

# Closed Point of Dispensing Partnerships



## Overview

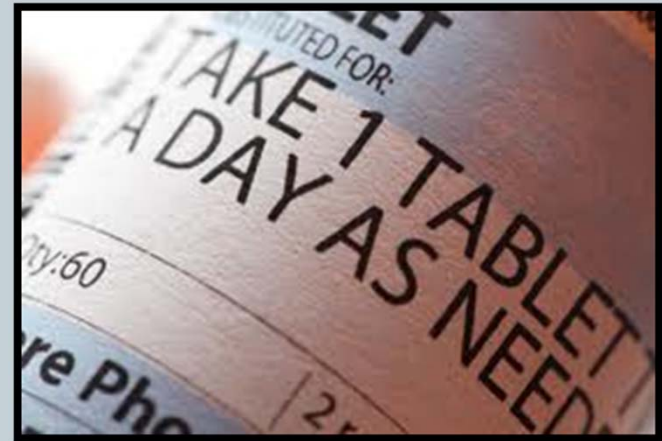


*Public Health Emergency Preparedness*

# Point of Dispensing (POD)



A Point Of Dispensing (POD) is a dispensing point for vaccinations or medications, generally used during the time of a Public Health Emergency- i.e. pandemic influenza, or a bioterrorism attack



# Closed vs Open POD



- **Open-** all members of community can come to
  - Emphasis is on rapid dispensing of a pill or shot that ensures the well remain well to those in the community
  - Depends upon pre-planning on a large (county- or city-wide) scale
- **Closed-** NOT open to community members at large, instead, it serves a very specific type of person/place
  - Nursing homes, jails, prisons
  - Large factories/warehouses
  - Need infrastructure such as medical staff
  - Depends on pre-planning on a facility- wide level

# Benefits of a Closed POD



- **Benefits the community**
  - Helps achieve community dispensing goal more rapidly
  - Decreases the number of people at local Open PODs and/or local health facilities
- **Benefits the organization**
  - Protects staff and their families
  - Helps to ensure organizations' continuity of operations and resiliency
  - Exhibits organizations' commitment to residents, patients, clients and employees

# Rationale for Nursing Homes, LTC, Prison's



- **Protects the residents, patients, clients or employees**
  - Many of the residents/patients would enter the clinic process, only to be triaged to their PCP, due to co-morbidities
- **Protects the facility**
- **Infrastructure already in place**
  - Give pills/shots to residents every day
- **Relieves the facility of the burden of transporting Residents to Community (Open) POD**
  - Keeps residents safer by not exposing them to more pathogens and moving fragile patients

# Rationale for Organizations



- Protects staff and families
- Protects the facility
- Allows for continuity of operations
- Ensures community POD's remain streamlined



# DSHS Responsibilities



- Assist in development of Closed POD planning
- Provide Closed POD planning tools, templates and ongoing technical assistance
- Provide Closed POD training and education
- Develop guidelines to ensure safe dispensing of medication
- Provide all medication and accompanying information sheets for dispensing
- Provide Standing Delegation Orders

# Closed POD Responsibilities



- **Coordinate with local government (especially Judges and Emergency Management Coordinators) and DSHS**
- **Develop a Closed POD plan**
  - Determine dispensing location
  - Determine storage space for medications, vaccines etc.
  - Develop procedures for the closed POD
    - Coordination with parent company and local authorities
    - Activation and/or staff recall procedures
    - Security planning
    - Receipt of medication
    - Dispensing procedures
- **Provide medical staff and supplies**
- **Participate in training and exercise opportunities**
- **Operate a Closed POD during an emergency**



# Closed POD Initiative Strategy Goals



- **Nursing Homes**
  - Staggered Implementation through-out the State
- **Long Term Care**
- **Assisted Living Homes**
- **Mental Institutions**
- **State Supported Living Centers**
- **TDCJ Prison facilities**
- **County Jails**
- **Private Business**

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