Goals

• Understand Core POD Concepts

• Go over template section by section and address any questions

• Give attendees opportunity to brainstorm and share ideas
Before you begin...

Ensure leadership support!

The Becoming a Closed POD Partner fact sheet may be helpful when talking to your organization’s leadership about closed POD planning.
What is a POD?

A site where medications or vaccines intended to prevent disease may be given quickly to a large number of people in the event of a public health emergency.
What is a POD?

Needed if:

An exposure of an infection is causing illness

AND

Disease from that infection may be prevented through the use of antibiotics or a vaccine
Strategic National Stockpile (SNS)

Delivers critical medical resources to a national emergency when local public health resources have been overwhelmed by the magnitude of the event.
SNS to YOU

If activated, the SNS materiel should be delivered to the affected counties’ public POD sites within 12 hours.

Then, the public comes to the open POD to obtain medication for their family.
POD Components

1. Greeting / Triage
2. Form Completion
3. Screening
4. Dispensing
Greeting/Triage

Greeting staff will:

- Greet people arriving at the POD
- Direct symptomatic people to seek medical care
- Provide people with pencil or pen and the Medication Screening Form
- Provide assistance with filling out the form as necessary
People will fill out forms while waiting in line to talk with a screener.
Screening

Screening staff will:

• Review the Medication Screening Form for completeness & legibility

• Determine the appropriate medication for each person listed using algorithm

• Direct person to the line for dispensing
Dispensing

Dispensing staff will:

• Review the Medication Screening Form and ensure the proper medication is selected

• Provide medication to people according to the form

• Supply information sheets for medication being dispensed

• Direct people to the exit
So, you have decided to operate a closed POD for your organization....

Now what?
First Steps

Who will we dispense to? Your organization decides. May include:

- Patients
- Employees & Family
- Volunteers & Family
- Families of patients
- Contractors
- Other
Closed POD Operations

- Assigned employee picks up medication from pickup point
- Medication distributed to patients using dispensing form
- Closed POD set up and meds distributed to employees using dispensing form
Next Steps

1. Write a plan

2. Identify people within your agency to fill roles in the POD

3. Complete online training
Thank you

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