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This course is a guide for local health officials and their partners in the local public health system to coordinate plans to provide mass distribution of pharmaceuticals for the jurisdiction as they relate to the Division of Strategic National Stockpile (DSNS) Program. The purpose of this course is to enhance a jurisdiction's preparedness and emergency response efforts by developing (or revising) a plan addressing an all-hazards approach towards mass prophylaxis. The course is delivered by two public health professionals and consists of a combination of lectures, small group activities and a tabletop exercise/game.

Participants who successfully complete this course and the end-of-course test qualify to receive 16 contact hours of Continuing Education (CME, CNE, CEU) from the Texas A&M Health Science Center School of Rural Public Health.

Training Level: Management

Venue:

This training is typically delivered at a time and place determined by the requesting jurisdiction. Each course delivery is fully funded by a grant from the Department of Homeland Security and addresses Emergency Support Function #8 issues. NERRTC provides the instructors and the training materials, and the host jurisdiction provides the course participants and classroom facilities.

Course Length: Two days (16 hours)

Participant Audience:

This training program brings together essential personnel within a jurisdiction who manage mass prophylaxis preparedness or would staff a mass prophylaxis dispensing site (POD) in response to pandemic influenza, a bioterrorist incident, or other public health emergencies in their community. Participants represent public health, health care services, law enforcement, emergency medical services, emergency planners, emergency communications, volunteer managers, Medical Reserve Corps, school officials and business leaders.

Class Size:

Maximum of 30 participants. Minimum of 24 participants.

To schedule training or for more information, contact:

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Workshop Topics:

The first day of training focuses on the community response plan and how to achieve CDC's 48-hour standard for mass prophylaxis. The second day of training focuses on POD site preparedness. The course material is applicable to pandemic influenza, bioterrorism, and other public health emergencies using at least one local POD site plan as the foundation for an exercise (game). Participants also receive a mass prophylaxis planning "tool box" on a CD-ROM.

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

- Initiate or refine their community/jurisdiction mass prophylaxis planning.
- Initiate or refine mass prophylaxis plans for closed populations such as businesses.
- Implement the principles and practices of planning, preparing and coordinating with other agencies.
- Understand and demonstrate POD setup and resource/personnel alignment for efficient, extended POD operations.



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