

Yes, we'd like to help!

My organization is interested in learning more about becoming a Closed Dispensing Site.

Please contact me.

Name _____

Organization _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____



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Thank you!

Please return this form to:

**Anoka County Community Health
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**For more information on the
Cities Readiness Initiative visit:**

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MINNESOTA CITIES READINESS INITIATIVE

Planning for a Public Health Emergency

Cities Readiness Initiative: A Collaborative Effort

The Cities Readiness Initiative is a federally funded effort to help prepare U.S. metropolitan areas to respond to large-scale bioterrorism incidents. Bioterrorism is the deliberate release of viruses or bacteria intended to make people sick. Plans to address this type of threat are being developed in Minnesota but will not be successful without the cooperation of many government agencies and community partners like you. Your involvement will help ensure Anoka County's successful response to this type of public health emergency.



What is the concern for the public?

In the event of a public health emergency involving the release of a dangerous agent, such as Anthrax, a large portion of our population may need preventative medication (prophylaxis) quickly. This is an urgent task that must be carried out within a short time.

The bottom line:
**100 percent of our population
may need medication within a
48-hour period.**

What is the plan?

During this type of incident, Anoka County Community Health & Environmental Services (CHES) Department will be the source for providing medication to residents in Anoka County.

Mass Dispensing Sites, pre-designated places where the general public will come to pick up medications, will be one way to get medication to a large number of people. In order to reach everyone, other distribution methods will also be necessary.

How can you help?

You can help by becoming a Closed Dispensing Site. Public and private entities with health staff or volunteers can choose to distribute medications to their own staff, staff family members, and/or clients. Through a Memorandum of Understanding or Letter of Intent, the medication will be supplied directly to your organization for this purpose.

Becoming a Closed Dispensing Site is an option for businesses, agencies, or other organized groups who wish to help provide medication to those they serve. This program is not open to individuals or families at this time.