

Preparedness in the Southwest Course

Module 14: Strategic National Stockpile

Public health emergencies may require additional assets to be effectively managed. The Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) Program, a Federal program, deploys medical assets needed to enhance local and state managed response efforts. The process involved in requesting SNS assets is the same regardless of the type of emergency. The goal of this module is to understand the purpose of the SNS Program and the public health role in the processes for requesting and receiving SNS medical assets for a large-scale all-hazard event.

Learning Objectives:

1. Describe the purpose of the SNS Program and provide examples of emergency events and the type of SNS assets that would be deployed to support local and state response efforts.
2. List the steps for requesting SNS assets and identify the government officials, emergency management and public health personnel responsible for requesting SNS assets during an all-hazard event.
3. Describe the planning process for developing and revising a county/tribal SNS Plan.
4. Describe the three forms of anthrax including the mechanism of transmission for each.
5. Describe ways in which public health departments have assisted in managed response efforts for anthrax outbreaks.

Core competencies addressed:

Competency 1: Describe the public health role in emergency response in a range of emergencies that might arise.

Competency 2: Describe the chain of command in emergency response.

Competency 4: Describe his/her functional role(s) in emergency response and demonstrate his/her role(s) in regular drills.

Competency 6: Describe communication role(s) in emergency response:

- Within agency
- Media
- General public
- Personal (family, neighbors)

Competency 8: Recognize deviations from the norm that might indicate an emergency and describe appropriate action.

Target Capabilities:

Mass Prophylaxis

Medical Supplies Management and Distribution