

Community Immunity Point of Dispensing Project

The Toledo Lucas County Health Department, in Toledo, Ohio, has received a grant from the Center for Disease Control to develop an Emergency Countermeasure Dispensing Staffing Plan. The goal of the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department's (TLCHD) Community Immunity Point of Dispensing project is to develop an exportable model to recruit, train, and sustain volunteers to staff Point of Dispensing (POD) sites throughout the community which will enable the locality to provide prophylaxis to 100% of residents within 48-hours. The Community Immunity POD project objective is to provide support materials needed for a community to maximize their resources by utilizing their faith-based organizations, schools, and private businesses to dispense medical countermeasures in a timely and efficient manner.

This project will seek to address concerns with obtaining enough volunteers to staff POD sites and provide training for them once they are recruited. The program aims to engage community partners to serve as POD sites and recruit their own volunteers from within their organizations to staff them. Resources will be made available to help teach the core management team at each site to operate as a POD as well as help them recruit and train volunteers. Information will be available for health departments to help them manage the program.

The end product will be a web-based toolkit. There will be four main pages which will include: Health Department Resources, Closed POD Resources, Open POD Resources, and Volunteer Resources. Within those pages will be training in the form of Power Points with professional recorded narrative, as well as planning resources for health departments and POD partners to use.

Here are some of the resources that will be provided by the online toolkit:

- SNS/ Mass Prophylaxis Planning Guide to assist health departments write SNS plans
- Templates to conduct RAND drills and call down drills
- Resources to conduct an SNS dispensing drill which will allow you to customize your drill based on the objectives you would like to test.
- Drill evaluator training
- HSEEP guidance for after action and improvement plan for drill
- In depth training for health department DOC staff, Closed Pod Sites, Open POD Sites, and Volunteers
- Recruitment strategies and materials for POD sites and volunteers
- Best Practices guide from lessons learned in the planning process
- Planning resources for health departments
- Planning guidance for Open and Closed POD sites
- Just-in-Time training for Local Distribution sites as well as POD sites to be used in drills and real life events
- All forms and documents that would be used during a Mass Prophylaxis event
- Resources to manage the program including template spreadsheets with lists of Closed and Open Pod sites that include facility information, as well as contact information for the Core management teams. Sample training logs used to keep track of core management team trainings are also provided.
- Sample marketing plan to introduce the program to your community
- Materials such as thank you letters and postcards to provide follow up to POD partners and volunteers