Next Steps

- 1. Review the Push Partner contract and Attachment A.
- 2. Discuss the Push Partner concept with management and identify key persons who will be part of your dispensing team.
- 3. With step by step guidance from OCCHD, construct your dispensing plan.
- 4. Sign the standardized MOU we provide.
- 5. Inform your employees about their new benefit.
- 6. Exercise your Push Partner POD.
- 7. Participate in warehouse exercises and recalls.



Basic steps required for non-medical model of dispensing



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Are you ready to become a **Push Partner?**



Protecting your organization
during
public health emergencies



Preparing for the next public health emergency

No one can predict the next public health emergency. Unfortunately, a natural disaster or act of terrorism could happen at any time. Therefore, we have to be prepared to respond to our community at a moment's notice. During a public health emergency, the general public in Oklahoma County, may be directed to the closest Point of Dispensing (POD) to receive lifesaving antibiotics or other medications to prevent disease and death. These locations will be highly stressed in a situation where the entire population needs to be given medications within a

short time frame. Providing medicines through Push Partners is one method

OCCHD is utilizing to reach populations

faster and relieve some of the burden

placed on common dispensing sites.

OCCHD will work closely with your organization to ensure that you have the needed information and resources to establish a Push Partner POD. As with all preparedness activities, the more we communicate and exercise our response plans now, the better we will respond if an emergency occurs.

Providing medicines through Closed Point of Dispensing (POD) is one method planners are utilizing to reach populations faster and relieve some of the burden placed on Open PODs. A Closed POD is a private location where medications are dispensed to a specific group of people.

We need your help!

A Closed POD or Push Partner POD is a private location where medications are dispensed to your organization's employees. You would receive enough medication for your employees and your employee's family members.

With the help of businesses, cities, government, churches, community organizations, schools and hospital we can decrease the number of people going to the same places for medicine during a public health emergency. Push Partners 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.

Benefits our community

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

Benefits your organization

- ▶ Protects your organization and your families
- ▶ Helps to ensure your organization's continuity of operations
- ▶ Exhibits your commitment to our community
- ► Expert consultation and easy integration with your other emergency response planning



Our Role

- ▶ Pre-event planning and technical assistance
- ▶ Training and education
- ▶ Providing medications during an emergency
- ► Assisting with Push Partner Program activation, operation and recovery activities

Your Role

- ▶ Developing a POD plan
- ▶ Participating in trainings and exercises
- Maintaining the necessary supplies and equipment needed to operate a Push Partner POD
- ▶ Follow guidance provided by the OCCHD

Protect what means most to you

Our goal is to provide medicines to people within 48 hours if needed. Our goal can be reached with your help. Becoming a Push Partner with OCCHD is a significant step in helping protect the health and safety of your organization, your family, and our community.

