



Point of Dispensing Sites Overview





Purpose

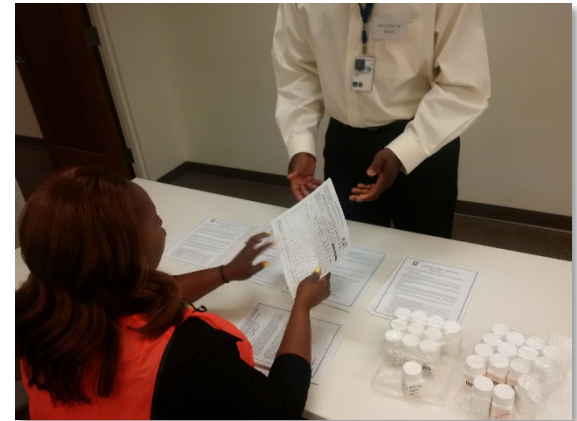
To provide learners with background information and context for their roles in providing medical countermeasures (MCMs) to their communities through Point of Dispensing (POD) sites.





POD Definition

PODs or points of dispensing, are community locations in which state and local agencies dispense MCMs to the public during a public health emergency.





It All Starts Somewhere





Triggers for POD activation

- Release of biological agent or other public health threat
 - Smallpox
 - Plague
 - Anthrax
- Other Threats
 - Pandemic Influenza
 - Pandemic SAR-CoV-2 (COVID-19)



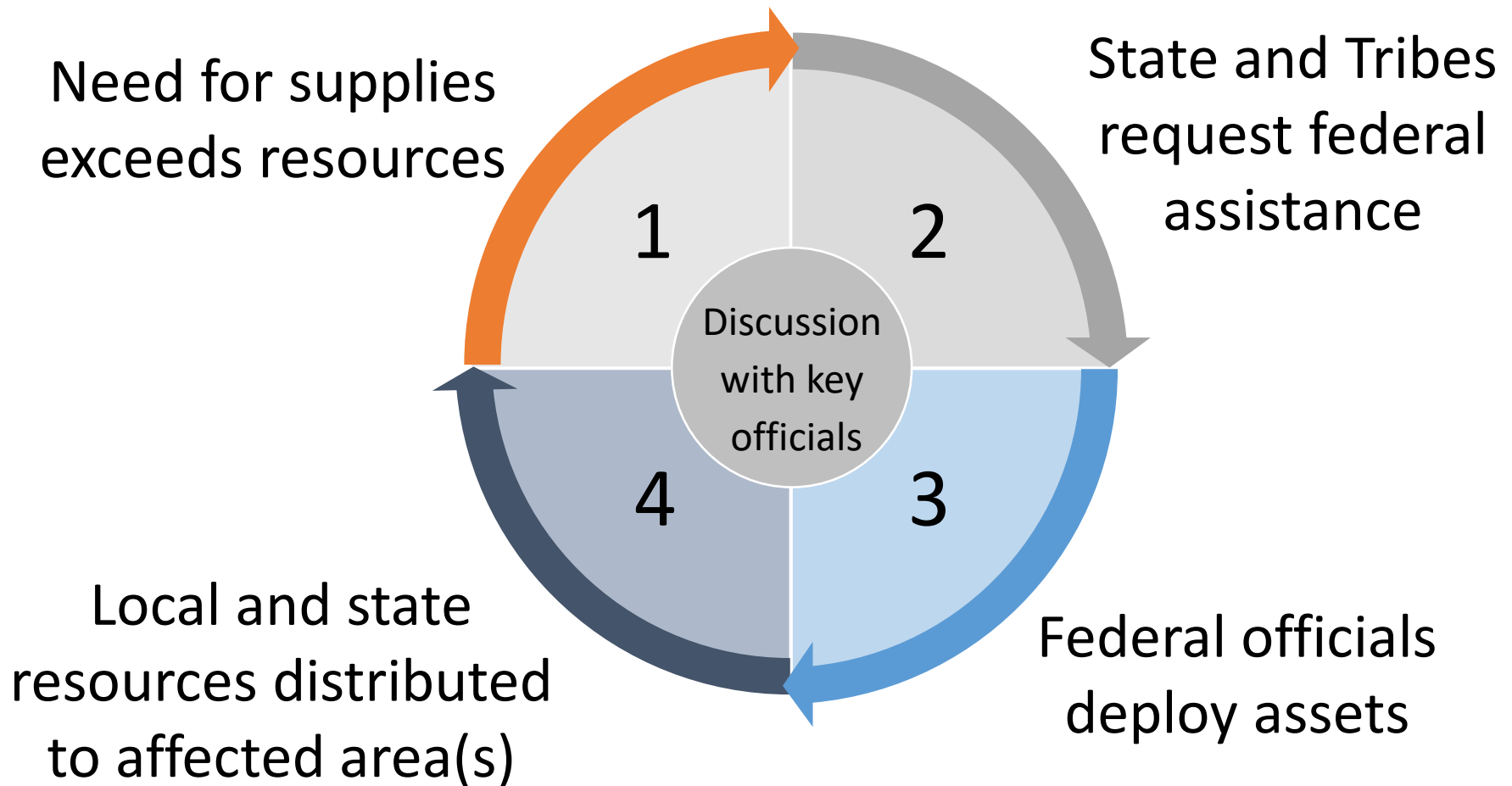
Who Decides?

- POD activation is a local decision
- Local assessment of
 - threat
 - needs
 - local resources



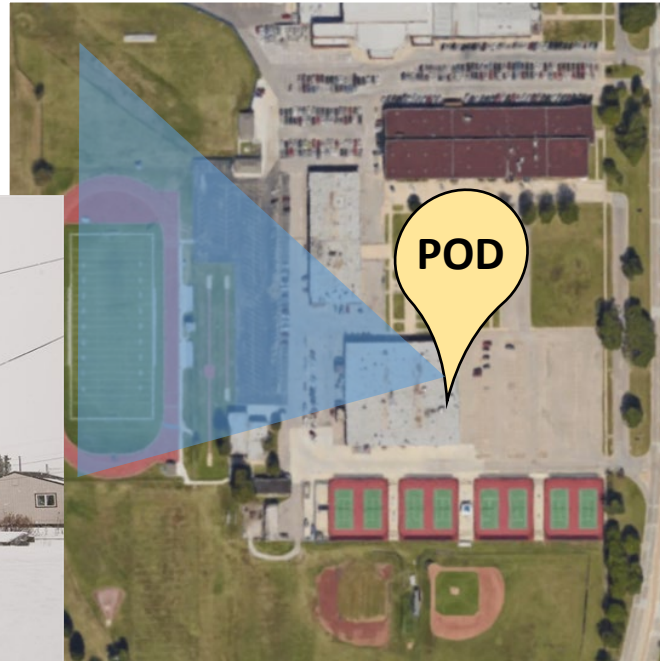


Local Resources Overwhelmed by Threat



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- where **healthy individuals** receive medications or vaccinations



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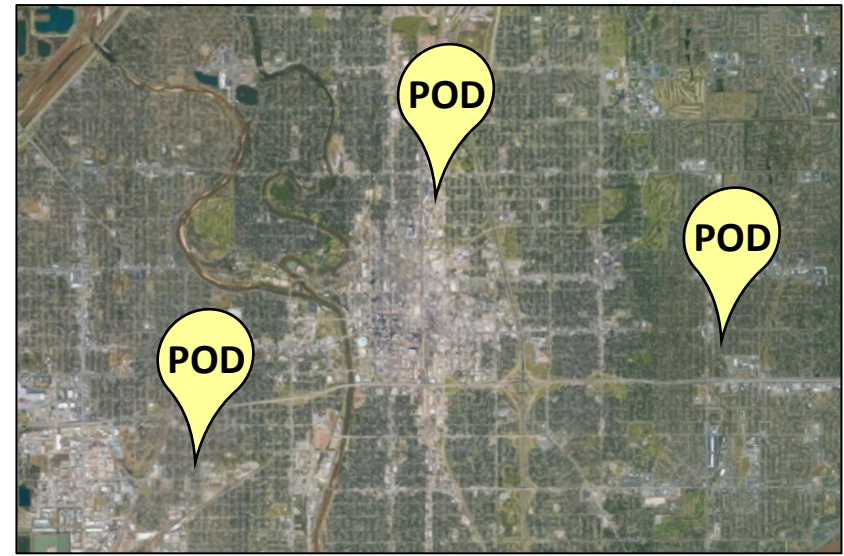
- a medical clinic to treat **sick individuals**
- set-up like a typical doctor's office
- staffed strictly by medical professionals
- designed to provide in-depth or individualized consultation services





While each POD may operate differently

- All PODs:
 - Perform the same major functions
 - Address a variety of incidents and critical time constraints
 - Require staff and volunteers





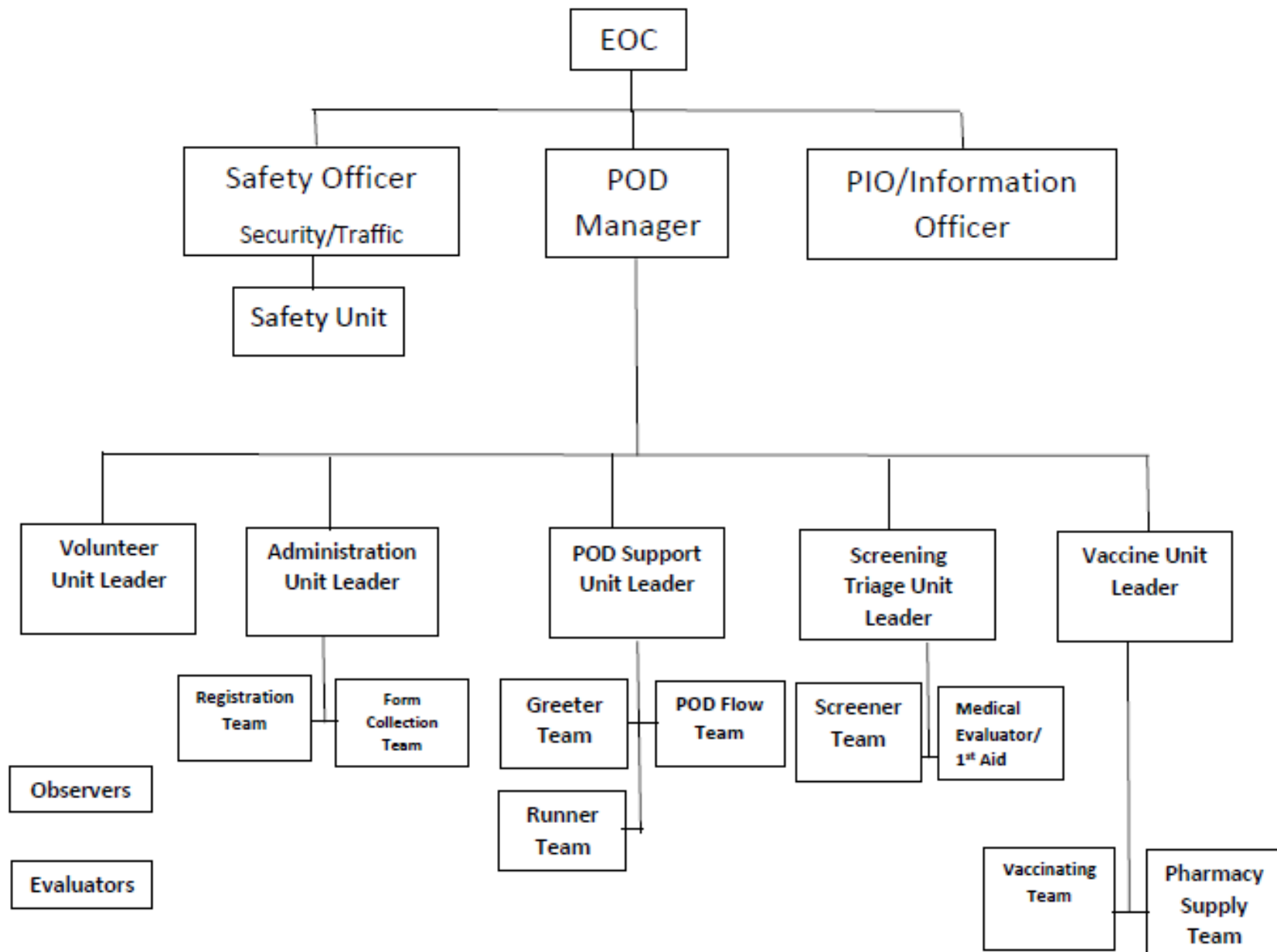
POD Operations Depend on You!

- Health care workers, volunteers, and partners are **essential** for POD operations
- Efficient operations requires proper training





Sample Incident Command Template





POD Staff Activation and Orientation

- Receive notification of POD activation
- Check-in at POD
- Receive just-in-time-training
- Perform work assignment
- Check-out of POD





Notification of POD Staff

- Occurs when supplies are en route to POD site.
- Contacted by local Public Health or City Officials.
- Phone tree or call down system
- Alternate method may be established





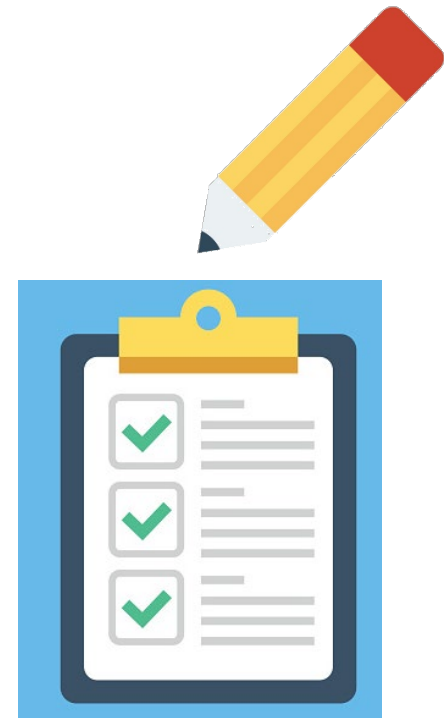
Notification of POD Staff (Cont.)

- **Where to go**
 - Facility Location
- **When to report**
 - Immediate
 - Standby
- **What to bring**
 - Photo ID
 - Medical license
 - Comfortable clothes
- **Length of time**
 - Duration of POD operations
 - 8, 10, 12-hour shifts



Check-in Procedures

- Report to sign-in area
- Complete required work-site forms
- Obtain work assignment
- Receive ID badge





Just-in-Time Training

- POD staff training **directly** pertinent to the mission and the tasks about to start
- Delivered before your first shift
- Defines the POD mission/goal
- Outlines the POD process - stations
- Identifies resources – materials, equipment and supplies



Just-in-Time Training(Cont.)

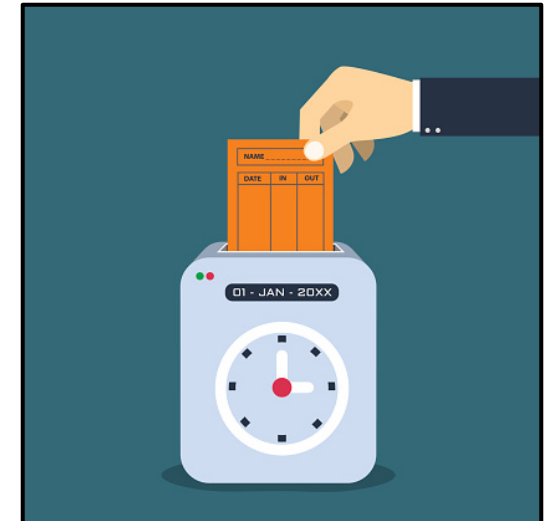
- Training on your assigned work areas/tasks
 - Job Action Sheets
 - FAQs
- Identifies leadership structure or **chain of command**
 - Who to report to
 - Who may report to you (if applicable)
 - Communication/reporting requirements





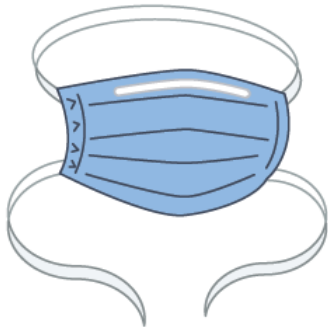
Checkout Procedures

- Debriefing
- Just-in-time training for next shift
- Restocking workstation (as needed)
- Reporting requirements fulfilled (if any)
- Sign out



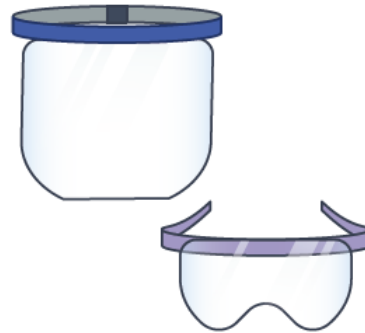


Infection prevention strategies during COVID-19: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)



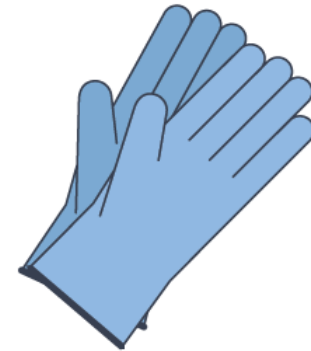
Face mask

- **Recommended:** All healthcare providers (N95 masks not recommended)



Eye protection

- **Recommended:** Areas of moderate/substantial community transmission
- **Optional:** Areas of minimal/no community transmission unless otherwise indicated as a part of standard precautions



Gloves

- **Recommended:** Intranasal or oral vaccines
- **Optional:** Intramuscular or subcutaneous vaccines

Infection prevention strategies during COVID-19:

Managing Patient Flow to reduce transmission

- Drive through option
- Same day appointments
- Uni-directional flow
- Floor markers for spacing
- Specific times for high-risk patients



Orange = Inside dispensing (walk ups and families with small children)

Yellow = Drive Thru dispensing



Infection prevention strategies during COVID-19: Signage





Summary

- PODs are activated in response to a public health threat while surveillance activities occur. Threats start locally and response resources will be pulled in if local resources are limited.
- PODs are pre-identified systems where people receive MCMs to minimize the effects of a public health threat.
- PODs are the cornerstone of a MCM response especially for threats with potentially high death rates where a quick response is critical.
- POD staff activation includes receiving reporting details, POD check-in, just-in-time training and completing check-out procedures after work is complete.

References and Resources



- Rural and Community Health Systems- Health Emergency Response Operations
 - <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Emergency/Pages/default.aspx>



References and Resources



- Drive-Thru Point of Dispensing Planning Guide

https://www.rescuepost.com/files/drive-thrupodplanningguide_8-25-10.pdf



References and Resources



- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- Incident Command System documents and training courses.
 - <https://training.fema.gov/emiweb/is/icsresource/>
- Rural and Community Health Systems- Health Emergency Response Operations
 - <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Emergency/Pages/default.aspx>
 - Centers for Disease Control
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/>



Questions?

Contact your local Public Health Center, Tribal Health Organization, or community leader

