

POD Squad Full Scale Exercise Abstract

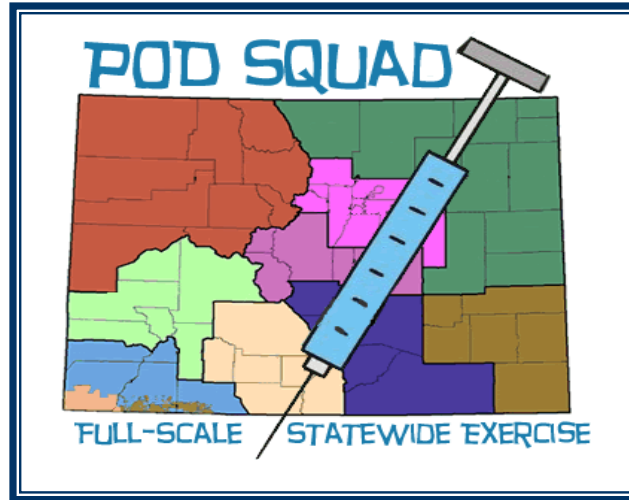
The 2007 *POD Squad* full-scale 3-day statewide mass prophylaxis exercise was conducted by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environments (CDPHE) Emergency Preparedness and Response Division (EPRD) in partnership with local public health departments and nursing services throughout the state of Colorado. *POD Squad* was designed to coordinate, manage, operate, and support a statewide mass prophylaxis Point of Dispensing (POD) exercise in Colorado to prepare for a potential influenza pandemic. This exercise was also designed to evaluate the state and local public health capacity to perform set measurable objectives. Planning for the *POD Squad* took over 11 months. *POD Squad* tested corrective actions that were identified from previous exercises conducted in 2005 and 2006 in which a pandemic influenza scenario was utilized. Overall *POD Squad* was a successful exercise.

Colorado's 2007 Full Scale Mass Prophylaxis Exercise

Exercise Dates:
November
15, 16 & 17,
2007

POD Squad Target Capabilities:

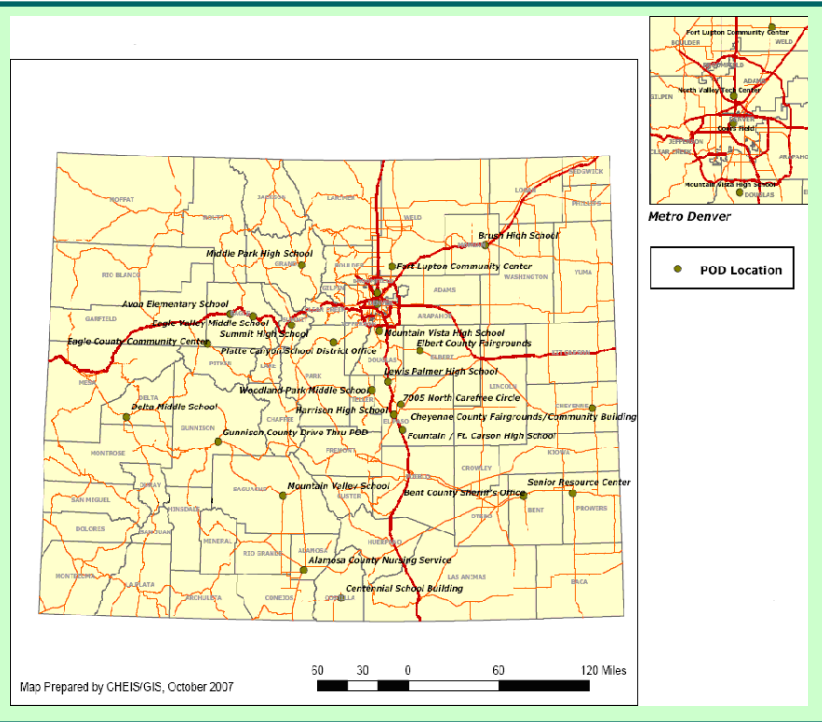
- Mass Prophylaxis
- Emergency Public Information & Warning
- Medical Supplies Management & Distribution
- Emergency Operations Center Management



Example of *POD Squad* Exercise Partners:

- 29 Points-of-Dispensing sites opened statewide by local public health agencies
- Colorado National Guard
- Governor's Office
- HealthOne / Express Messenger
- Groundfloor Media

** For full partners list, please reference POD Squad AAR **



Example of State & Local Public Health Department Measurable Objectives from *POD Squad*:

- Establish and maintain Incident Command at the Point-of-Dispensing (POD) site per organizational charts, protocols and procedures established in the LPHA POD plan.
- Set up, operate and break-down a POD per protocols and procedures established in LPHA POD plan
- Establish and maintain timely and accurate communication with the CDPHE, local partners, the public, and the media, as applicable.
- Establish and maintain timely and accurate communication with the State Emergency Operations Center, local public health agencies, and media.

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POD Squad Exercise Statistics:

- 1,906 Players
- 37 Controllers
- 67 Evaluators
- 46 Observers
- 13 Victim Role Players
- 12,038 members of the public vaccinated



POD locations in Colorado



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