

MASS MEDICATION AND VACCINATION PROGRAM: CLOSED POINTS OF DISPENSING

What is a Point of Dispensing (POD)?

A Point of Dispensing, or POD, is a location designed to hand out life-saving medical countermeasures (MCMs), including antibiotics and vaccinations, during a public health emergency. Our goal is to dispense medications to all Philadelphians as quickly as possible in a public health emergency. **That's where we need your help!**

A Closed POD is a private location, such as a business or university, where MCMs are given out to a specific group of people. By partnering with PDPH, your organization would be helping to protect health in your community and ensuring continuity of operations. We can make medication available to more people faster, reducing anxiety.

Benefits to Your Organization

- Faster and easier access to life-saving medication for your organization and employees
- Support continuity of operations during and after an emergency
- Lowers likelihood of absenteeism - Employees know where they will be able to get medications for themselves and their families during an emergency.
- Demonstrates the organization's commitment to the community.

Next Steps

- Contact PDPH at ClosedPOD@phila.gov to express interest.
- Provide contact information for two emergency contacts who will be leading your organization's planning efforts.
- Our Public Health Preparedness Program will work with your organization to develop a closed POD plan, determine what your organization can dispense, assess resources and staffing, and answer any questions.

For more information, contact ClosedPOD@phila.gov.