



## Closed Point of Dispensing (C-POD)



What do you know about the  
SNS/PODs?

What do you have questions  
about?

# What is the SNS?

Nation's largest supply of pharmaceuticals and medical supplies for use in a public health emergency.

- Maintained at the Federal level.
- Some items are not available from other sources.
- Some cannot be provided in the amount needed.

# What is the SNS?

The mission of the Strategic National Stockpile is to provide the right materials, at the right place, at the right time, to secure the Nation's health.



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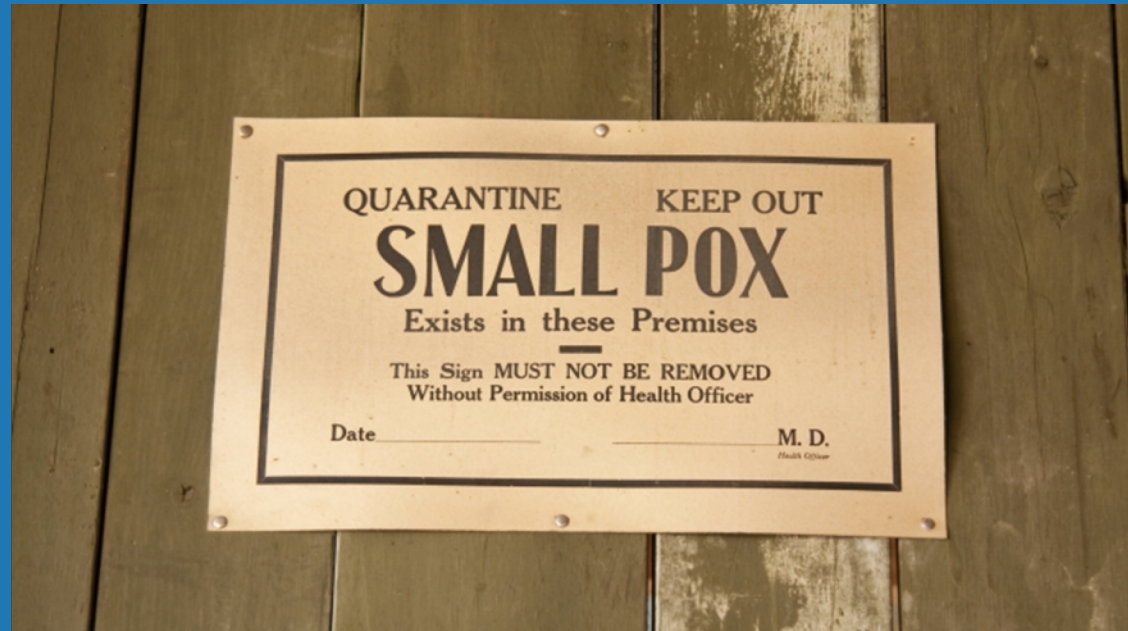
The stockpile contains:

- Antibiotics
- Chemical Antidotes
- Antitoxins
- Vaccines
- Antiviral Drugs
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Other Medical Supplies

# What is the SNS?

Stockpile materials may be used for:

- Anthrax
- Plague
- Smallpox
- Chemical Threats
- Radiation Threats
- Pandemics (Influenza)
- Natural Disasters / Public Health Emergencies



# What is the SNS?

## 12 Hour Push Package

- First line of support from the SNS.
- 50 tons of a broad range of medical resources pre-packaged into transport containers.
- Can arrive anywhere in the U.S. within 12 hours.

# What is the SNS?

## Managed Inventory

- The majority of the stockpile is managed inventory of medications and medical supplies for specific health threats.
- May be requested first if the specific disease or agent is known.
- May be requested to follow a push pack.



Any Questions on SNS?

# The Role of the Federal and State Government

- Review of the Arkansas SNS Process.
  - State receives materials and provides escort to Receipt Staging and Storage (RSS) location.
  - RSS uses POD data to breakdown bulk material into bundles per POD.
  - State transports bundles to Regional Distribution Site (RDS).
  - County / Local Health Unit (LHU) picks up bundles at RDS.
  - PODs pick up their bundle at LHU.

# Disaster Strikes Locally

SNS program relies on coordination and collaboration of local health units, businesses, community organizations, and volunteers.

- Open POD (O-POD)
  - Operated by the LHU to serve the public.
- Closed POD (C-POD)
  - Operated by a private entity to serve pre identified portion of the population. Not open to the public.

# It Takes a Village to Respond

- What is the goal of the C-POD program?
  - Relieve the stress of having the entire population receive medical countermeasures at the O-POD site.
  - Continuity of Operations.



# It Takes a Village to Respond

- Why become a C-POD?
  - Quick dispensing to employees and families.
  - Continuity of operations.
  - Peace of mind.



# It Takes a Village to Respond

- C-POD Questions
  - Will your organization dispense emergency medical countermeasures to family members?
  - Does your organization have the means to transport your SNS assets securely?
  - Does your organization have someone that is legally eligible and readily available to dispense medication?

# It Takes a Village to Respond

- The CPOD Training Certification Process.
  - Step 1: Contact Local LHU
  - Step 2 Notice of Intent
  - Step 3: C-POD Workshop
  - Step 4: Site Visit
  - Step 5: MOA

# A Team Effort

- Public Health Responsibilities (ADH)
  - Provide pre-certification training.
  - Provide technical assistance upon request. Such as:
    - Pre event planning
    - CPOD design
    - Time study
  - Provide an after action consultation upon request.

**\*Additional Responsibilities in MOA\***



# A Team Effort

- CPOD Responsibilities.
  - Designate a 24hr Contact.
  - Develop a Plan.
  - Train and educate staff.
  - Request medical countermeasures according to dispensing calculation.
  - Utilize medical countermeasures in accordance with state laws and ADH policies and procedures.

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# Questions?

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