# To Become a Point of Dispensing Site Partner...

- ▶ Contact your Regional Office to begin the Point of Dispensing Site Planning Process
- ▶ Share 24-7 contact information
- ▶ Establish a planning team
- ▶ Develop a dispensing plan in collaboration with the Regional Office of Public Health



Help Protect, Be Prepared, Stand Ready in the Event of an Emergency

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#### **Region 9**

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# How to protect your organization during a public health emergency



# BE PREPARED...

become a
Point of Dispensing
Site Partner



Center for Community Preparedness

# **Preparing for the next public health emergency**

No one can predict the next public health emergency. We must be prepared to respond at a moment's notice.



During a public health emergency, the general public may be encouraged to come to well known areas within the community, such as churches, schools or gymnasiums, to receive protective medicine. These locations will be overwhelmed in a situation where the entire population needs to be given medicine within a short period of time.

### How you can help

You can help by becoming a Point of Dispensing site, a private location where medicines are given to employees within your organization and their families. With the help of businesses, universities, community organizations and military installations, we can decrease the number of people going



to community sites for medicine during a public health emergency. By allowing your facility to serve as a Point of Dispensing site for your staff and staff families, you will help to reach specific portions of the community more quickly. As a result, long lines and public anxiety can be reduced and resources can be used more efficiently.

The Department of Health and Hospitals Office of Public Health will work closely with your organization to ensure that you have the needed information and resources to establish a dispensing site. As with all preparedness activities, the more we communicate and exercise our response plans now, the better prepared we will be if an emergency occurs.

#### **OUR ROLE**

- ▶ Pre-event planning and technical assistance
- ▶ Training and education
- ▶ Providing medicines during an emergency

#### **YOUR ROLE**

- ▶ Developing a Point of Dispensing Site plan
- ▶ Participating in trainings and exercises
- ▶ Maintaining the necessary supplies and equipment needed to operate a Point of Dispensing Site
- ▶ Distributing medicines following guidance provided by the DHH Office of Public Health

#### GOAL:

Provide medicines to people in the community within 48 hours



#### **Benefits our community**

- ▶ Helps achieve the community dispensing goal more rapidly
- ▶ Decreases the number of people going to common dispensing sites

#### **Benefits your organization**

- Protects your organization and your families
- ▶ Helps to ensure your organization's continuity of operations

#### **BEING PREPARED**

Our goal is to provide medicine to people within 48 hours. This goal can be reached with your help. As a Point of Dispensing Site partner with the DHH Office of Public Health, you are taking a significant step in helping protect the health and safety of your organization, its families, and all of our communities.

