

# Closed POD Program

Protecting your employees during public health emergencies

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Partnering with Dallas County Health and Human Services by becoming a closed POD could affect the continuity of operations at your organization.

Should the need arise for mass distribution of medication during a public health emergency, your organization's planning could provide some **relief among your employees**.

When eligible entities decide to become a closed point-of-dispensing site where medication is distributed to a specific group of people, i.e. your employees and their families, the overall community's goal of **protecting our residents** in a specific time frame is easier to achieve.

Because closed POD sites serve specific groups of people, POD sites that are open to the public won't be as overwhelmed with people who need medication.

If you think a **partnership with Dallas County Health and Human Services** is the right step in protecting your employees, DCHHS will work to ensure that your organization has the resources it needs to establish itself as a closed POD site.

Our staff is available to help answer any questions that may arise regarding the process. We will also assist your staff in completing the closed POD screening form and **assessing your facilities** as a closed POD site.

Once eligibility has been determined, a **memorandum of agreement** will be draft and signed. Then, our staff will continue to consult and assist your agency in completing the process of becoming a closed POD.



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