



Medical Emergency Distribution System and Points-of-Dispensing: *Virtual Basic Training Course*

This 1.5 course will provide participants with an overview of the Rhode Island Medical Emergency Distribution System (MEDS) and the centralized points-of-dispensing (PODs) that would be established in the event of a public health emergency. PODs provide medications or vaccinations to the public to prevent illness or death. Participants will learn the purpose and functions of a POD and issues related to mass medical countermeasure (*alternatively: mass medication or vaccination*) dispensing. This course has been modified to virtual format to ensure adherence to social distancing guidelines during the COVID-19 pandemic.



Intended Audience:

Municipal staff who would staff a POD in an emergency, community members who wish to become POD volunteers, CERT members, and municipal leaders.

Course Objective:

Train potential POD staff to a standard level to be capable of working in a POD through learning about:

- The Strategic National Stockpile (SNS)
- The Rhode Island Medical Emergency Distribution System (MEDS)
- Elements of POD set-up and operation



Date/Time: Multiple Dates from November 2020 to January 2021

Location: Virtual/Internet

To see specific dates/times and login instructions, please visit:

<https://tinyurl.com/y2mheejx>