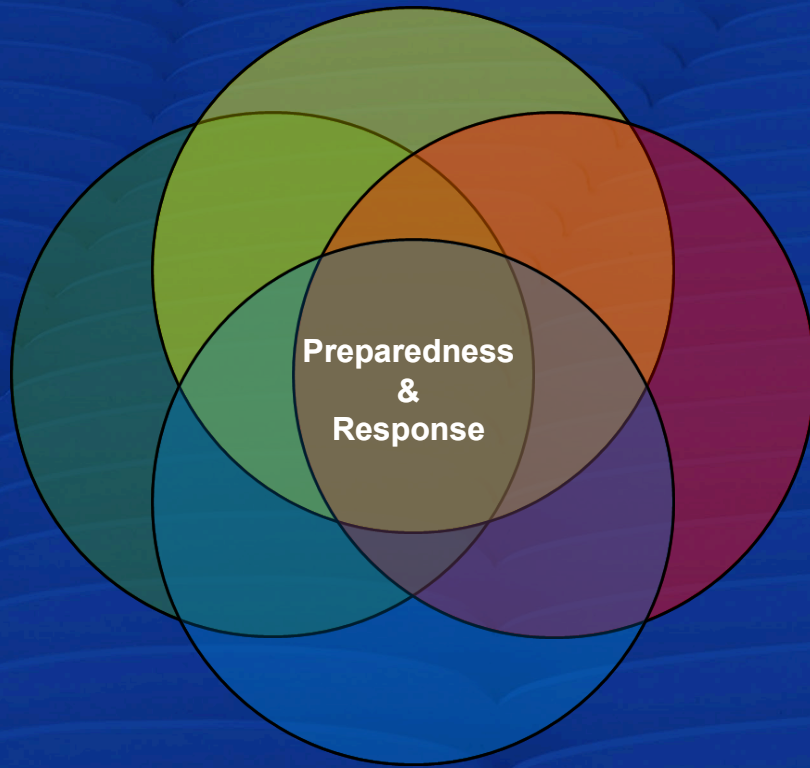
A PATH FORWARD: CURRENT



A PATH FORWARD: FUTURE?



A PATH FORWARD: POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS



- CDC/Public Health identify strategic partners in clinical labs and industry
- Coordinate test development with industry partners to streamline path to test availability and mass production of necessary reagents/components
- Clinical laboratory partners identified outside of an outbreak/pandemic that have necessary equipment and are vetted as high-quality testing labs

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