

Closed POD Initiative

“Star, Spangled, Fright” Full Scale Exercise

The St. Louis Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) is conducting a bi-state full scale exercise in the fall. Multiple federal and state departments are included and have contributed to the overall planning of the exercise.

“Star, Spangled, Fright” is an anthrax based scenario. Local health departments are expected to establish a 10 day POD and, as a region, expected to establish a 50 day POD(s).

The St. Louis CRI is the first in the U.S. to exercise the Long-Term Medical Countermeasure (MCM) Dispensing Plan and is receiving interest from national organizations and agencies, such as, ASTHO, NACCHO, ASPR, and CDC.



The St. Louis CRI consist of 15 Missouri and Illinois counties who collaborate to enhance regional plans in order to meet dispensing goals.

Who can Participate in the Exercise?

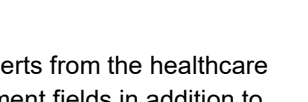
Those who have signed a Community Closed POD Partner Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the health department and have attended a health department closed POD training can participate. Closed PODs will receive medical countermeasures at the local distribution site with the option to test their POD operations at their facility.

For CMS providers, this is an opportunity to complete a community-based full scale exercise requirement and test your facility’s communication plan. How will you communicate with emergency officials and share important information with your staff, residents, and their families?

How to Participate in the Exercise?

Contact Michele Milton at mmilton@co.madison.il.us by June 28, 2019 to learn more about the exercise or to register your facility as participants.

Closed POD Site Notification Drill

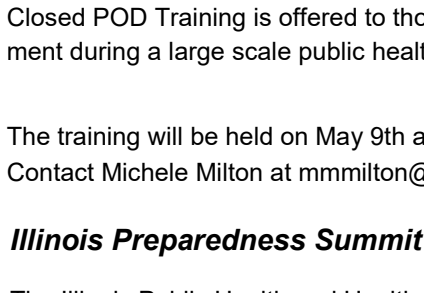


The health department initiated a closed POD site activation drill on Tuesday, April 23rd with our trained closed POD facilities.

The drill is conducted at least annually to ensure our electronic notification system, One Call Now, properly works and those who received a notification are familiar with receiving a message.

We had a 50% response rate among our trained closed PODs. Please provide feedback regarding the drill to the Public Health Emergency Management Coordinator.

2019 NACCHO Preparedness Summit



Michele Milton, M.S., Public Health Emergency Management Coordinator, presented at the 2019 Preparedness Summit.

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) hosted the 2019 Preparedness Summit in St. Louis, Missouri on March 26th to March 29th.

The Summit featured experts from the healthcare and emergency management fields in addition to public health professionals to address the gaps between these industries and to work more collaboratively and efficiently in the face of emerging threats.

The Madison County Health Department was selected to present a poster at the summit. The health department’s Public Health Emergency Management Coordinator, Michele Milton, described our collaborative efforts among public health, CMS providers, and emergency management which led to a 45% increase in our closed POD population.

What’s Happening Next With The Closed POD Initiative?

LAST CALL to Attend a Closed POD Training

The Madison County Health Department will conduct the final closed POD training of 2019. Closed POD Training is offered to those who have agreed to partner with the health department during a large scale public health emergency and have signed a MOU.

The training will be held on May 9th at 9:00am at the Health Department. Contact Michele Milton at mmilton@co.madison.il.us to register.

Illinois Preparedness Summit

The Illinois Public Health and Health Care Coalition Preparedness Summit is scheduled for June 25th to June 27th at Illinois State University in Normal, Illinois.

Registration is now open till June 14th. You can visit preparednesssummit.illinoisstate.edu to register.

Edwardsville Township Social Services Safety Net Spring Forum

The Madison County Health Department along with Emergency Management Agency and Sheriff’s Department participated in the Edwardsville Township Social Services Safety Net Spring Forum on Friday, April 26th at the First Christian Church of Edwardsville.

The health department discussed events leading to a public health emergency and the opportunities for community involvement in a large-scale public health emergency which includes closed POD partnerships with the health department.



The Madison County Health Department and Emergency Management Agency were guest speakers at the Edwardsville Township Social Services Safety Net Spring Forum on April 26th.

Remember to Update Contact Information

If your facility/agency/organization has changed points of contact, please email Michele Milton at mmilton@co.madison.il.us with the current information.

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Questions or comments? Email us at mmilton@co.madison.il.us or call 618-296-6080.