

# Closed POD Initiative

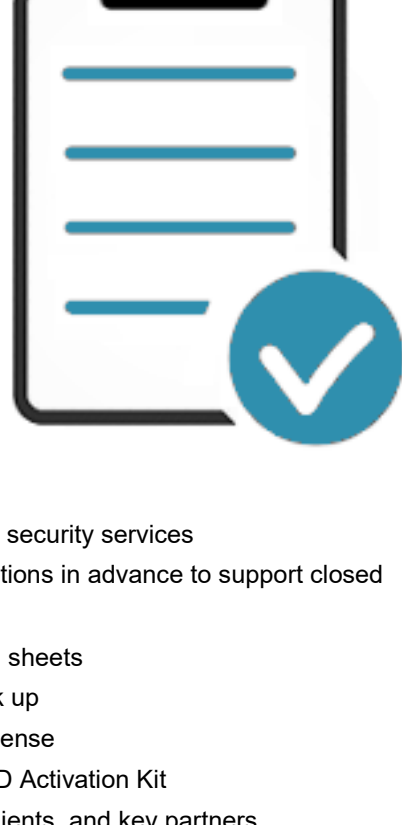
## Closed POD Plan 101

Does your facility have a plan to dispense medical countermeasures to your residents, staff, and staff family members?

As the October full scale approaches, now is the time to create or review how your facility will establish and operate a closed POD.

First step is to select staff members who can offer input into the plan. Members can include a facility manager, security, and human resources.

For a successful POD activation, continuously review and train staff on POD responsibilities. Ensure your facility can reassign staff in identified key positions.



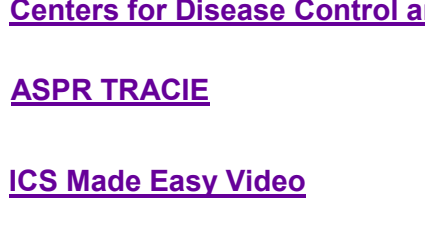
## Planning Considerations

- Establish security protocols with local police or internal security services
- Obtain written agreements with agencies and organizations in advance to support closed POD operations
- Determine a method for copying forms and information sheets
- Secure transportation for medical countermeasure pick up
- Determine best floor plan to quickly and efficiently dispense
- Gather supplies and materials to store in a Closed POD Activation Kit
- Determine how to communicate with staff, residents, clients, and key partners

## Educational Materials

Contact Michele Milton at [mmilton@co.madison.il.us](mailto:mmilton@co.madison.il.us) for training opportunities or assistance with the development of your closed POD plan.

## Dispense Assist Screening Tool



Dispense Assist is a free online screening tool to support public health agencies with delivering medication to the public within a specific timeframe after notification of a biological emergency event. The online tool allows users to generate vouchers for medication.

Training videos and planning guides are available online. Visit [Dispense Assist](#) to learn how to implement this tool during your POD operations.

## Closed POD Resources and Training Tools

The following resources were created by health departments across the country and may be useful when working on a closed POD plan.

Please note Madison County Health Department requirements and policies may differ. It is strongly recommended to attend a Madison County Closed POD Training when available.

### [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)

### [ASPR TRACIE](#)

### [ICS Made Easy Video](#)

### [TRAIN Illinois \(I-TRAIN\)](#)

- Closed POD Partnership Training - Course ID 1037630
- The Strategic National Stockpile Program & Closed Point of Dispensing—Course ID 1068896

## What's Happening Next With The Closed POD Initiative?

### **LAST CALL to Register as a Participant in "Star, Spangled, Fright" Full Scale Exercise**

The St. Louis Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) is conducting a bi-state full scale exercise in October. "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 Madison County Health Department will operate a local distribution site where our closed POD partners will arrive and receive medical countermeasures during the exercise.

Contact Michele Milton at [mmilton@co.madison.il.us](mailto:mmilton@co.madison.il.us) to learn more about the exercise or to register your facility as participants. The final deadline to participate is August 15th.

### **Community Outreach to Recruit Closed PODs**

The Madison County Health Department has worked to obtain memorandums of understanding with community partners to become closed PODs. The health department continues to target organizations that serve vulnerable populations.

Our Closed POD Initiative will now expand to those who serve the pediatric population. We look forward to collaborating with these partners who have the capability to provide medical countermeasures to this particular population.



## Remember to Update Contact Information

If your facility/agency/organization has changed points of contact or is interested in becoming a closed POD partner, please email Michele Milton at [mmilton@co.madison.il.us](mailto:mmilton@co.madison.il.us)

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