

NORTH CENTRAL IDAHO

MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS



MAY 11TH POINT OF DISPENSING EXERCISE

Who: All MRC volunteers.

What: A Public Health exercise.

Where:

Clearwater County - Orofino
High School Gymnasium

Idaho County – Grangeville
High School Gymnasium

Latah County – Moscow
Jr. High School Gymnasium

Lewis County – Kamiah
Middle School Gymnasium

Nez Perce County – Nez Perce
County Fair Pavilion

Why: To exercise the Public Health Response Plan to respond to a Public Health emergency.

POD EXERCISE

On **May 11, 2012** Public Health – Idaho North Central District will be performing a point of dispensing (POD) exercise in each of its' five counties: **Nez Perce, Latah, Clearwater, Idaho, and Lewis County**. Points of dispensing are set up to prevent disease in individuals who may have been or may eventually be exposed to an infection, but who are not yet sick. Mass dispensing of a vaccine, antibiotic or other medication occurs at these sites.

During a real incident Public Health would be unable to adequately meet the needs of the five counties without the assistance of Medical Reserve Corps volunteers. By taking advantage of this opportunity to participate, you will learn how you can help during a real incident. The exercise will also be an invaluable opportunity to receive training on POD set up, layout, and flow. Moreover, participating in this exercise will provide you with hands-on experience with the Incident Command System (please visit the online trainings if this is unfamiliar to you).

This exercise involves three major tasks: POD set up, training, and tear down. Once POD set-up is complete, training will be provided on specific job duties. For example, if you are a nurse you may be trained on how to dispense; if you are a non-medical volunteer you may be trained on POD flow and forms. The general population will not be participating in this exercise, so actual “dispensing” will not occur. Tearing down the POD will conclude the exercise.

The exercise is on **Friday, May 11, 2012** from **10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.** A POD site will be set up in each county and lunch will be provided.

To participate, please RSVP the time and location you can volunteer at by emailing mrc@phd2.idaho.gov or calling (208)799-0393.

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Preparedness Fair

A Preparedness Fair is being held in Moscow on **Saturday, April 21, 2012** from **9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** It will be held at the LDS Church Moscow University Stake Center (**2600 W A Street Moscow, ID**). The fair will provide information to help individuals become better prepared for emergencies and other adversities that may affect them, their families and the community. Anyone is welcome to attend.

One of the booths will be for Public Health and the Medical Reserve Corps. *If you are interested in helping run this booth please contact Rachele, the MRC Coordinator at mrc@phd2.idaho.gov or (208) 799-0393.*

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Training Links:

<http://training.fema.gov/EMIW/eb/IS/IS100B.asp>

<http://training.fema.gov/EMIW/eb/IS/is700a.asp>



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