

What would Emergency Medication Dispensing look like?

Below are the highlights of the process that would occur if the DeKalb County Health Department needed to implement their Emergency Mass Dispensing Plan.

Implementing Emergency Preventive Medication

1. The need for medication dispensing has been triggered.



2. Public Health Administrator, Lisa Gonzalez, would contact the DeKalb County's Emergency Service & Disaster Agency (ESDA) Director, Denny Miller.

Lisa Gonzalez



Denny Miller

3. ESDA Director, Denny Miller, would request the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) from the State Emergency Operation Center (SEOC).

4. Once approved by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the SNS shipment would be transferred to Illinois.

Did you know? The CDC has stockpiles of medication and medical supplies that can be delivered to any state in the U.S. within 12 hours.

5. The SNS shipment would be transported to a secure location in DeKalb County by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), with security provided by the Illinois State Police, the Sheriff's Office, and local police.

6. Simultaneously, the health department's Emergency Operation Plan would be activated, emergency response partners notified, staff members and volunteers contacted, the dispensing sites set-up, and public information sent out via local media.

7. The DeKalb County Health Department would first provide medication to all critical responders (and their families) assisting with the response. Then public sites would be opened and medication would be provided to county residents.

Did you know? The Health Department has to dispense medication to approximately 100,000 residents in 48 hours. The clock starts ticking when a phone call is made to the SEOC.