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Mercer County Fixed Facility Program

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Fixed Facility Program?

A Fixed Facility is a facility that has registered with the Mercer County Division of Public Health Fixed Facility Program. Fixed Facilities will receive and distribute Strategic National Stockpile medications to their employees, the employees' family, and/or the facility residents during a public health threat or emergency. During a disaster, these medications would be provided through the Federal SNS program at no charge.

What is our mission?

The Mercer County Division of Public Health and local public health agencies have the mission to supply medical material, to the population effected, in a very short amount of time. This is why we are asking for your assistance.

Why become a Mercer County Fixed Facility?

Taking a few small steps now to prepare for future public health emergencies will protect your greatest asset, your employees. Your employees will know that they and their families will be able to avoid the long lines at the public dispensing sites and get their medications at work. The process will be quick and easy. Your employees, their families, and your residents will be protected and your business continues to run smoothly. Essentially, your facility will have the means to help minimize the impact of the emergency on the community and save lives.

What are the benefits of being a Fixed Facility?

Fixed Facilities ensure that their employees, families and residents are protected. Employees are therefore able to continue working and or able to return to work more quickly. Employees can feel more secure in knowing that their employer is willing to take the extra step to ensure that they and their families are taken care of in the event of a public health emergency. As employees feel more confident in the steps your facility has taken to protect them, they will likely feel an increased sense of commitment and loyalty.

What is the cost involved with becoming a Fixed Facility?

The Fixed Facility program should be little to no cost to your organization. It will mostly involve staff time for training and possibly getting supplies ready. Since the training is not very long, it should not require much additional staff time and typically most of the supplies needed for a Closed POD are already available at your facility. The antibiotics and needed supplies will be supplied to your facility from the stockpile.

Who do I contact to become a Fixed Facility?

If you would like additional information or would like to set up a meeting please call Stephanie Mendelsohn, the BT Public Health Nurse, at (609) 989-6898 or e-mail sm5@njlincs.net