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Medical Reserve Corps

COVID-19 MRC
Mass Vaccination Overview
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What will you learn today?

After the session, participants will be able to explain:

★ State and Local Dispensing systems
★ Points of Dispensing Operating structures
★ Review of CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Distribution
★ Roles of Volunteers during MCM operations
Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) and Point of Dispensing (POD) Overview

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The Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) is the nation's supply of life-saving pharmaceuticals and medical supplies, managed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for use in a public health emergency.

SNS caches are strategically located in secured warehouses across the United States.
Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
Ventilators
Airway management consumables
Pharmaceuticals
Testing supplies
## Roles of State & Localities

**State (VDH):**
Receive, unpack, store, secure and distribute to local jurisdictions and other state governments.

**Local HD:**
Receive, secure and dispense necessary MCMs to the public in a timely and efficient manner.

**Public Information and Communication**
Public Information and Communication
Point of Dispensing (POD) Overview

Understand public health emergencies that require POD activations

Describe types, purpose, and functions of PODs

What is a POD?

★ Point of Dispensing: A point of dispensing (POD) is a fixed, identified public facility in which medical countermeasures (MCMs) are given to people in response to a public health threat or emergency.

**Primary Goals**
- Triage
- Medicate

**Secondary Goals**
- Behavioral health
- Record-keeping

Decrease the number of individuals who may get ill
PODs vs. Clinics

CLINICS:
- Thorough medical history, vitals, exam and records
- Individual-focused
- Time-consuming
- Traditional healthcare settings
- Medical professionals

PODs:
- No exam & limited records
- Population-focused
- Process client as quickly as possible
- Community-based, non-traditional healthcare settings
- Non-medical and non-traditional staff
Non-Medical Model PODs

- Oral antibiotics
- No medical license required
- Dispensing to head of household (one can pick up for household)

Medical Model PODs

- Vaccines (injections)
- Medical license required
- Each member of household must come to the POD
POD Operating Policies

Minimum Information Requirements
- No photo ID necessary
- Full name, DOB, phone number, address and basic allergy information only

Media Policy
- Media may access PODs but have no greater access to POD staff/facilities than residents
- Media must follow same rules and may be removed by Law Enforcement if they disrupt POD Operations
What’s the difference between a “closed POD” and an “open POD”? 
Closed, or private, PODs use the resources of partner organizations to set up PODs and dispense MCMs in their own facilities.

Open PODs are open to everyone no restrictions on who can go to them. Are located in pre-identified, community-based facilities that public health agencies can activate to serve the general public.
Examples of PODs

★ Closed PODs
  Government examples
  • Departments, Jails
    ▪ Private
    • Hospitals, churches and companies

★ Open PODS:
  • POD sites include public schools, sports arenas, gymnasiums, community centers.
  • Drive-thru PODs
  • Mass vaccination clinics
  • Pharmacists
Dispensing Scenarios

Public Health Events (Natural)
- Naturally occurring diseases
- Novel or emerging infectious diseases
- i.e., COVID-19

Man-Made Incidents
- Bioterror attacks: small or large-scale
PH Emergencies that May Require a POD

- Anthrax
- Plague
- Smallpox
- Pandemic/Emerging Infections (e.g. H1N1, COVID-19)
Responding to PH Emergency

The ability to provide medical countermeasures in support of treatment or prophylaxis to the identified population in accordance with public health guidelines and/or recommendations.
Incident occurs

Decision to dispense countermeasures

AHD logistics mobilizes

Rostering of staff

Deployment of POD kits from AHD PHEM storage

Staff report to staging site

Check-in

Receive briefing

Transported to POD

SNS delivered to PODs

PODs open

Response Timeline (General)
Health Department Operations: Initial Actions

Health Director

Public Health Incident Commander

- Initiates Unified Command
- Requests support from Cooperating Agencies
- Determines dispensing protocol
POD Operations

Primary Goals
Triage
Medicate
Educate

Greet & Screen → Form Distribution & Review → Dispense or Vaccinate
POD Leadership & Command Staff

**Job Description:**

❖ Manages, coordinates, and consults on overall MCM POD site functions, including operations, liaison, public information, security, safety, planning, logistics, and administration.

❖ You may be reporting to the Emergency Planner or Health Director.
# Command Staff

## Responsibilities

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<td>Direct all dispensing operations</td>
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<td>Coordinate with partner agencies at POD sites</td>
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<td>Communicate with the HDOC or EOC</td>
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<td>Act as a resource for POD staff</td>
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<td>Manage small-scale incidents that occur during dispensing operations</td>
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Safety Officer/ Biosafety Officer

**Job Description:**

Monitors clinic operations and advises the Clinic Points of Dispensing (POD) Supervisor in all matters relating to safety including health and safety of clinic personnel and clients. Assess and/or anticipate hazardous and unsafe situations.

❖ You might be reporting to POD Manager or Clinical Supervisor.
Unit Leaders/Supervisors

Responsibilities

- The safety and welfare of your staff
- Overseeing the operations of your Unit
- Giving briefings and updates to your staff
- Ensuring staff receive adequate breaks and rest, look for PPE exhaustion
- Ensuring staff record times appropriately
Example of POD ICS Structure

POD Manager

Public Information Officer

Logistics Supervisor
- Runner
- IT

Clinical Supervisor
- Vaccinators
- Vaccinator Assistants
- Medical Evaluation

Clerical Supervisor
- Form Prep.
- Form Distribution
- Form Review

Flow Control Supervisor
- Greeter/Screener
- Flow Inside
- Flow Outside

Support Services
- Interpreter
- Outreach/Education
- Counseling

Safety Officer

Biosafety Officer

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Logistic Support

Job Description:

❖ Organize, direct and coordinate operations associated with acquiring and maintaining the facility, personnel and equipment to support Points of Dispensing (POD) functions.

❖ You might be reporting to Logistic unit leader,

  Logistic Supervisor or POD Manger.
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**Job Description:**

- Prepares and administers vaccines to clients.
- You might be reporting to POD Manager, Unit leader, Clinical Supervisor.
**Job Description:**

- Ensure clients receive proper screening and medical evaluation per protocols.
- Collect and process all patient registrations and evaluation forms.
- Record time “in and out”
- You might be reporting POD Manager, Unit leader, Clinical Supervisor.
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Runner

IT

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Protecting You and Your Environment
Participant Question

Can you think of a support role or roles to a POD mission?
Vaccine Controller/Fillers/ Screeners/Assistants/Floaters

Job Description:

❖ Reviews screening forms and assists the Vaccinators by preparing appropriate type vaccines.
❖ You might be reporting POD Manager, Support Services Leader, Flow/ Traffic Unit Leader
Greeter/ Screener

Responsibilities

- Greet clients
- Take temperature, symptoms
- Direct visibly ill individuals to the healthcare system
- Address needs such as physical, cognitive or language services
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<td>Monitor for clients who require additional assistance and facilitate support as needed</td>
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Flow/ Traffic Control Unit

Responsibilities

- Guide clients throughout the POD
- Direct clients with outstanding questions to appropriate stations
- Prevent arriving clients from entering POD through exit doors (direct them to the entrance area)
- Address needs such as physical, cognitive or language services
Location in POD ICS Structure

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**Job Description:**

- Assists non-English speaking clients with understanding information and process of POD. Interpret information between POD staff & clients.
- Identify any accommodations needed for vulnerable populations such as children, elder, access and functional needs, hearing and visual impairments etc.
- You be reporting to a Support Services Unit leader, or a POD Manager.
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POD Demobilization

★ At the conclusion of POD operations each POD Manager will:
  o Secure SNS/MCM inventory
  o Notify Team Leaders of POD demobilization

★ Team Leaders will:
  o Hold a debriefing/Hot Wash with their team to discuss successes and areas for improvement

★ General POD staff will:
  o Assist POD facility staff in demobilizing or setting up POD for follow-on PODs
Tips and Training

Ensuring that you have a safe and successful POD

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VA MRC COVID-19 Coordinator
Tips for Participating in a POD

- Be proactive – find the problem before it starts
- Pay attention to your staff’s needs
- Be transparent
- Don’t be afraid to get your hands dirty
It is the responsibility of each person to use the information they’ve been provided.
Safety Considerations

★ Dial 9-1-1 in the event of a medical emergency; provide CPR or first aid if qualified.
★ Inform your ICS supervisor and Safety Officer of any injury or safety issue(s) you identify.
★ Everyone has a role
  ○ Look for PPE exhaustion signs and symptoms
★ If you see something, say something
Brief COVID-19 Vaccination Update

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VA MRC COVID-19 Coordinator
COVID-19 Mass Vaccination

★ Plans are underway at federal and state levels
★ Finalization of specifics will depend on the approval of a vaccine by FDA
  - Recommendation given on 12/10
  - Emergency Use Authorization 12/12
★ Variety of POD models may be utilized
★ MRC will serve a critical role in vaccine administration and distribution efforts
**COVID-19 Vaccine Candidates with U.S. Investment**

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<td>-20°C, 2-8°C for 30 days</td>
<td>mRNA</td>
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*AstraZenca and Johnson and Johnson estimated to gain EUA approval by the FDA in coming weeks.*
CDC Vaccine Distribution Plan

Phase 1: Potentially Limited Doses Available
- Projected short period of time for when doses may be limited
- Key factors:
  - Supply may be constrained
  - Tightly focus vaccine administration
  - Administer vaccine in closed settings best suited for reaching initial critical populations (workplaces, other vaccination sites) specific to Phase 1-A populations

Phase 2: Large Number of Doses Available
- Likely sufficient supply to meet demand
- Expand beyond initial populations
- Use a broad provider network and settings, including:
  - Healthcare settings (doctor's offices, clinics)
  - Commercial sector settings (retail pharmacies)
  - Public health venues (public health clinics, mobile clinics, FQHCs, community settings)

Phase 3: Continued Vaccination, Shift to Routine Strategy
- Likely sufficient supply
- Open access to vaccination
- Administer through additional/private partner sites
- Maintain public health sites where required

Populations of Focus:

**Phase 1-A:**
- Paid and unpaid persons serving in healthcare settings who have the potential for direct or indirect exposure to patients or infectious materials and are unable to work from home.

**Phase 1-B:**
- Other essential workers
- People at higher risk of severe COVID-19 illness, including people 65 years of age and older

**Phase 2:**
- Remainder of Phase 1 populations
- Critical populations**
- General population

**Phase 3:**
- Remainder of Phase 1 populations
- Critical populations**
- General population

★ Q: What phase are MRC volunteers in?
★ A: MRC volunteers who are actively supporting PODs are considered to be in Phase 1A. For more information, follow up with your local MRC Unit Leader once you respond to a POD activation alert.

★ Q: Who all can be vaccinated in Phase 1?
★ A: For more information about priority groups: [https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/vaccination/](https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/vaccination/)
Frequently Asked Questions

★ Q: Is a copy of the Virginia plan we submitted available for us to review?
★ Q: Are POD locations already determined? Is there a timeline for when they will take place?
★ A: POD locations are already planned, but locations and timelines are not yet public.
Q: Is the Vaccine administration info data entered into the Virginia VIIS system?
★ A: Vaccination information will be entered into a system called VAMS to make appointments and information will interface into VIIS.
★ Q: How long after immunization before there is an immune response and what is the interval between doses?
★ A: Immune response begins at the point of injection. Early reports of Pfizer and Moderna vaccinations report ~94-95% efficacy.
• Pfizer vaccine: 2 doses 21 days apart
• Moderna vaccine: 2 doses 28 days apart
Who Can Vaccinate?

★ Oriented and Approved MRC Volunteers:
  ▪ MD, PA, NP, RN, LPN, Pharmacist, Pharm Tech, Pharm Intern

★ https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/mrc/covid19vaccinator/
Recommended Trainings For All

VDH: POD Essential Overview TRAIN Course ID# 1094136 Time: 1.5 hrs
https://www.train.org/virginia/course/1094136/

Psychological First Aid TRAIN Course ID: 1022214
https://www.train.org/virginia/course/1022214/
QUESTIONS?

Email COVID-19 Vaccine questions to COVID-19@VAMRC.org

Email additional general questions to VAMRC@VDH.VIRGINIA.GOV
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vdh.virginia.gov/mrc/rollcall

Type “POD Rocks” in Private Phrase line