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For information, contact:
(Insert contact information)

Headline

(Insert information about the event)

(Insert the health department name) will be opening a medication dispensing site to be used to provide proper medications to those who may have been exposed. To insure the safety of everyone involved, public health officials are asking citizens to adhere to the following instructions:

- ✓ If you are a designated volunteer to help with staging and distribution of medications and supplies or will be picking up medicine for special needs groups, please call (insert name of health department and phone number).
- ✓ If you believe you were exposed to (insert biological agent) or in (insert location of event), please go to (insert dispensing site location) between the hours of (insert time) on (insert date).
- ✓ Persons needing medications should bring with them: a Head of Household form which will contain information to insure you receive the appropriate medication.
- ✓ If you are picking up medication for someone, please bring the Head of Household form for him or her, also. Do not bring anyone with you who does not need medication unless absolutely necessary.
- ✓ If possible, before you leave home, please check with neighbors and co-workers to make sure they have received this message.
- ✓ If you can't get to (insert dispensing site location) and can't contact a friend or family member to take you, please call (insert phone number).
- ✓ Once you arrive at the dispensing site, you will be evaluated and will receive a 10-day supply of the proper medication.
- ✓ Be prepared for an extensive waiting period once at the dispensing site.
- ✓ When you arrive at the drug-dispensing site, public health officials will instruct you on where to go. If you are sick, you may be taken to a hospital.
- ✓ Once in the drug-dispensing site, you will be informed about the process you will go through in order to receive the proper medications for your condition, how to take the medication and other information. Public health officials stress the importance of citizens adhering to the strict drug-taking instructions.

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- ✓ Spanish interpreters will be on hand at the dispensing site for assistance.
- ✓ Once you've received the medication, public health officials ask that you return to your home or a safe shelter until further notice from authorities.
- ✓ Please tune into the radio or TV for further information.
- ✓ Do bring weapons to the dispensing site.
- ✓ Security will be on hand for your protection and the protection of others.
- ✓ There is enough medicine on hand to treat all those involved.

(Insert information about the event and the medicine to be distributed)

If you have any questions, please call (insert health department name and phone number).