

NEXT STEPS...

- ▮ **Contact the Genesee County Health Department at (810) 424-4441.**
- ▮ **Receive important information and a template plan to help your facility become a closed POD.**
- ▮ **Sign up to become a closed POD.**



General Preparedness Tips

- ◆ Create an emergency plan for your facility. Address possible situations such as evacuation, sheltering in place, and ability to continue needed medications in an emergency.
- ◆ Maintain a three to five day supply of food and water for your facility. One gallon of water per person per day.
- ◆ Keep an NOAA weather radio at your facility.
- ◆ Organize emergency supplies such as batteries, flashlights, radios, cell phones, first aid kits, blankets, linens, and hand sanitizer.
- ◆ Train employees what to do in various emergency situations.
- ◆ Encourage employees to have a personal emergency plan to address how their family will carry on if they are needed during an emergency.

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PROTECTING YOUR ORGANIZATION DURING PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES



**Are you ready to become
a closed POD partner?**



**Genesee County
Health Department**
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PREPARING FOR THE NEXT PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

No one can predict the next public health emergency. Unfortunately, a



natural disaster, disease outbreak or act of terrorism could

happen at any time. Therefore, we have to be prepared to respond to our community at a moment's notice.

During a public health emergency, the general public may be encouraged to go to common areas within the community like schools to receive medications, vaccinations, or other medical counter measures. These locations will be highly stressed in a situation where the entire population needs to be given medications within a short time frame. Additionally, some people may have difficulties getting to these locations because of disabilities or other issues. Providing medicines through closed points of dispensing (PODs) is one way to help reach our County's population faster and relieve some of the burden placed on the public dispensing sites.

GOAL: Provide medicines to people within 48 hours

WE NEED YOUR HELP !

A Closed POD is a private location where medications, vaccinations, or other medical counter measures are dispensed to a specific group of people. With the help of long term care facilities, businesses, universities, and community organizations, we can decrease the number of people going to the same places for medications, vaccinations, or other medical counter measures during a public health emergency. This may help reduce long lines and public anxiety and use resources more efficiently.

Benefits our community

- ✓ Helps achieve the community dispensing goal more rapidly
- ✓ Decreases the number of people

Benefits your organization

- ✓ Protects your organization and your families
- ✓ Helps to ensure your organization's continuity of operations

The Genesee County Health Department will work closely with your organization to ensure that you have the needed information and resources to establish a closed POD. As with all preparedness activities, the more we communicate and exercise our response plans now, the better we will respond when an emergency occurs.

OUR ROLE

- ✓ Provide pre-event planning and technical assistance
- ✓ Provide training and education
- ✓ Provide medications during an emergency
- ✓ Assist with closed POD activation, operation and recovery activities

YOUR ROLE

- ✓ Develop a closed POD plan
- ✓ Participate in trainings and exercises
- ✓ Maintain the necessary supplies and equipment needed to operate a closed POD
- ✓ Dispense medications following guidance provided by the Genesee County Health Department.

PROTECT WHAT MEANS MOST TO YOU

We can provide medicines to people within 48 hours. Our goal can be reached with your help. Becoming a closed POD partner with the Genesee County Health Department is a significant step in helping protect the health and safety of your organization, your family, and our community.