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PUBLIC HEALTH ALERT

EXAMPLE ONLY – There are no PODs open at this time

MEDICATIONS TO BE AVAILABLE FROM PUBLIC HEALTH

[Because there are 13 counties in our area, we cannot prepare messages until an incident has occurred and the threat to our residents and visitors has been assessed. This example illustrates what an emergency message from public health will include.]

GAINESVILLE, GA – A [agent] incident has occurred in [name] County. People in this area may have been exposed to [agent or chemical]. Persons should monitor their local media for announcements concerning protective steps to take. Preventative medicines have been requested from the Strategic National Stockpile and will be supplied free of charge to all affected residents. Individuals should monitor the local media for announcements concerning dispensing locations for the medications.

If you have the following symptoms, you should seek medical attention at a hospital:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

If you do not have these symptoms, you should wait for further instructions from public health officials. You will be advised soon about the appropriate course of action you should take.

[agent] is a chemical / biological / radiological agent and can cause the following:

- 1.
- 2.

3.

More information about [agent] can be found at www.cdc.gov or www.phdistrict2.org

A Point of Dispensing (POD) to deliver medicines will be opened at (facility name) at (address). The POD will open at 0:00 a.m. and will operate daily from 0:00 a.m. to 0:00 p.m. Here is a map of the area to help you get to the POD.

