

Cities Readiness Initiative: A Collaborative Effort

It's an ambitious goal. Mass prophylax millions of people in 48 hours in the event of a catastrophic bioterrorism event.

Plans are being developed and written but will not be feasible without the cooperation of many Government agencies and their Community Business Partners.

Community Business Partners like you and your employer are essential components of our State's bioterrorism response plan. Your involvement in CRI will help ensure Florida's successful response to a potentially catastrophic bioterrorism attack.



Leading the way to healthier communities.

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100% of a Population
In 48 Hours***

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What is the Public Health Issue?

In the event of a catastrophic public health emergency, large segments of the



population may need to receive prophylaxis quickly. In densely populated areas. This becomes a daunting task that must be executed with great efficiency. To address this vulnerability the **Cities**

Readiness Initiative (CRI) provides direct assistance to designated cities throughout the nation to build the response capacity needed to provide prophylaxis to **100 percent of their population within a 48-hour period.** (This time frame is based on an inhalation Anthrax scenario.)

What's the Plan?

"Points of Dispensing" (PODs) will be the main mechanism for the distribution of medicine and medical supplies to healthy people in the area of risk during a large-scale public health emergency.

Some PODs will be established at indoor facilities while others will be operated outdoors as a 'drive-thru' process. While PODs will be used to reach the majority of the population, other dispensing solutions will also be brought into play.

How Can You Help?

In addition to PODs managed by the local Health Department, a way to reach other segments of an at-risk population is for public agencies and private companies with Occupational Health or other medical staff to prophylax their own employees and their immediate families. Through a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signed by both parties, the local Health Department will be responsible for supplying the medication and your company or agency will dispense the medication to its employees and families at your own facility.



Everybody Wins!

Your employees receive essential medication much quicker than if they had to go to a POD to be given it, and the Health Department has to prophylax fewer people overall at its PODs. **It's a win-win situation for both parties!**

Yes, I'd Like To Help!!

I would like to make a difference and become a part of the *Cities Readiness Initiative*. Please contact me so I can learn more about the CRI program and how my company can be involved.

Name _____

Company _____

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Thank you!!

Please return this form to:

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