



### The Closed Federal POD At A Glance

- **Helps to relieve the burden placed on traditional POD sites**
- **Provides staff to coordinate dispensing on-site**
- **Provides a location**
- **Provides non-medical supplies (tables, chairs, printers, paper, etc.)**
- **Designates points of contact**
- **Identifies plans for medical and security emergencies**
- **Works with state and local public health officials to determine request and delivery processes of medication**

## Partnering with Federal Agencies: Closed Point of Dispensing Option



Following a catastrophic health event, the ability to dispense medical countermeasures to affected populations quickly and efficiently is crucial. Local authorities are working diligently to build the capacity to dispense antibiotics to identified populations within 48 hours. Traditional methods to achieve this timeframe include developing plans that

encourage the public to go to common areas within the community (schools, gyms, community centers, etc.), most often referred to as points of dispensing (PODs), to receive medications. However, this is not the only planning scenario being considered.

### Federal Closed POD Sites

The use of closed PODs is an alternate method of dispensing that helps to redirect some of the population away from traditional POD sites. A closed POD is primarily used to respond to a specific group or organization. This plan is ideal for Federal agencies because their employees, and in some cases their families, can receive medications on-site. This allows for a more rapid dispensing scenario and helps to ensure continuity of government. In addition, Federal first responders are able to be cared for more quickly using this model, freeing these individuals to aid in the local response effort.

The Federal closed POD is similar to the traditional public model. These PODs include:

- Stations for screening and collecting basic medical information
- Areas that educate patients about potential threatening diseases and provides information on preventative drugs
- Designated areas for dispensing medications



Agencies interested in establishing a Federal closed POD plan will work with their Strategic National Stockpile state and local coordinators.

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