

# EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS IS A TEAM EFFORT!

## Community Information Sheet



### Medical Counter Measures (MCM) - Overview

**The Medical Counter Measures (MCM)** is the United States' national repository of vaccines, antibiotics and other types of medications, medical equipment, and supplies that may be needed in the event of a public health emergency e.g. terrorist attack, flu outbreak, or natural disaster.

- Once Federal and Commonwealth authorities determine that the MCM activation is needed, medicines and/or supplies and equipment are delivered to the affected counties for distribution to the general population by local public health authorities within 48 hours.
- All county residents will be directed to **Open Points of Dispensing (PODs)** to receive life-saving medication for themselves and their families.
- **Closed Points of Dispensing (PODs)** have been set up to dispense medication to a pre-defined population, e.g. nursing homes, colleges, business, etc., to reduce the population served by Open Pods.
- Delaware County Open PODs are located at larger public schools, with established plans and core volunteer leadership teams for efficient and timely dispensing of medication to our residents.

### What occurs in a MCM emergency/Open Pod activation?

- Required medications and/or supplies are distributed to Open POD sites within Delaware County.
- Residents are notified via traditional media (radio, TV), via social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.) and through **Delco Alert** (see below for website to register) as to where to go, how to get there, what to bring, and how the dispensing process will work. When pills are being dispensed, a representative from each household will be asked to report to their designated Open POD and complete a screening information form for all those who they will be picking up medication for, e.g. family members, homebound neighbors, etc.

*\* To ensure accurate dispensing of medication, residents should bring age, weight and allergy information for all those who will be receiving medication.*

### How can community members be prepared for public health emergencies?

1. Maintain a home emergency kit that includes lights, battery powered radio, backup cell phone power, food, water, blankets and warm clothing.
2. Work with local and county government to be aware of emergency plans and attend trainings.
3. **Register for Delco Alert notification system at [www.delcoalert.org](http://www.delcoalert.org)**
4. Become active in Delaware County emergency volunteer organizations such as **Citizen Corps**, or the **Medical Reserve Corps**. For information about these organizations, visit [www.delcocitizencorps.com](http://www.delcocitizencorps.com)

*Additional MCM information on back of form*

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