

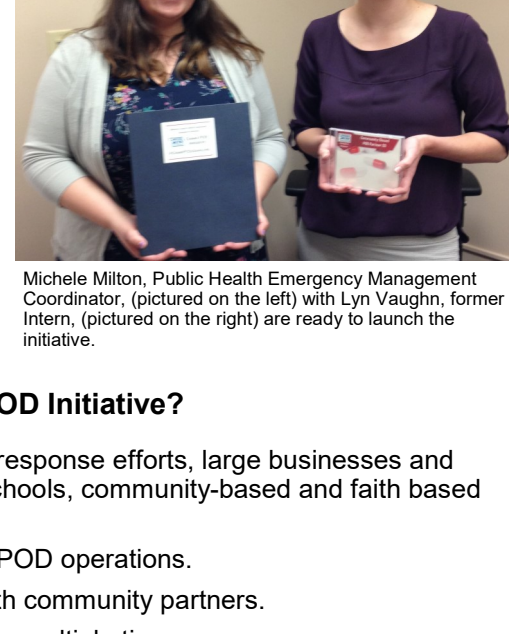
Closed POD Initiative

What Is The Closed POD Initiative?

In Spring of 2017, the Madison County Health Department launched the Closed POD Initiative.

The health department is reaching out to community partners to assist distributing available medical countermeasures from the Strategic National Stockpile to the community following a large-scale public health emergency.

Since the start of the initiative, our closed POD population has increased by 45%.



Michele Milton, Public Health Emergency Management Coordinator, (pictured on the left) with Lyn Vaughn, former Intern, (pictured on the right) are ready to launch the initiative.

What Are The Goals of The Closed POD Initiative?

- RECRUIT agencies that are critical to response efforts, large businesses and institutions, long-term care facilities, schools, community-based and faith based organizations.
- TRAIN community partners on closed POD operations.
- EXERCISE closed POD operations with community partners.
- ENGAGE with our closed POD partners multiple times a year.

Notification To Activate A Closed POD

One Call Now

One Call Now is an automated message notification system that provides emergency and routine phone, text, and email messaging.

Closed PODs, who currently have a signed Memorandum of Understanding with the health department, may be notified to activate their closed POD operations following a large-scale public health emergency via our electronic notification system.

The health department will test this system annually with our trained closed POD partners.

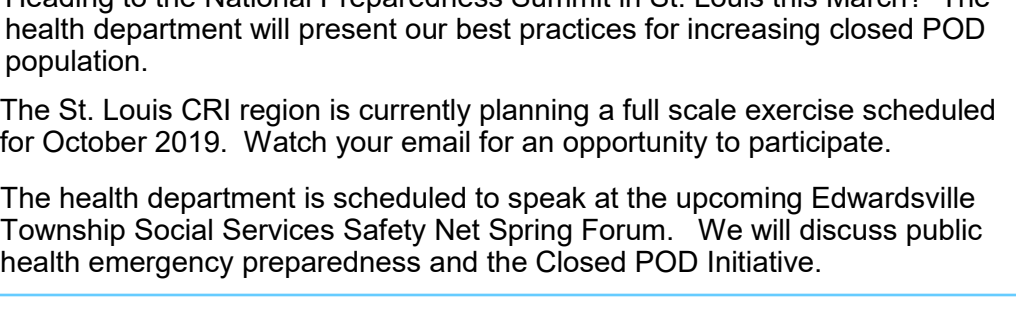
Some key points to remember when a message is received:

- Always listen to the entire message.
- You may be prompted to enter a touch-tone response.
- If a message was left on voicemail, call back!

Closed POD Initiative Training And Exercises

The health department conducted Closed POD Trainings on October 19, 2017 and October 25, 2018. Trainees learned their responsibilities with the Strategic National Stockpile and their roles with medical countermeasure dispensing.

The health department has trained 47% of our current closed POD partners since the launch of the Closed POD Initiative.



The health department conducted its first Closed POD Tabletop with trained closed POD partners and Illinois Department of Public Health on June 25, 2018.

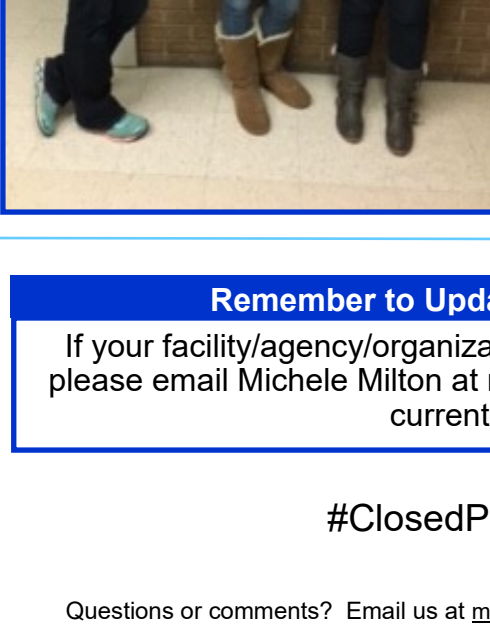
What's Happening Next With The Closed POD Initiative?

Missed a training? Not a problem. There will be another opportunity in the Spring of 2019.

Heading to the National Preparedness Summit in St. Louis this March? The health department will present our best practices for increasing closed POD population.

The St. Louis CRI region is currently planning a full scale exercise scheduled for October 2019. Watch your email for an opportunity to participate.

The health department is scheduled to speak at the upcoming Edwardsville Township Social Services Safety Net Spring Forum. We will discuss public health emergency preparedness and the Closed POD Initiative.



All health department staff understand the importance of closed PODs.

Our inspectors and sanitarians are pumped to recruit additional partners.

They will be out in the community with closed POD brochures.

Contact Michele Milton to learn how you can be a closed POD partner.

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.