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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS 101 – WHAT IS MASS DISPENSING?

Mass dispensing in emergencies is giving medicine or vaccines to a large group of people to protect or stop them from getting a disease. Mass dispensing is also known as mass prophylaxis.

In the event of a public health emergency such as a disease outbreak, mass prophylaxis of the public will be done with the cooperation of local, regional and state public health departments and county partners. This may require the creation and management of mass clinic sites. Mass clinic sites are also known Point of Dispensing Sites (PODs). Medication or vaccine will be given out as quickly as possible to protect the public.

For more information about emergency preparedness activities in Lake County, visit the Lake County General Health District website at www.lcghd.org.

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