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**60-Day Anthrax Medical
Countermeasures Planning
Workshop
October , 2017**

Agenda

8:30-8:40am Introductions

8:40-8:50 am Scenario Overview

8:50-10:00 am Guided Discussion

10:00-10:15 pm Break

10:15-12:00 pm Guided Discussion
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Goal and Objectives

Goal

Decide which 60-day medical countermeasures dispensing planning considerations and assumptions should be incorporated into local and regional medical countermeasures plans.

Objectives

1. Discuss planning considerations and assumptions specific to the types of medical countermeasures to be received
2. Discuss planning considerations and assumptions regarding POD site operations and potential changes to be made
3. Discuss planning considerations regarding the overall 60-day timeline



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Format

- 1) Questions on the Workshop handout.
- 2) Guidance on the slides and the screen.
- 3) Discuss each question and come to decision.
- 4) If no consensus or more questions arise we will, items will be tabled.



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Format

Three Discussion Modules

1. Medical Countermeasures
2. POD Operations
3. Timelines



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Scenario

- Day 0, 1400 hrs. – Multiple witnesses report aerosol canisters dispersing a white powdery substance during the Houston Freedom Over Texas Festival
- Day 2, 1500 hrs. – A bioterrorism agent is suspected, samples are collected and sent to the lab for confirmation
- Day 2, 1900 hrs. – Environmental testing results confirm bacillus anthracis



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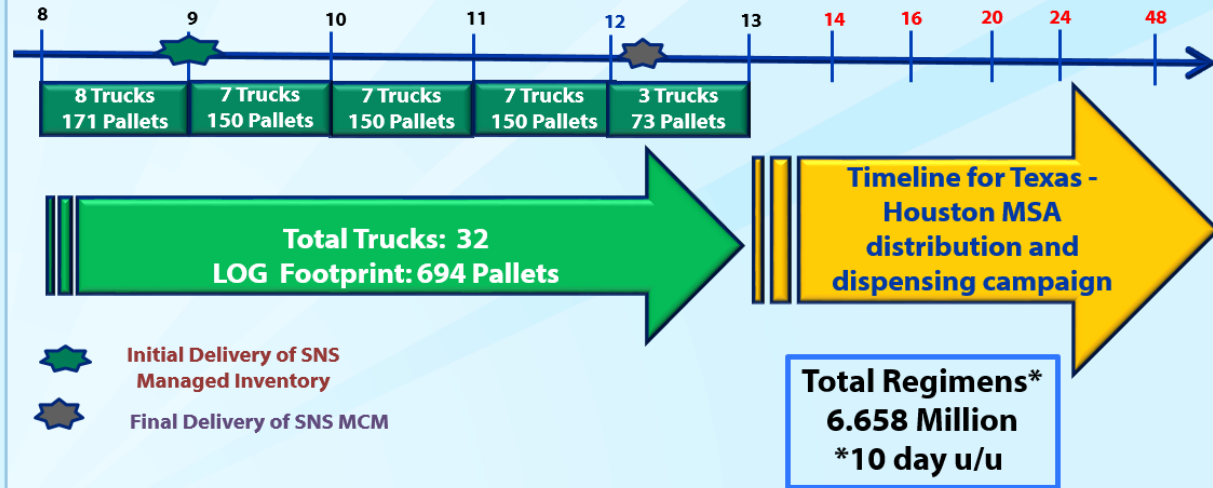
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Scenario

Texas - Houston UASI: 6.658 Million Current Capability to RSS

Managed Inventory Distribution Timeline including from the
RSS to PODs, Hospitals and Treatment Centers

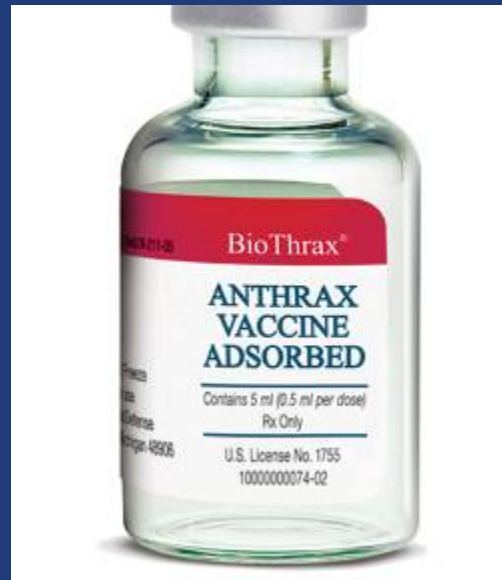


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Medical Countermeasures



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Medical Countermeasures

Pediatric Dosage and Suspensions:

- CDC: Preferred all under 18 receive Amoxicillin (pg 11, CDC)
- Limited quantities: Recommended to use suspension for children under 1 (pg 13, CDC)
- Distilled water not supplied with oral syringes (pg 13, CDC)
- Amoxicillin suspension requires EUA (pg 13, CDC)



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Medical Countermeasures

Receiving MCMs:

- Per CDC: No Push Packs, straight to Managed Inventory
- Changes to local timelines: First responder PODs and Open PODs more closely aligned?



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Medical Countermeasures

Vaccines:

- Written consent required for those under 18 (pg 14, CDC)
- Ancillary supplies not available in sufficient quantities (pg 16, CDC)



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Medical Countermeasures

Vaccine Tiers (pg 14, CDC):

Tier 1: Highest Risk of Anthrax Aerosol Exposure

Individuals in the affected area present during the initial release of *B. anthracis* spores.

Select responders involved in highest-risk activities in support of the Unified Command's environmental and criminal response.

Tier 2: Medium Risk of Anthrax Aerosol Exposure

Individuals without exposure to primary aerosols of *B. anthracis* but at potential risk for exposure to secondary aerosols of *B. anthracis* due to entry into contaminated areas.

Tier 3: Lowest Risk of Anthrax Aerosol Exposure

Individuals living in border areas and progressively distant from affected areas.

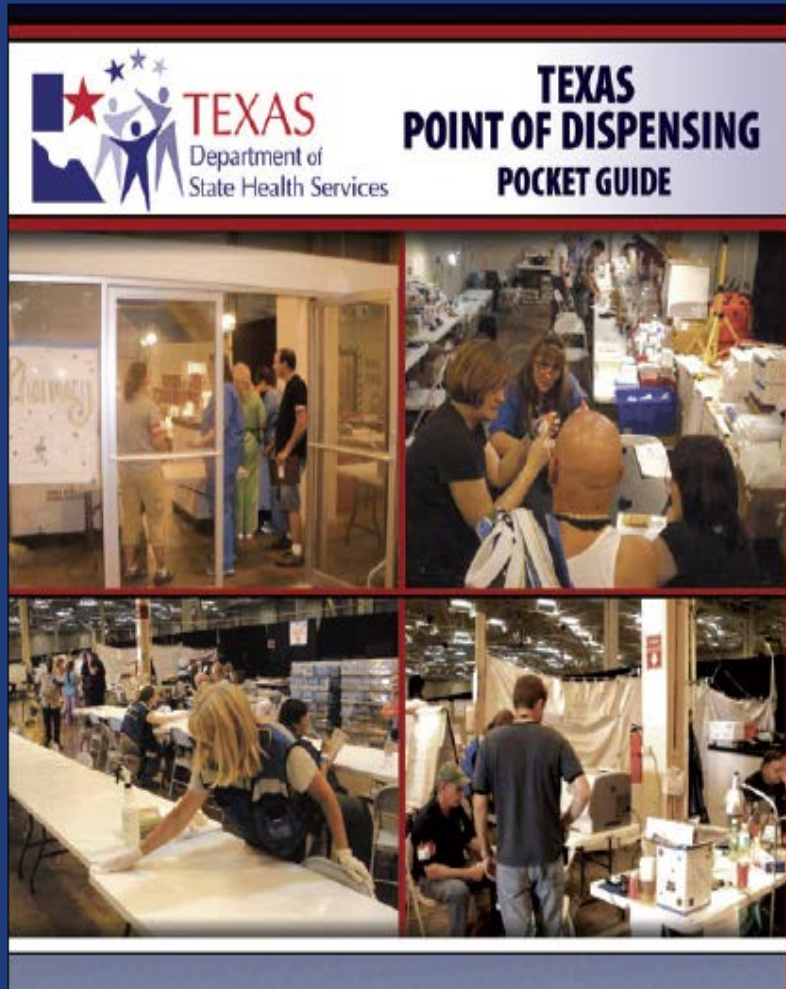


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POD Operations



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POD Operations

POD Modality and Location

- Second shipment will be 50-day MCM and first dose of vaccine (pg 9, CDC).
- Surveillance data may narrow down geographic impact (current assumption: It will NOT be available)



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POD Operations

Tracking and Adverse Events

- “anthrax vaccination record cards include blank spaces for the vaccination clinic to fill out recipient's name, date of each vaccination, and date to return for next vaccination, as well as contact information for recipients to report adverse events” (pg 16 CDC)
- “Jurisdictions may also consider entering the vaccination data in their immunization information systems.” (pg 16, CDC)



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POD Operations

Volunteer support:

- Noted in past tabletop exercises and discussions that there is a shortfall in volunteers to staff POD sites



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Timelines



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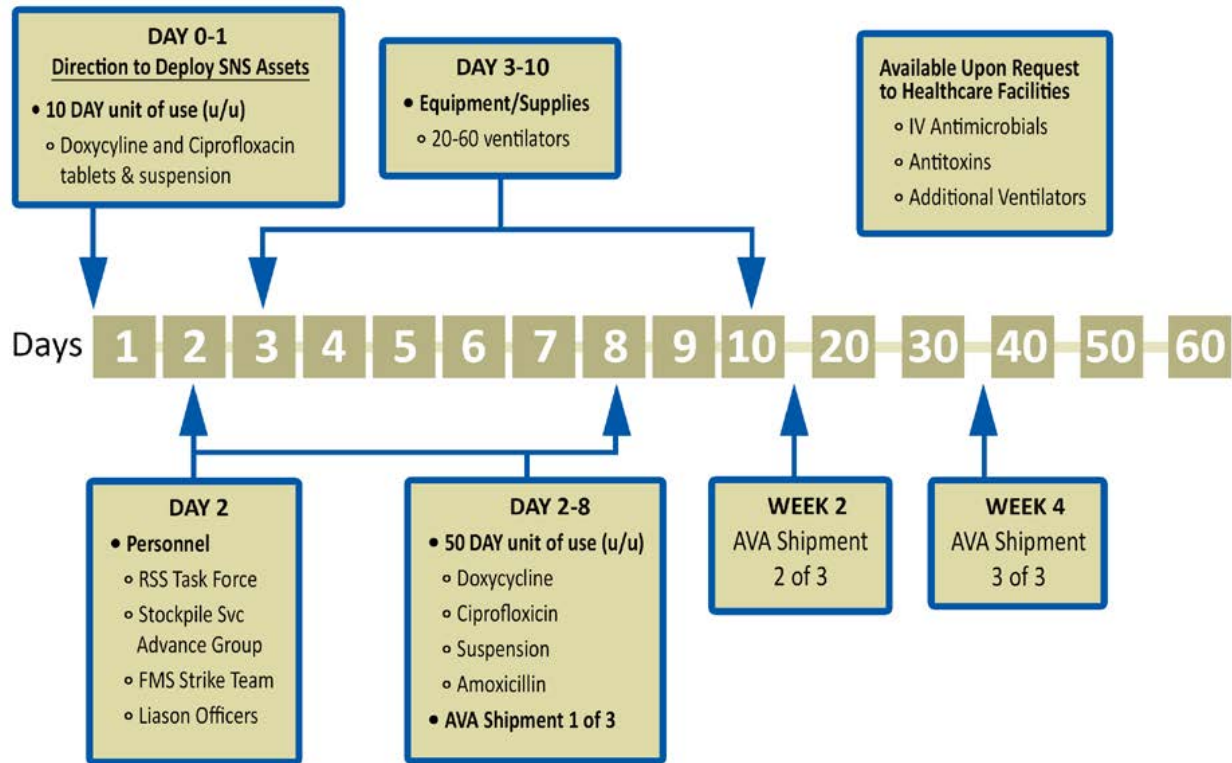
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CDC Timeline

60-day Anthrax Response Timeline

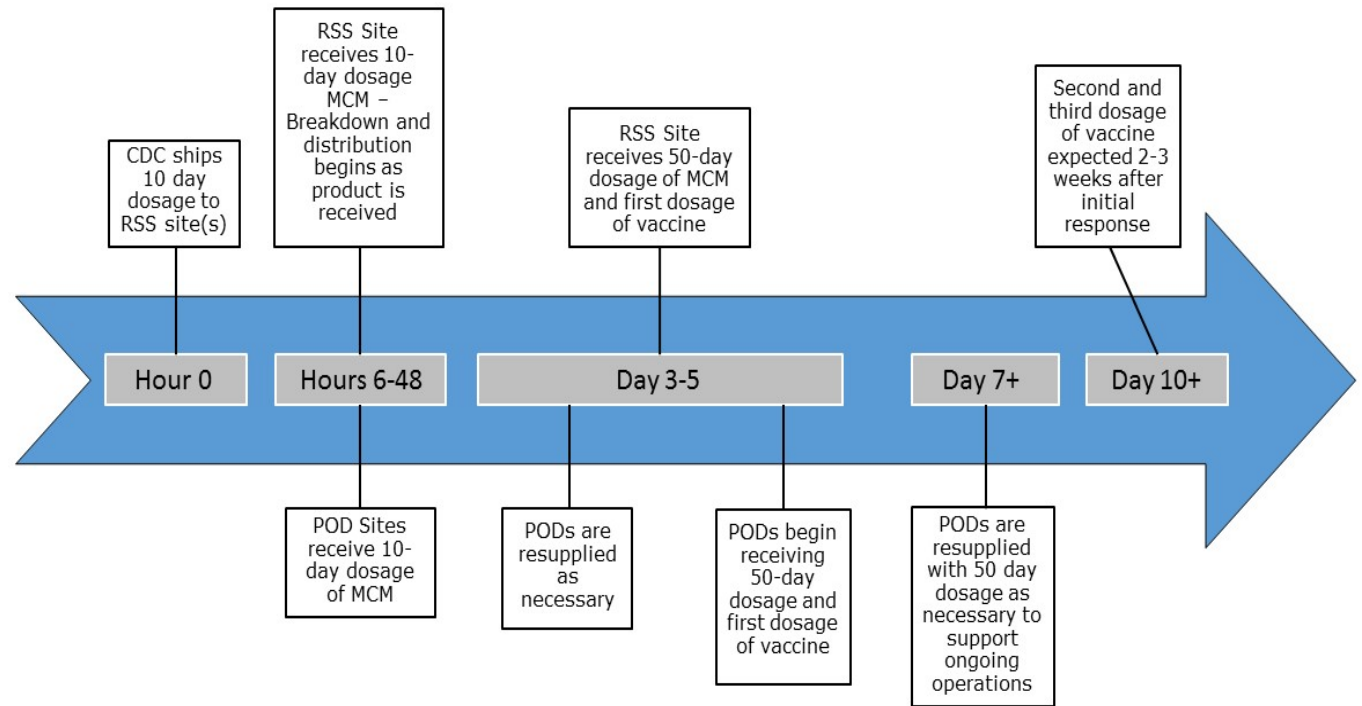


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Texas Timeline



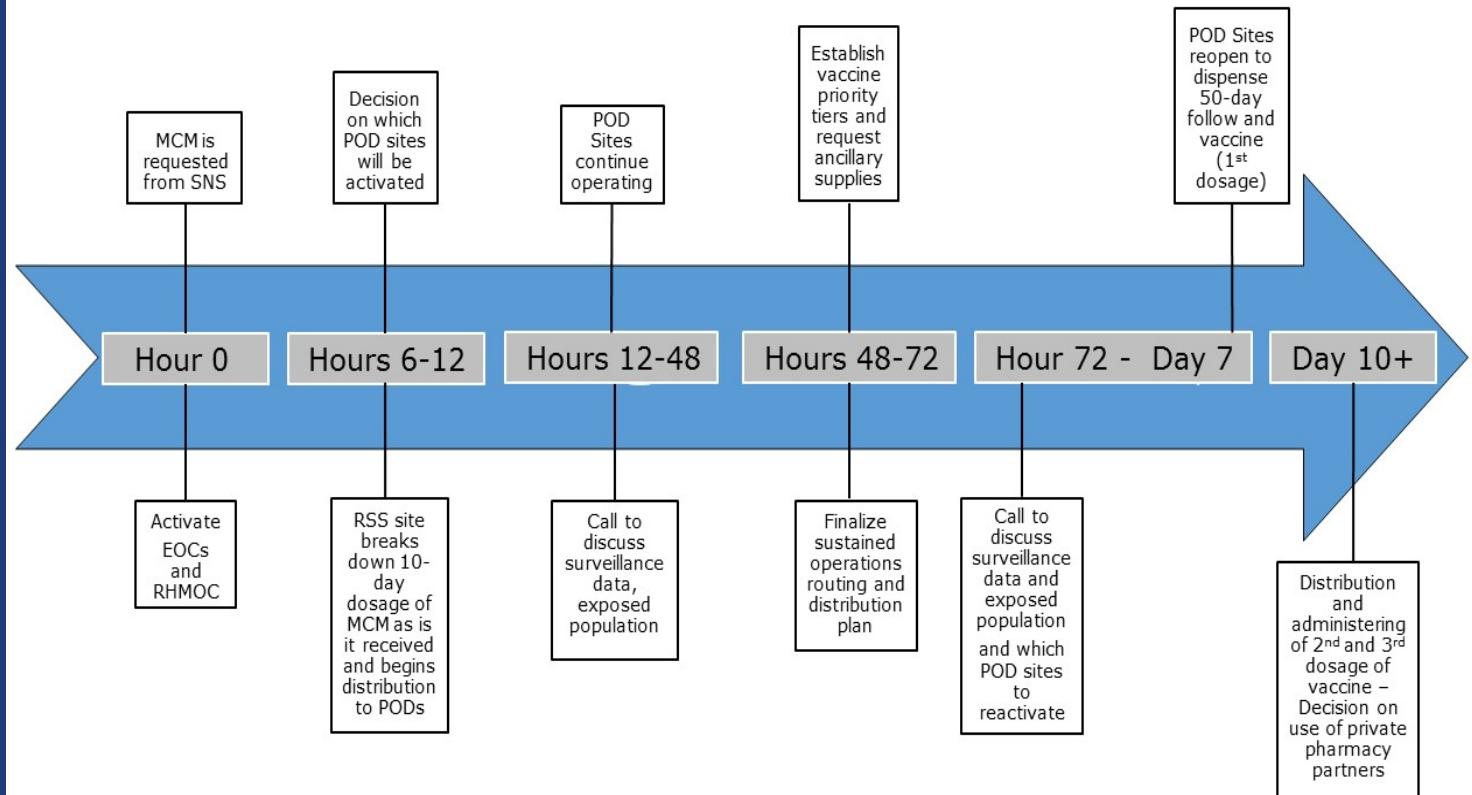
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Decision Timeline



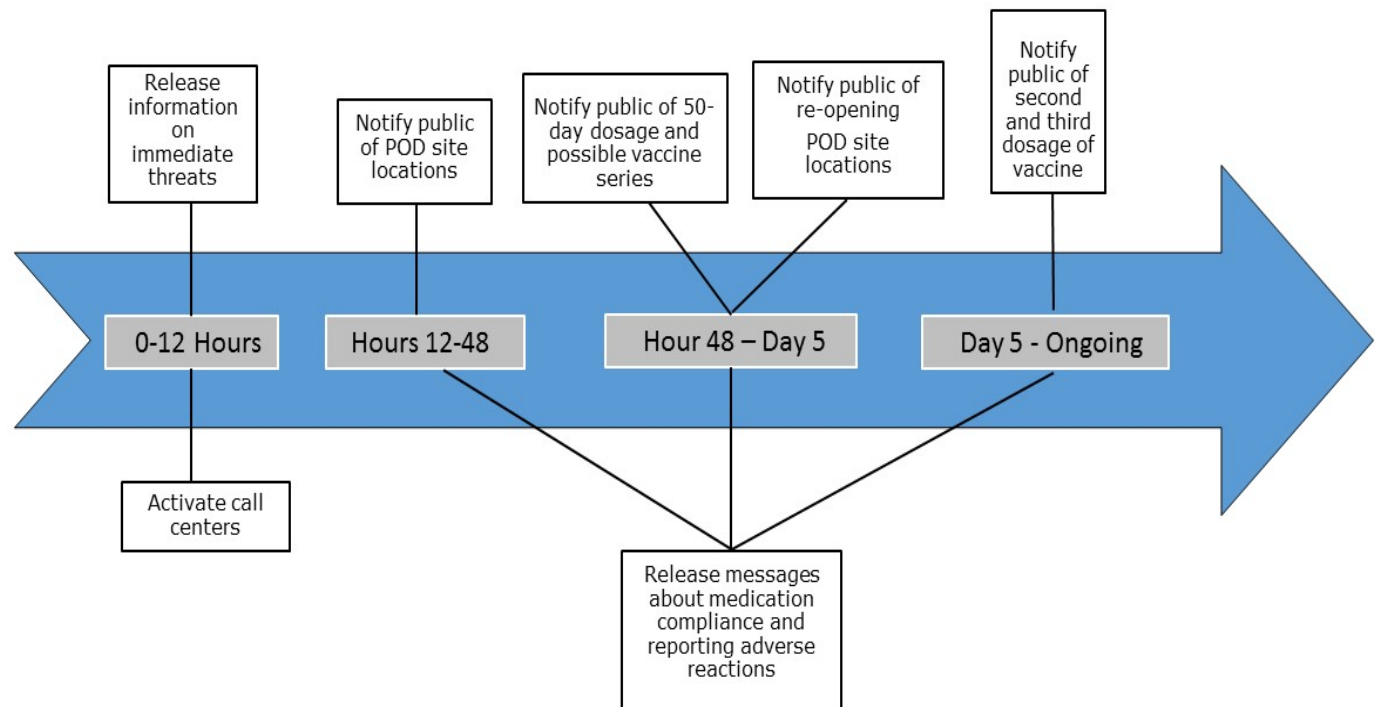
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