Mass Dispensing Sites: A Primer for Volunteers

INTRODUCTION

Slide 1 Welcome to Mass Dispensing Sites: A Primer for Volunteers

Slide 2 The goal of this primer is to provide an overview of the general operations of mass dispensing sites. This program is an initial orientation for individuals who may be asked to work in those sites during an emergency. It is designed to complement “just in time” training provided on site at the time of deployment, but also is intended to provide enough information so that participants can complete a self assessment of how they could contribute to a mass dispensing site operation.

Slide 3 This online course is designed for volunteers who may be asked to work in mass dispensing sites during an emergency. These volunteers may include:

- Medical Reserve Corps or MRC volunteers
- Community Emergency Response Team or CERT members
- and others, including public health staff.

Slide 4 Upon successful completion of the program, participants will be able to describe:

- The important role that volunteers will play in a large public health emergency.
- Key issues that volunteers should understand in advance of an emergency and where additional information on these issues can be found.
- Why mass dispensing is a national priority for planning, training, and exercises.
- How the federal Strategic National Stockpile, or SNS, fits into overall public health emergency response.

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- Challenges to operating mass dispensing sites.
- Basic site design and patient flow in a mass dispensing site.
- The types of positions that must be staffed for effective operation.

The command structure used to manage sites.

Slide 6 Participants will have the opportunity to:

- Review specific and detailed job action sheets related to each pre-identified position in a mass dispensing site, and
Complete a self assessment designed to identify the mass dispensing jobs that the participant determines he/she is qualified for and comfortable performing during an emergency.

Slide 7    Thank you. We hope you enjoy the course.