

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 incident.

Plans are being developed and written but will not be feasible without the cooperation of many government agencies and their community partners.

Community partners like you are essential components of our city's bioterrorism response plan. Your involvement will help ensure Minnesota's successful response to a public health emergency such as a potentially catastrophic bioterrorism incident.

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MINNESOTA CITIES READINESS INITIATIVE



**Mass Prophylax
100% of a Population
in 48 hours**

CRI ... What is the Public Health Issue?

In the event of a catastrophic public health emergency, such as a bioterrorism incident, large segments of the population may need prophylaxis (preventative medication) quickly. 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. This will build the response capacity needed to provide prophylaxis to **100 percent of their population within a 48-hour period.**

What's the Plan?

"Mass Dispensing Sites" (MDSs) 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.

While MDSs will be used to reach the majority of the population, other dispensing solutions will also be brought into play.

How Can You Help?

As we build a bridge of mutual communication and alliance, we're calling on you to help protect your organization, your employees and our community by becoming a Closed Dispensing Site. In addition to MDSs, public agencies and private companies with health or medical staff or volunteers can prophylax their own staff and members of their households, residents or guests. Through a Memorandum of Understanding signed by both parties, the local Health Department will be responsible for supplying the medication and your organization will dispense the medication.



By becoming a Closed Dispensing Site, your employees and their families are protected by harm and your organization keeps running smoothly. In addition, the local Health Department has to prophylax fewer people overall at its MDSs.

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 program.

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Thank you!!

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