Request:

The requestor asked if ASPR TRACIE had any resources related to drive-through Point of Dispensing (PODs) (e.g., checklists, diagrams, and policies).

Response:

The ASPR TRACIE Team reviewed existing ASPR TRACIE Topic Collections, namely the Mass Distribution and Dispensing of Medical Countermeasures Topic Collection. We also conducted an online search for related materials. Resources gathered can be found below.

I. Drive-Through POD Resources


This (draft) document developed by FEMA provides information on the overall functions and resources needed for drive-through PODs.


The authors describe the simulation modeling work completed for a mass vaccination drive-through clinic in 2009, where more than 19,000 patients were served (more than two-thirds via 10 drive-through lanes). Using this model can help public health emergency planners determine “the required number of Points of Dispense (POD) lanes, number and length of the lanes for consent hand outs and fill in, staff needed at the consent handout stations and PODs, and average user waiting time in the system.”


This guide primarily focuses on planning for Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) responses in urban or suburban areas that have difficulties meeting 100 percent prophylaxis coverage of their population within limited time frames using traditional indoor points of dispensing (PODs).
New Mexico Department of Health. (2016). *Point of Dispensing (POD) Operations Guide*. This plan includes operational considerations related to PODs, and may be referenced and/or adapted by other jurisdictions in the development of their respective countermeasure dispensing plans. **NOTE**: Page 26 includes a diagram of for a drive-through POD model.

Washoe County (NV). (2017). *Example Public POD Drive Through Organization Chart*. This webpage includes an organization chart for the positions needed for a drive-thru POD. Job Action Sheets are also provided for these positions. Additional helpful resources include a picture and diagram of a sample drive-through POD.

II. **Additional Related Resources**


The author of this blog describes the lessons learned from a drive-through POD exercise conducted annually in Onondaga County, New York.

Barishansky, R., and Mazurek, A. (2011). *MCM Dispensing: The Public Health Point of View*. The authors summarize the various modes of medical countermeasure dispensing under two models: medical and non-medical. They also emphasize how critical partnerships, volunteers, and personal responsibilities are to ensuring a successful response to a public health emergency.


This webinar includes lessons learned from Erie County, New York’s Hepatitis A outbreak response in 2008, and compares walk-in and drive-thru POD models and experiences.

_A list of comprehensively developed ASPR TRACIE Topic Collections can be found here:* [https://asprtracie.hhs.gov/technical-resources/topic-collection](https://asprtracie.hhs.gov/technical-resources/topic-collection)_