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Introduction to Points of Dispensing

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Course Description

This course will familiarize POD workers and public health personnel with the basic purpose, constitution and operations of a Point of Dispensing during a disaster. This course will cover topics such as selecting and designing a site, as well as administration and logistics issues such as supplies, staff roles and training, patient flows, operations and security. Risk communication regarding POD operations will also be discussed in this course. Finally, there will be a short discussion on the closing of a POD.

Modules

1. Introduction
2. Organization
3. CONOPS
4. Site Selection and Design
5. Administration and Logistics
6. Operations
7. Security
8. Risk Communications
9. Training and Recovery

Learning Objectives

1. Describe the mission and importance of points of distribution (POD) for a community during time of disaster including their role within the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) program
2. Describe organization, equipping and staffing of a POD including the roles and responsibilities of its leadership
3. Explain the operations of a POD in the context of the National Incident Management System during an emergency
4. Describe the considerations necessary during the process of site selection and site design for a POD and the roles of the responsible individuals
5. Describe the risk communications issues intrinsic in POD activation and list some effective principles critical for effective staff coordination and population mobilization
6. Describe the Infection Control issues which are significant during the period of POD activation and operation
7. Explain security and safety in the context of POD setup and operation during a time of disaster
8. Describe training and education aspects of POD creation, maintenance and effective activation
9. Describe the actions necessary during the recovery phase in shutting down a POD

Competencies

- Describe the public health role in emergency response in a range of emergencies that might arise.

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