



Emergency Readiness

Michigan's emergency response partners (both public and private) work together to create emergency medical treatment, delivery methods and other response and recovery activities. This work includes:

- Assessing community hazards and vulnerabilities through collaborative risk assessments.
- Determining strategies and activities to build community resilience.
- Formalizing partnerships through memoranda of understanding (MOUs) or mutual aid agreements.
- Establishing multidisciplinary, cross-sector communication pathways that are used routinely during non-emergency operations to be scaled up during emergencies.
- Reviewing and training with partners to familiarize with plans and identify any gaps.



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EMERGENCY MEDICAL COUNTERMEASURES

Distribution and Dispensing



Bureau of Emergency Preparedness, EMS and Systems of Care



Medical Countermeasure (MCM) Planning

A public health emergency can happen at any moment and Michigan must be ready to respond.

Depending on the emergency and public health need, MCMs may be provided by the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) or through state and local stockpiles or pharmaceutical supplies.

The focus of MCM planning includes:

- The process for quickly requesting medication and medical supplies.
- Coordination of medication and medical supplies delivery.

All medical countermeasures are distributed free of charge from the SNS.

Medical countermeasures can include antibiotics, antitoxins, antidotes, and vaccines, as well as supplemental medical supplies and equipment, like personal protective equipment.

Strategic National Stockpile (SNS)

In the face of a public health threat, state, tribal, local or territorial health officials may request federal assistance for emergency medical countermeasures from the SNS.

The supplies, medicines and devices for lifesaving care contained in the stockpile can be used when the immediate supply of these materials are insufficient for a response.

State and local partners work with the Administration for Strategic Preparedness & Response to identify needs and assist for a streamlined process.



Dispensing MCM

Giving medications and vaccines to the public is a local health department's (LHD) responsibility. This process includes:

- Establishing Points of Dispensing (POD) and finding/training volunteers to staff them based on the nature, size and scope of an emergency.
- Communicating with and delivering medication and medical supplies to the public including populations with access and functional needs, first responders, essential personnel and their families.

There are two types of PODs; open and closed.

- Open PODs, located at public locations such as arenas or schools, are open to everyone.
- Closed PODs are not open to the public and are placed at private businesses or other places where many people come together.