Working with Closed Point of Dispensing (POD) Partners

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• Certain medical countermeasures (MCMs) held by the Strategic National Stockpile that would be distributed at point of dispensing (POD) sites are not FDA approved or are FDA approved but are being used outside of the manufacturer’s approved indication.
• Metro Detroit
• 42 communities
• 1.2 million residents
• 48% of state’s population within Region 2
Wayne County, Michigan

- Two international border crossings
  - Ambassador Bridge & Detroit/Windsor Tunnel
  - 90,000 crossings daily
- Detroit International Airport (DTW)
  - 95,000 passengers daily
  - CDC regional quarantine station
Open vs. Closed POD

• Open PODs are “open” to the general public to receive their medical countermeasures.
• Closed PODs serve a specific population and are “closed” to the general public.
16 Open PODs
Closed POD Planning

• Government Agencies
• Healthcare Entities
• Academic Institutions
• Community-Based Organizations
• Businesses
Government Agencies

• Each municipality their own POD
• Expanded to cover all city employees, elected officials, and volunteers
• Also includes family members
Healthcare Entities

- 44 Long-Term Care facilities
- 5,500 licensed beds
- Some also have out-patient rehab and/or homecare services
- All include staff family, some include patient family
Other Closed PODs

• Educational Institutions
  – Colleges and Universities

• Community-Based Organizations
  – Strategic alliances

• Businesses
  – 250+ employees
Onboarding Process

• Workshops & presentations
• Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
• Plan creation
• Training & exercises
Workshops & Presentations

- Workshops for LTC leadership
- PD / FD Chiefs’ meetings
- Emergency Managers
- Regional Healthcare Coalition
- Medical Control Authority
- One-on-one sales pitch
MOU

- Template design approved by corporate council
- Non-financial agreement can speed up process
- Distribute MOUs at workshops
Plan Creation

• Google form link
• Merge information in to Dispensing Plan template
• Edit as needed before finalizing
• Annual review
Training & Exercises

- Orientations & Workshops
- *POD Essentials* class
- Tabletop Drills
- Functional Exercises
- Full-scale Exercises
C-POD Management

• MS Access database
• Reports for:
  – MOU expiration dates
  – Last plan review
  – Last exercise
  – Inventory management
Obstacles We Encountered

- Finding the time to connect
- Overwhelmed by CMS
- Intimidated by plan writing
- Liability/legal questions
- Non-medical staff for screening
What’s Next for Us?

• Homeless Services Coalition
• Home Care Providers
• Managed Group Homes
• Distribution TTX/FE/FSE
Questions?
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