

Strategic National Stockpile



Northeast Nebraska Public Health Department, Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and local community partners are working together to protect you in a public health emergency using the Strategic National Stockpile?

What is the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS)?

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has a storage area that holds large amounts or a stockpile of medicine and medical supplies to protect the American public if there is a public health emergency that would involve many people (ex. terrorist attack, deadly disease outbreak, etc.). This stockpile of medicines and medical supplies is called the Strategic National Stockpile or SNS.



What kinds of things are in the stockpile?

- Antibiotics, chemical antidotes, antitoxins, and other supplies
- Life support medications and equipment
- IV drugs and supplies
- Airway management supplies
- Medical/surgical supplies

The SNS medical supplies can be removed from the storage area and taken any place in the United States within 12 hours of a federal order to use the SNS, if local medical supplies run out.

Asking for the SNS

- The decision to use the SNS is a decision made among local, state, and federal officials.
- It starts at the local level when officials find a problem that they believe will threaten the health of many people in their community.

Distributing SNS

The SNS medical supplies will be released from the federal level to the state level and then to the counties that ask for the medical supplies.

Dispensing

The Northeast Nebraska Public Health Department is in charge of setting up a "Point of Dispensing" site (POD) in Cedar, Dixon, Thurston, and Wayne counties to give SNS medical supplies to the people who live in each county during a public health emergency. Federal guidance says SNS medical supplies are to be given to everyone in the county within 48 hours after SNS medical supplies are requested.

What you should know about SNS...

- ◆ **The medicine in the SNS is FREE for everyone.**
- ◆ **Federal, state and local community planners are working together to make sure that the SNS medical supplies will be given to you to protect you and your household if there is a public health emergency in your area.**