



Strategic Prevention Framework for Coalition Members Facilitator's Guide

With a partner, review the descriptions of how Community A and Community B handled the outbreak of the mystery illness. Discuss which community you would rather live in and why.

COMMUNITY A

The mystery illness had people in Community A panicked. Patients flocked to their doctors' offices and were given different medications to treat their symptoms. The doctors sent them home with orders to rest so they could quickly see other patients. There was no time to set up follow-up appointments to see if the medications were even working.

The hospital in Community A was overburdened by patients with the most extreme cases, so they started raising costs and requesting additional funds from the city government to help.

Community A did little to determine the cause of the illness, so it continued to spread, causing high absentee rates for students and workers, as well as a downfall in the city's economy because people were afraid to venture out of their homes.

COMMUNITY B

In response to the mystery illness, the mayor of Community B activated the Emergency Response Team. Members included the mayor herself, local physicians, Community B Police and EMTs, a pharmacist, and a few residents experienced in public health.

They created a map of the city and marked where the infected lived. They noticed a trend related to a certain water source. The mayor quickly alerted the residents and bottled water was delivered to those affected.

The Emergency Response Team also reviewed recent research done by a state with a similar issue and concluded that a certain medication it highlighted would be most effective in treating the patients. In addition to shutting off the water source, they conducted research and ultimately used an effective medication to treat those infected throughout their community.