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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

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Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) and Point of Dispensing (POD) Overview

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Strategic National Stockpile (SNS)

★ 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.

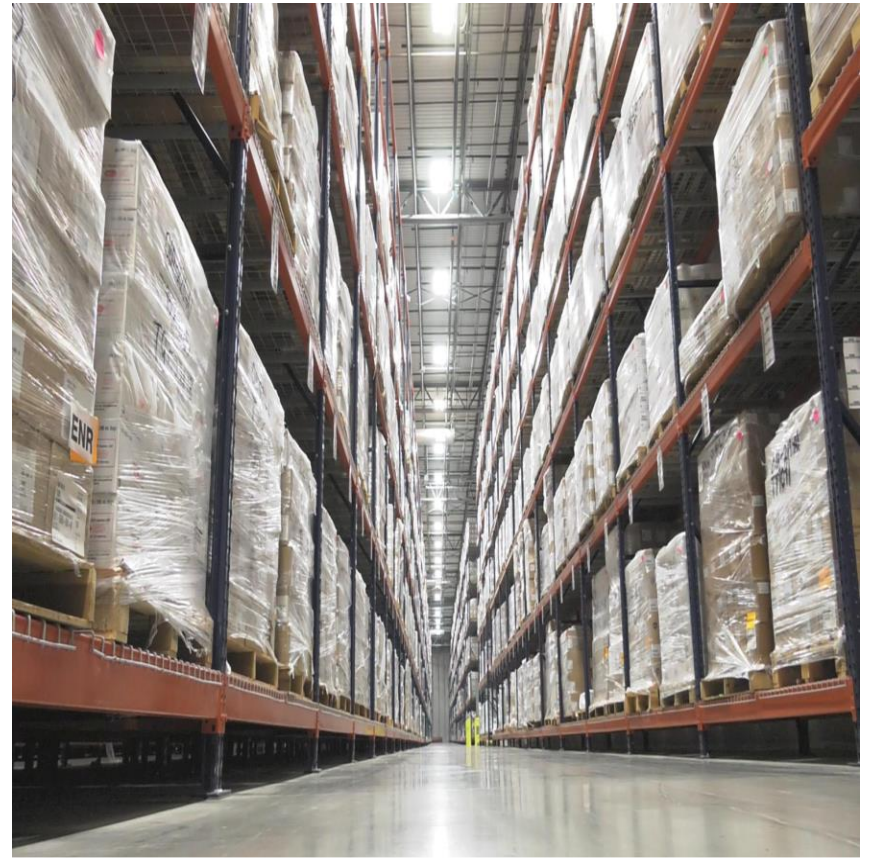★ SNS caches are strategically located in secured warehouses across the United States.

SNS Continue

★ Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

★ Ventilators

★ Airway management consumables

★ Pharmaceuticals

★ Testing supplies

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SNS

Roles of State & Localities

State (VDH):

Receive, unpack, store, secure and distribute to local jurisdictions and other state governments.

Public Information and Communication

Local HD:

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

Public Information and Communication

Point of Dispensing (POD) Overview

Understand public health emergencies that require POD activations

Describe types, purpose, and functions of PODs

POD Operations: Functional POD Groups, roles and responsibilities.

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

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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-medicaland non-traditional staff

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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

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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

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Participant Question

What's the difference between a "closed POD" and an "open POD"?

State & Local Dispensing Systems

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.

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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

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Dispensing Scenarios

Public Health Events (Natural)

Naturally occurring diseases
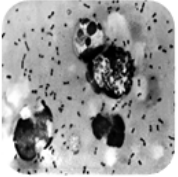
Novel or emerging infectious diseases

i.e., COVID-19

Man-Made Incidents
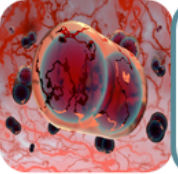
Bioterror attacks: small or large-scale

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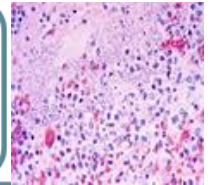medical reserve corps

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PH Emergencies that May Require a POD

Anthrax

Plague

Smallpox
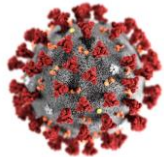
Pandemic/Emerging Infections

(e.g. H1N1, COVID-19)

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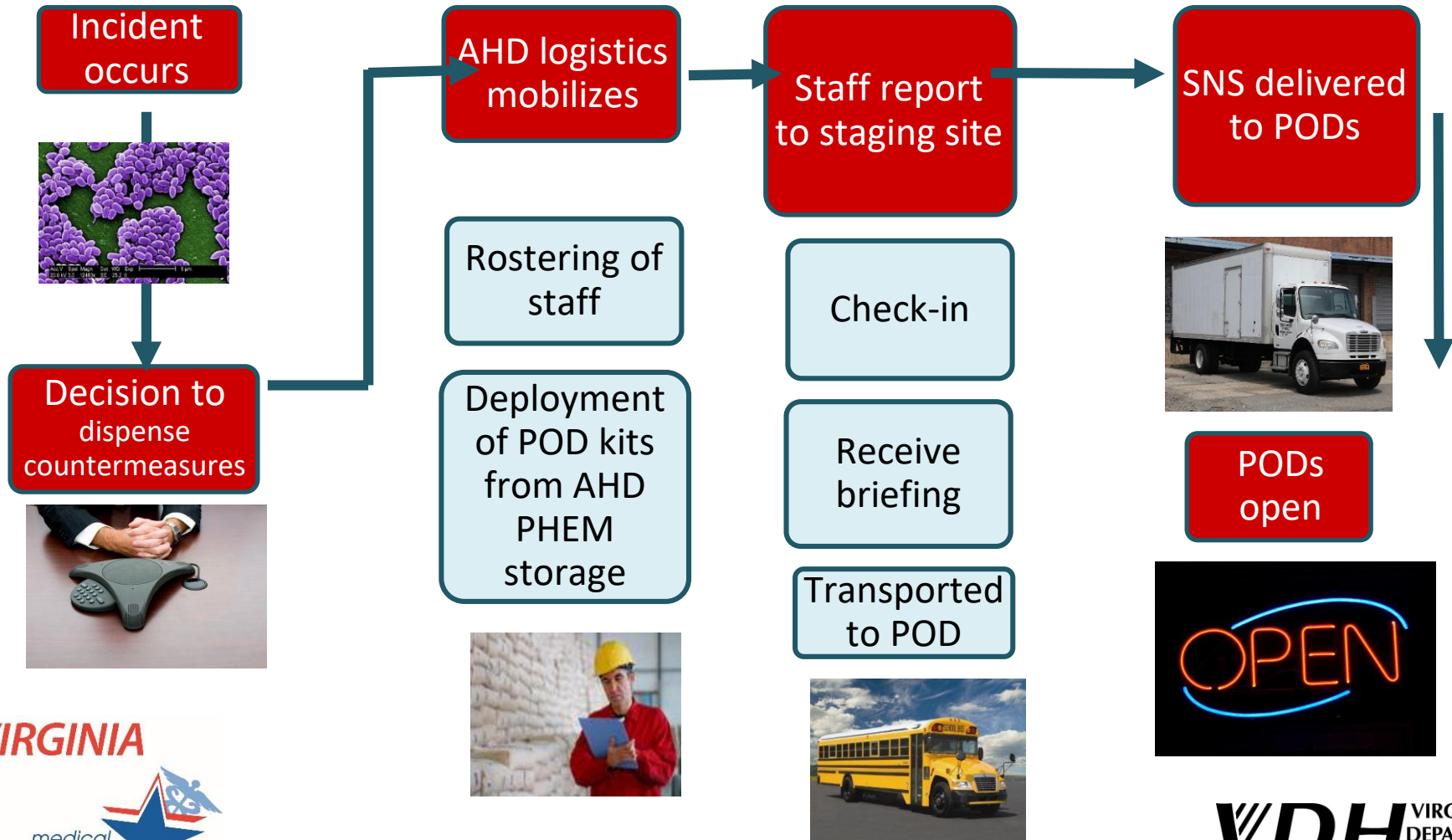
Responding to PH Emergency

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.

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Response Timeline (General)

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

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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**

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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
Direct all dispensing operations
Coordinate with partner agencies at POD sites
Communicate with the HDOC or EOC
Act as a resource for POD staff
Manage small-scale incidents that occur during dispensing operations
Ensure the safety of POD staff and clients

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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.

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Unit Leaders/Supervisors

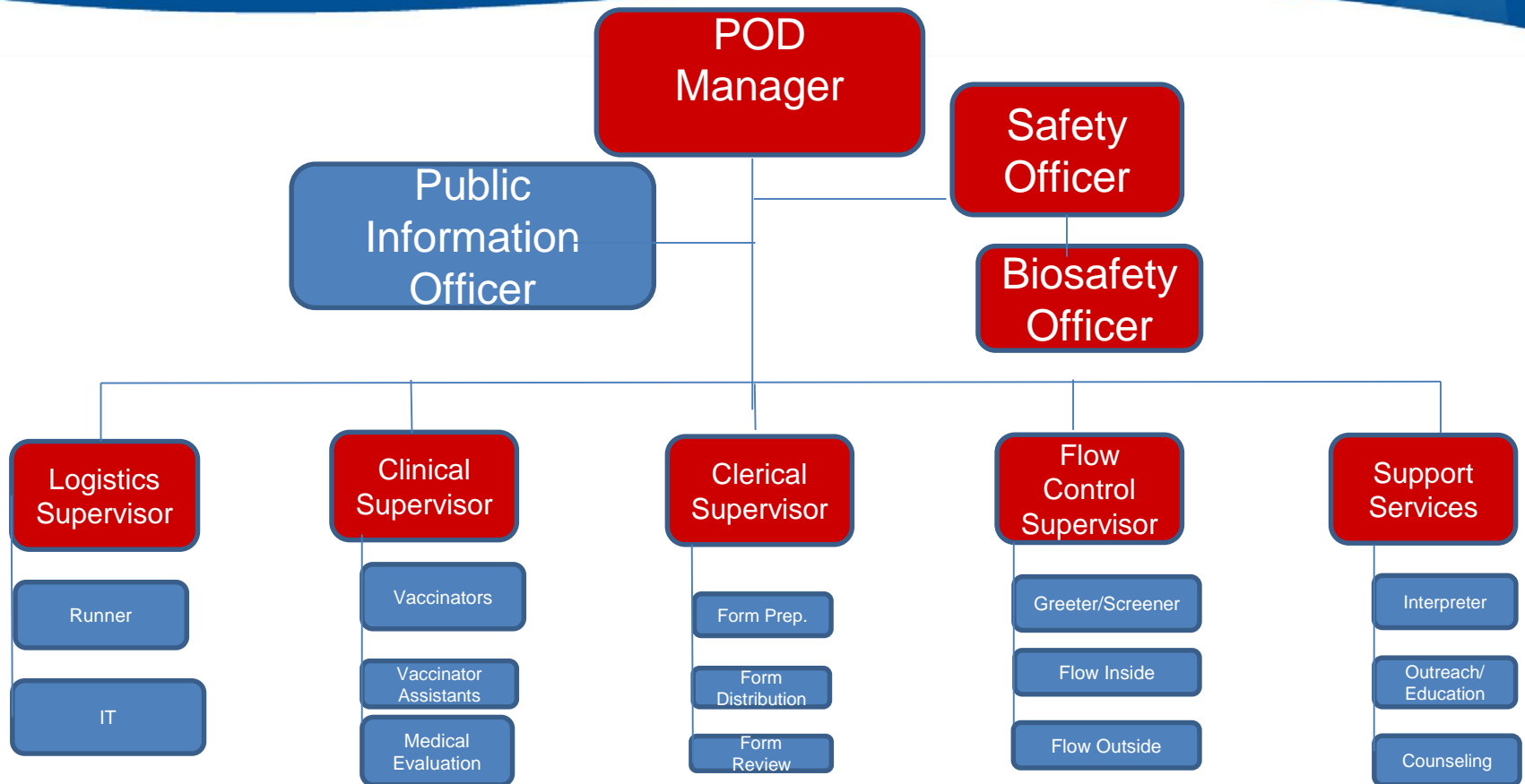| Responsibilities |
| --- |
| The safety and welfare of your staff |
| Overseeing the operations of your Unit |
| Giving briefings and updates to your staff |
| Ensuring staff receive adequate breaks and rest, look for PPE exhaustion |
| Ensuring staff record times appropriately |

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Example of POD ICS Structure

- POD Manager
  - Public Information Officer
  - Safety Officer
    - Biosafety 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

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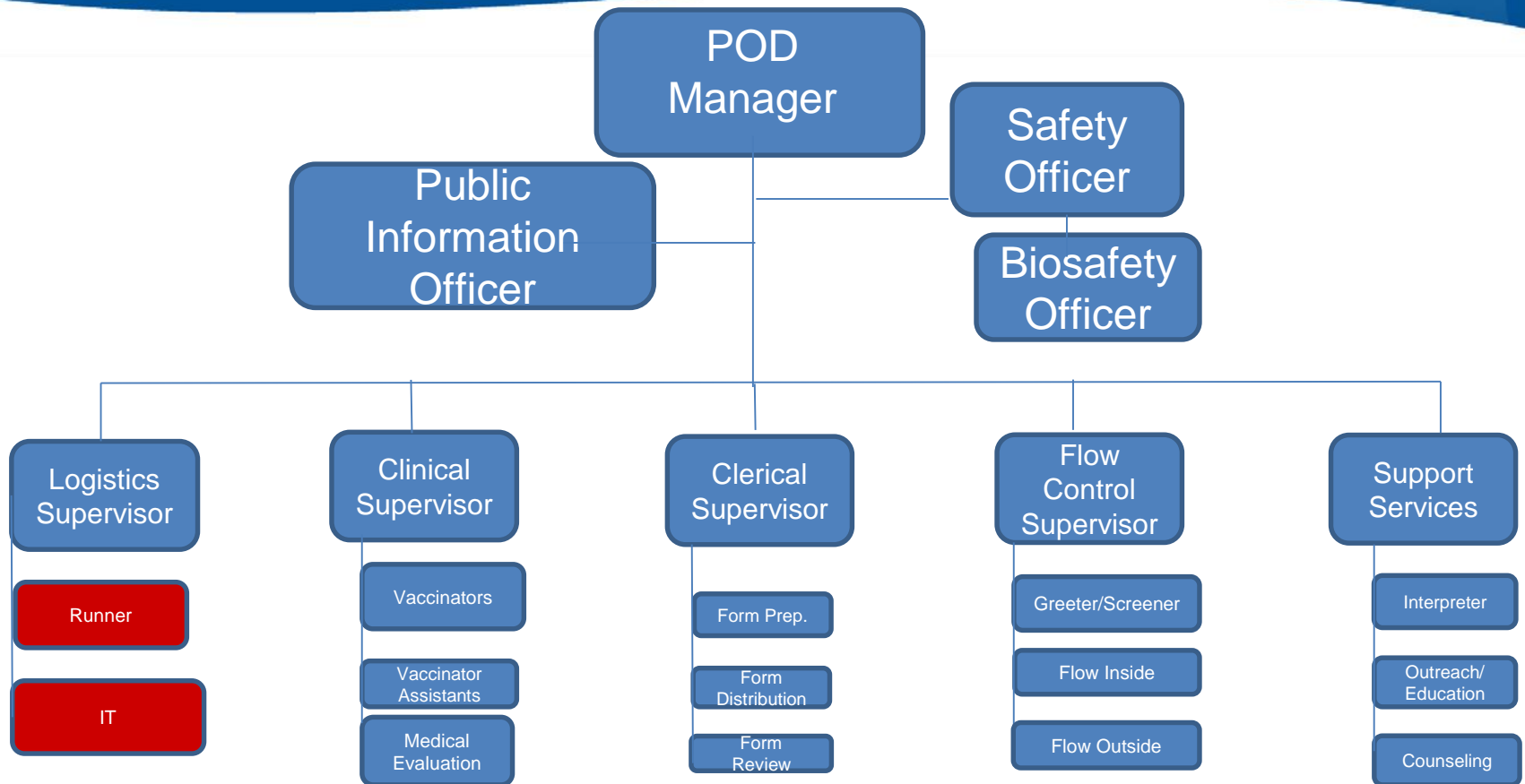
Logistic Support

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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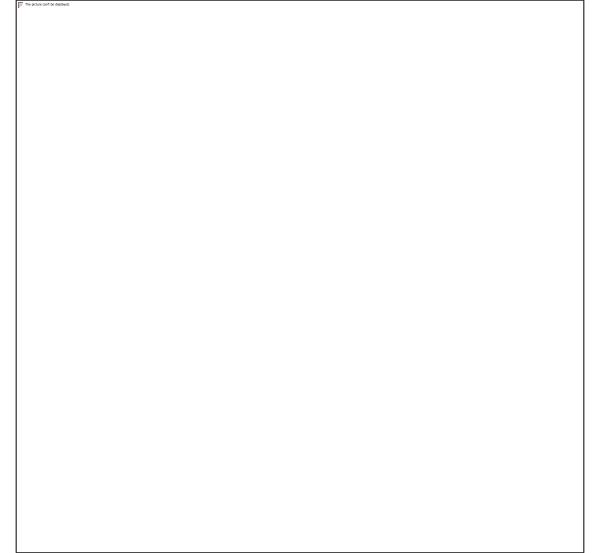
Example of POD ICS Structure

COVID Vaccinator

Job Description:

- ❖ **Prepares and administers vaccines to**

clients.

- ❖ You might be reporting to POD Manger,

Unit leader, Clinical Supervisor.

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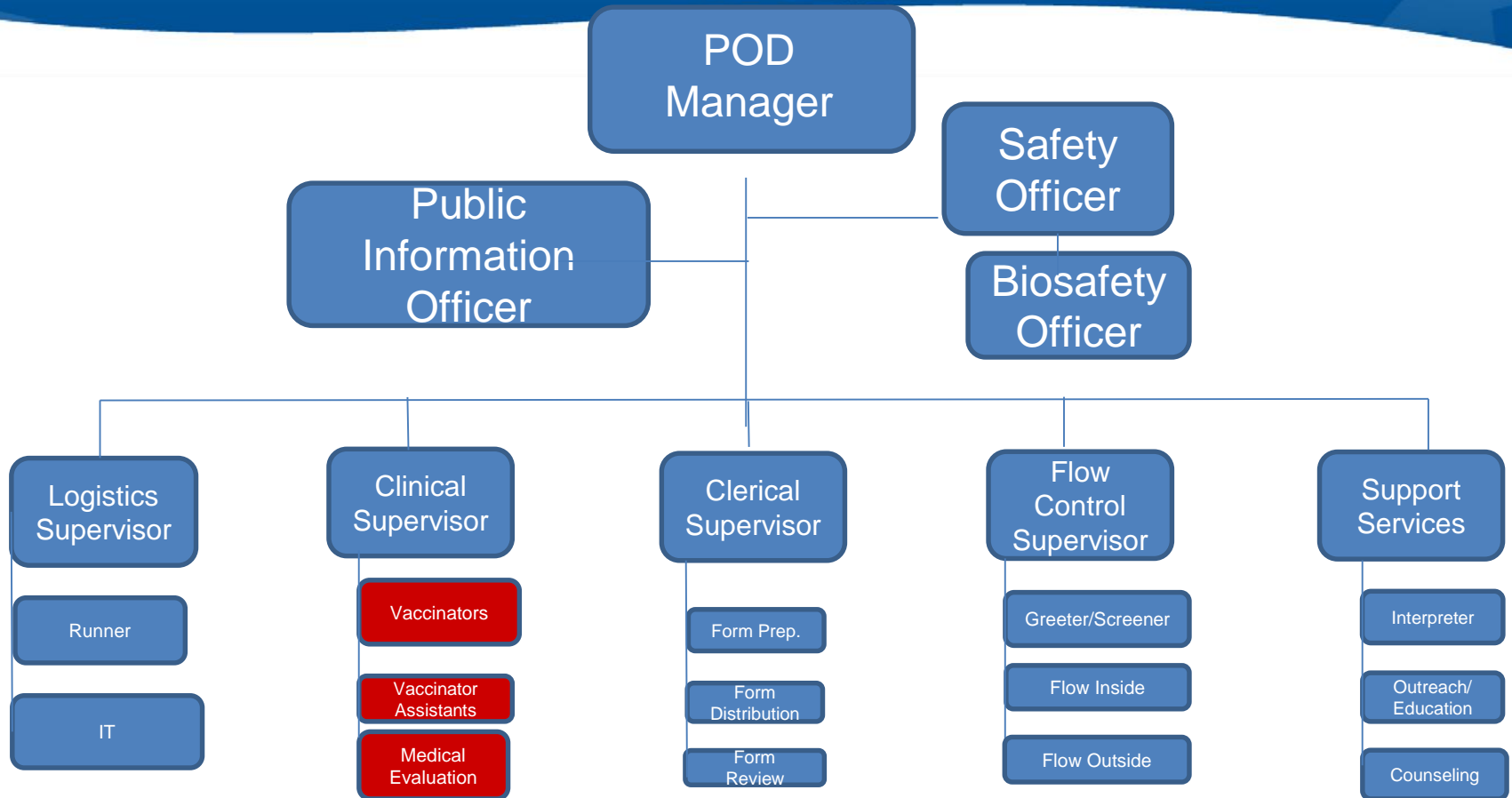Protecting You and Your Environment

Vaccinator Support/Medical Evaluator

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 Manger, Unit leader, Clinical Supervisor.

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Participant Question

Can you think of a support role or roles to a POD mission?

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POD Admin Support

Vaccine Controller/Fillers/ Screeners/Assistants/Floaters

Job Description:

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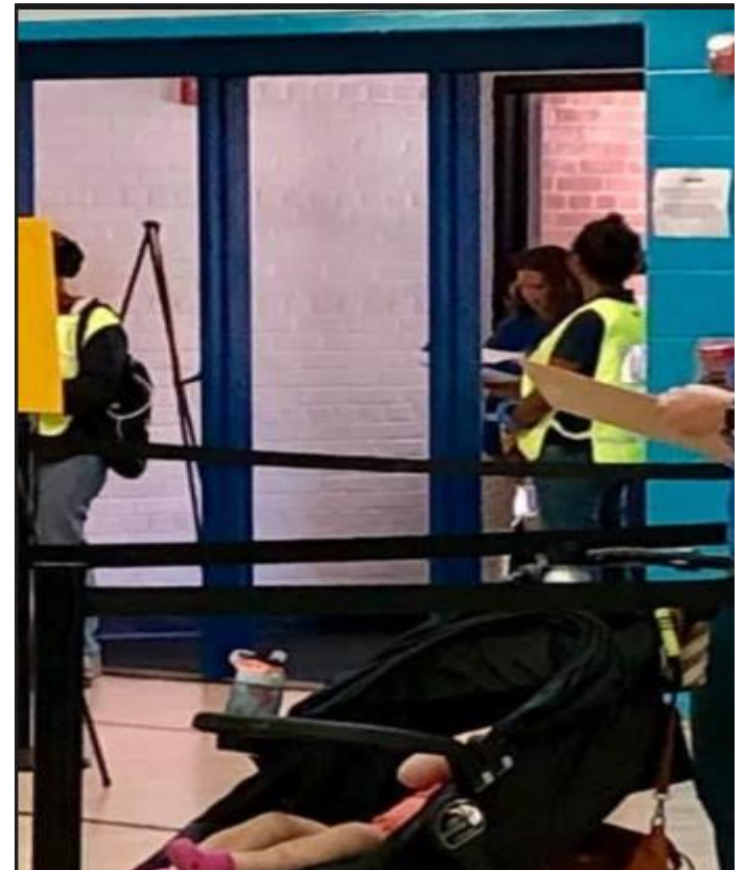- ❖ You might be reporting POD Manger, Support Services Leader, Flow/ Traffic Unit Leader

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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Form Distribution/Review Unit

Responsibilities

- Record time "in" before handing out the screening form

- Hand out screening form to each client

- Answer client questions

- Review form and record time "out" before referring client to the next station

- Monitor for clients who require additional assistance and facilitate support as needed

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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

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Location in POD ICS Structure
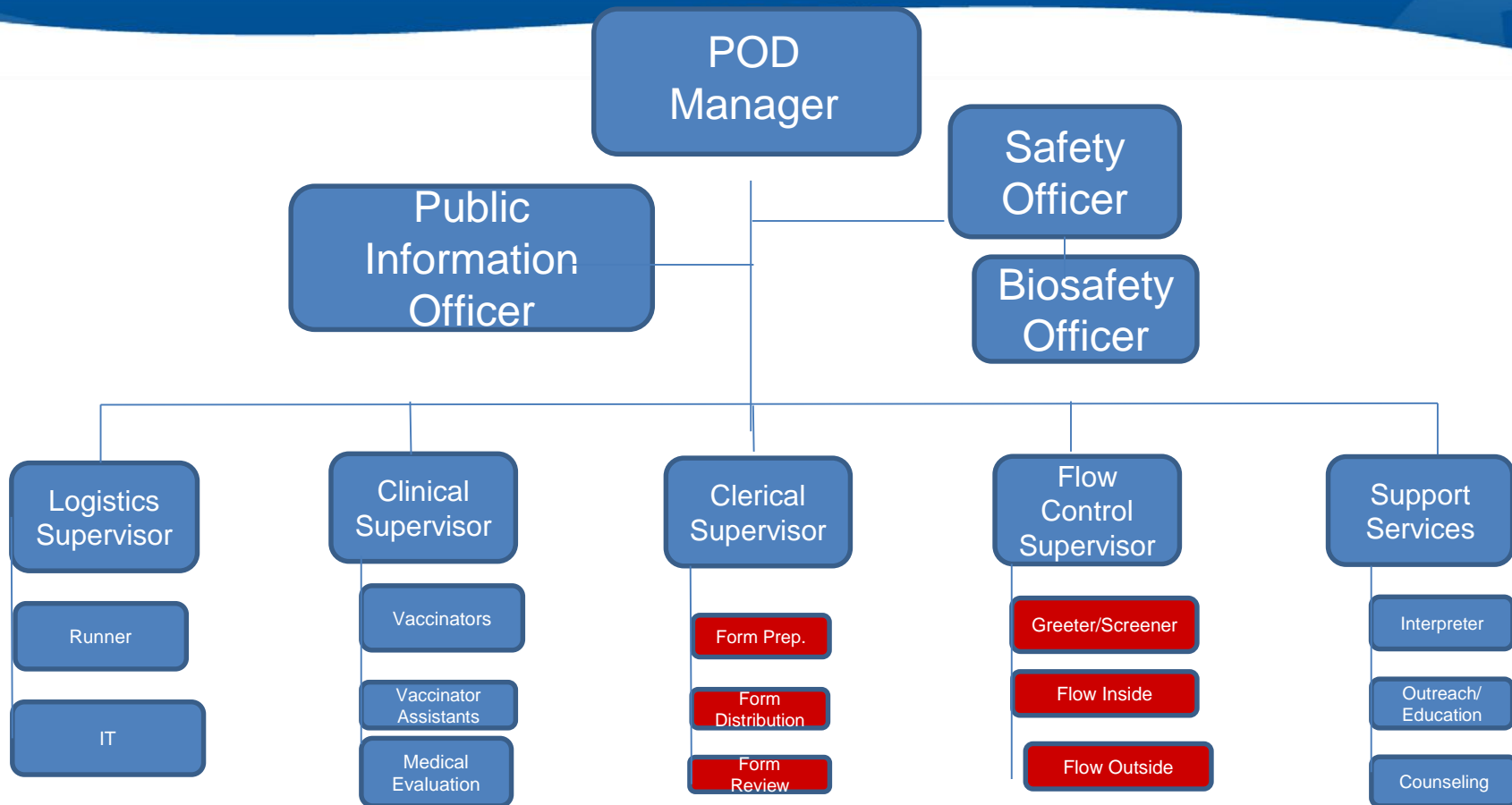
Interpretation and Special Accommodations

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 ect.

❖ You be reporting to a Support Services Unit leader, or a POD Manger.

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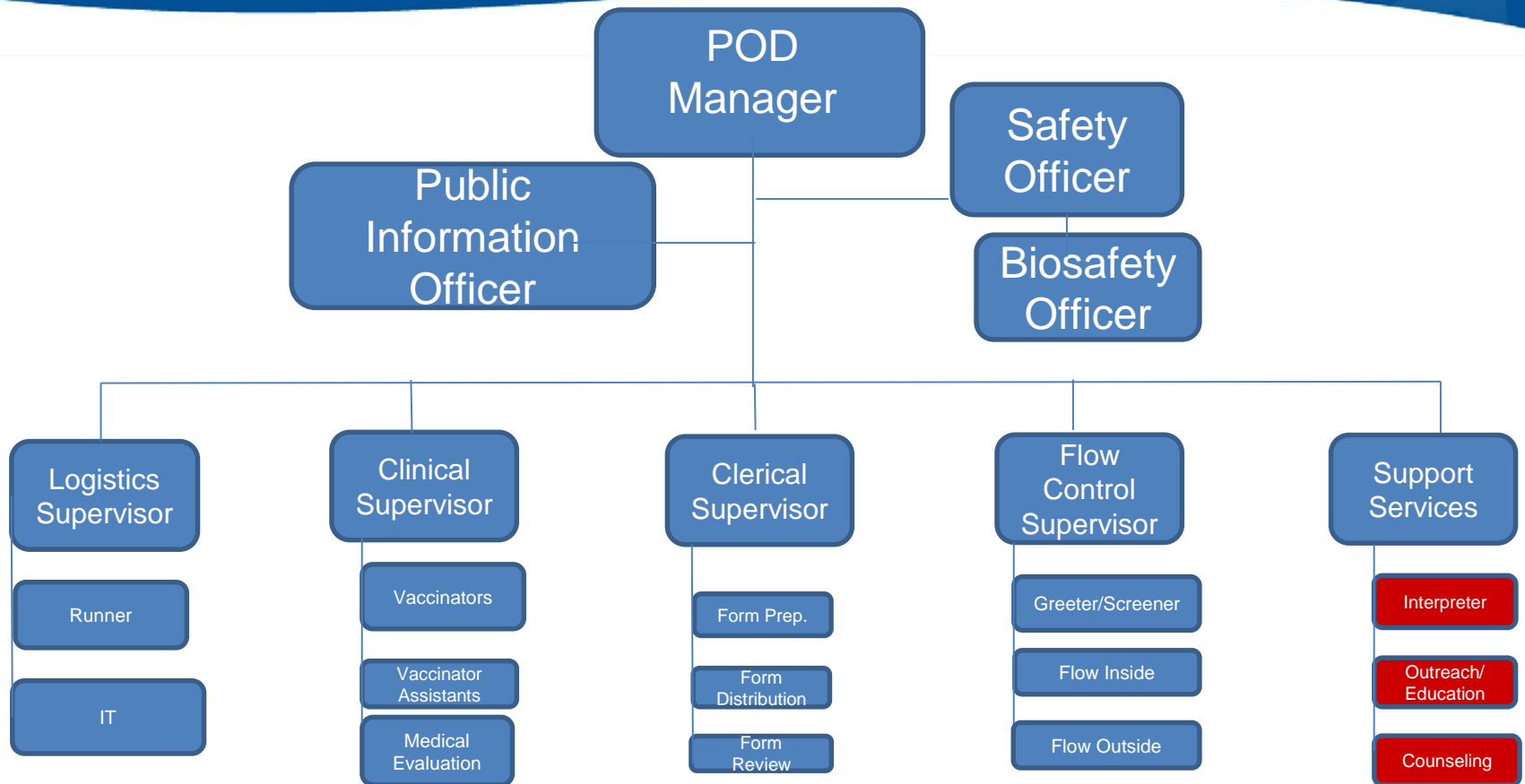
POD Demobilization

★ 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

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Tips and Training

Ensuring that you have a safe and successful POD

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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

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POD Safety and Success is in Your Hands

★ 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

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Brief COVID-19 Vaccination Update

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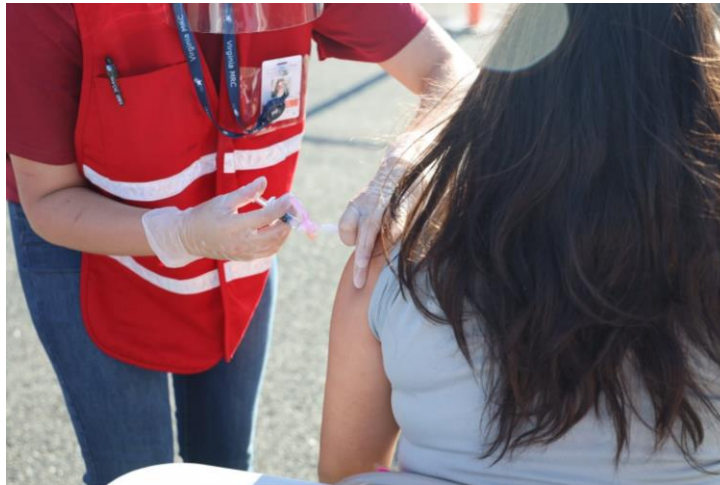
COVID-19 Mass Vaccination

★ 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

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Vaccine Information

COVID-19 Vaccine Candidates with U.S. Investment

Manufacturer	Status	Storage	Type	Administration
Pfizer	FDA EUA 12/11/20	-70°C, 2-8°C for 5 days	mRNA	2 doses 21 days apart
Moderna	Filed for FDA EUA	-20°C, 2-8°C for 30 days	mRNA	2 doses 28 days apart

*AstraZenca and Johnson and Johnson estimated to gain EUA approval by the FDA in coming weeks.

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CDC Vaccine Distribution Plan

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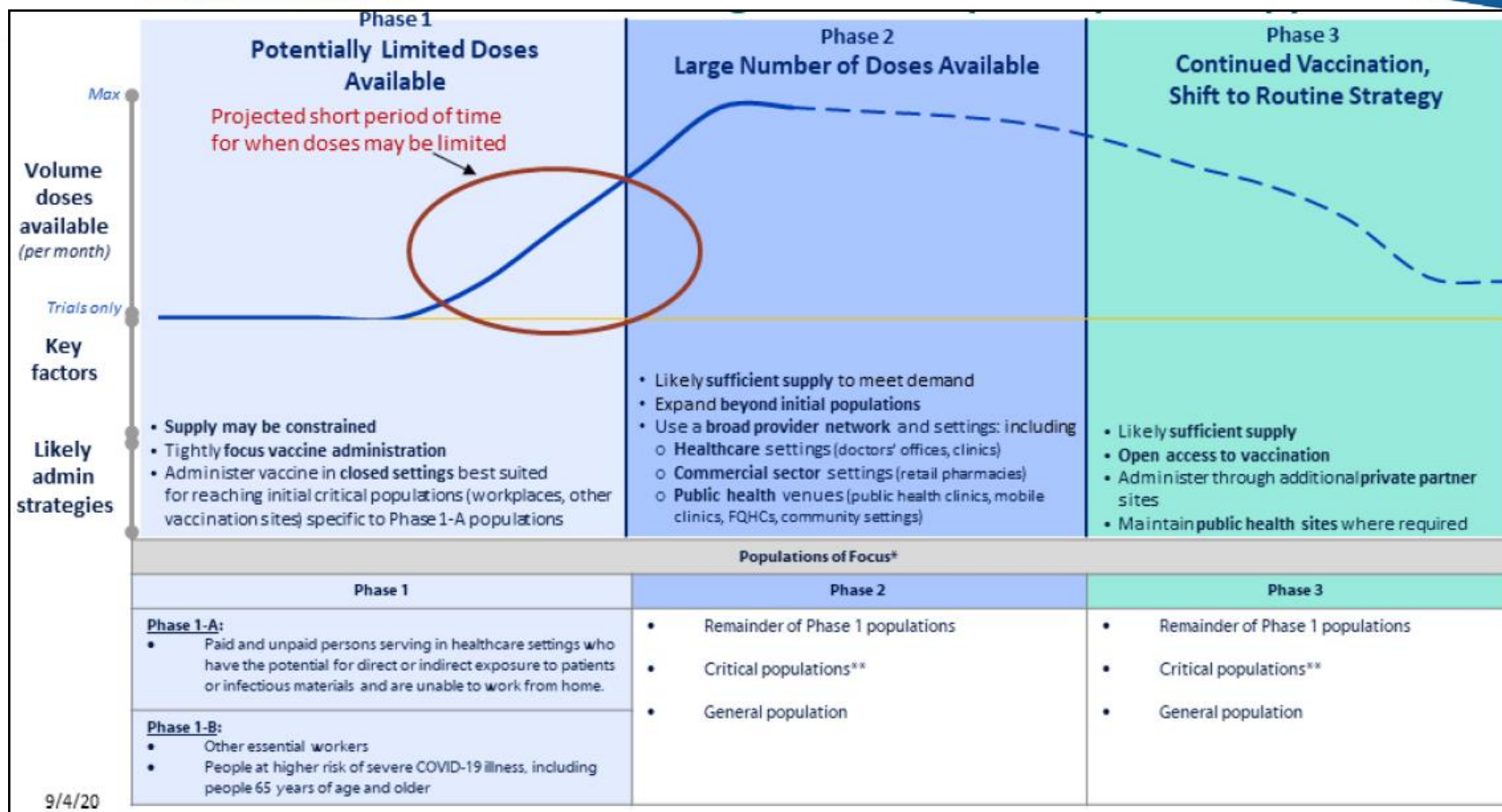
Frequently Asked Questions

★ 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/

Frequently Asked Questions

★ Q: Is a copy of the Virginia plan we submitted available for us to review?

★ A: Yes. https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/covid-19-vaccine/#resources19

★ 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.

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Frequently Asked Questions

★ 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
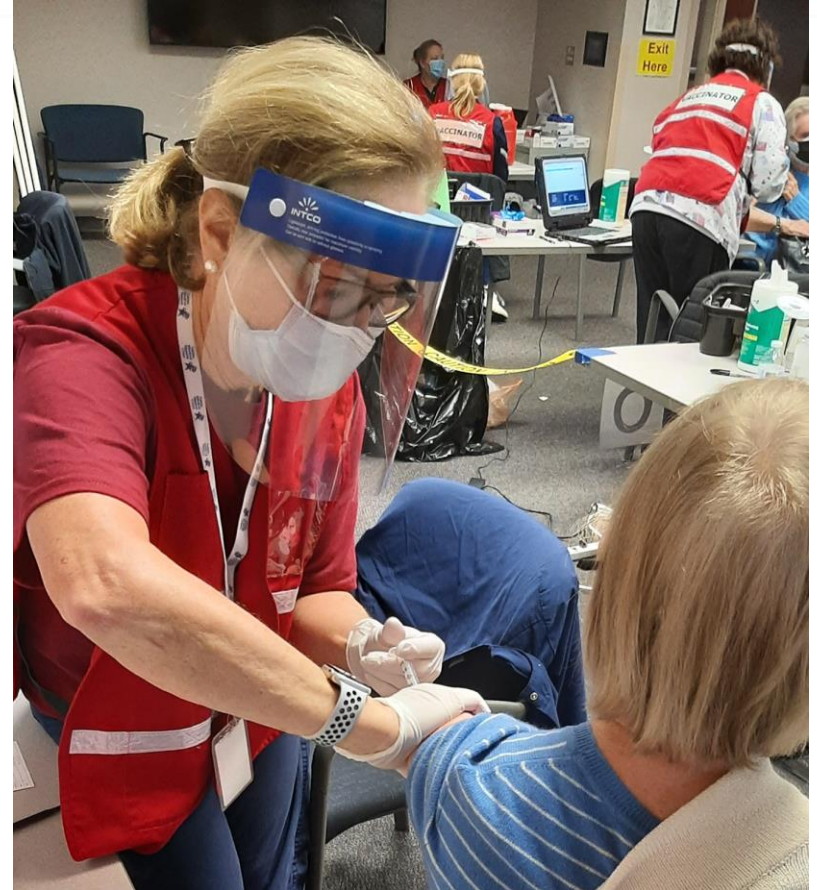 ▪ Moderna vaccine: 2 doses 28 days apart

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/

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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

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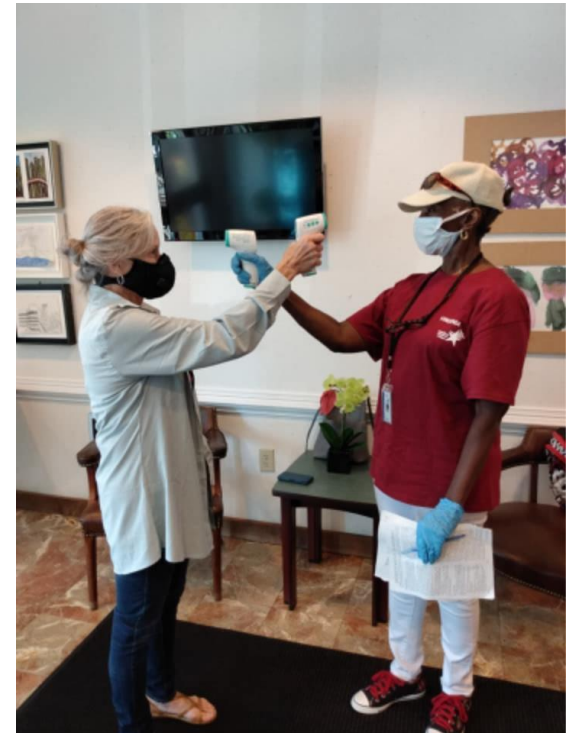
QUESTIONS?

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

Email additional general questions to
VAMRC@VDH.VIRGINIA.GOV

Attendance

To Verify Attendance, complete Attendance Form:

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