

# 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.**