

### **What is a Point of Dispensing (POD)?**

- PODs are temporary medication dispensing sites that are set up to quickly provide medicines to healthy individuals during a major public health emergency.
- PODs can be walk-thru or drive thru sites.

### **How will I know when to go to a POD?**

Local officials will provide information about what has happened to television, radio, newspapers, internet, and other media sources. Local media will also be used to tell people when and where the PODs are located.

### **How will I know what to do when I arrive at the POD?**

POD workers and POD signs drive-thru PODs to help you direct you to the right areas.

### **What if I'm allergic to the medicines given at the POD?**

If you are allergic to the medicines provided at the PODs, you will need to talk to your healthcare provider.

### **Who should go to the POD to pick up the medicines?**

- Only the head of household should go to the POD. The head of household should pick up medication for the entire family.
- If the head of household is ill with symptoms, that person should seek medical care. Someone else should go to the POD to pick up medicine for family. Only healthy persons should go to the POD.

### **How much is the medicine?**

The medicine is FREE

### **Will there be enough medicine for everyone?**

Yes, there will be enough medicine for everyone.

### **Who provides the medicines given at the PODs?**

The medicines are provided by the federal government.

### **Who will run the PODs?**

Local health departments, such as Harris County Public Health (HCPH), are responsible for dispensing SNS medications to the public.

