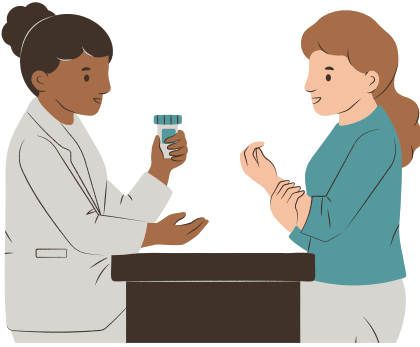


City of Middletown Health Department (CMHD) spotlight on

Points of Distribution



Point of Distribution, or POD, is a way for the CMHD to give out medication and vaccines to many people in a short amount of time. We may need to set up a POD following a disease outbreak, a chemical accident, or terrorist attack.

The CMHD will ensure that PODs can accommodate a lot of people. We will also ensure that the location is accessible to everyone. This includes having room for mobility aids, ample seating, quiet rooms, or separate tracts for those who need specific services or help.

PODs are made up of a series of stations:

1. Welcome and Registration
 - a. You may go to a POD alone or with your family.
2. Medical history
 - a. This ensures you are receiving the medication or vaccination safely.
3. Dispensing of the medicine or vaccine.
4. Exit Interview & Education
 - a. This is for more information about the medicine or vaccine, to answer any questions you might have, and provide you with more resources to protect yourself and your family.



Many of you will probably remember the places that offered vaccines during the COVID-19 response that weren't doctor's offices or clinics. Those were PODs!

If you have any questions about PODs, please don't hesitate to ask us!