

What You Should Know About Emergency Medication Dispensing Sites

- ❖ If an extensive disease outbreak or bioterrorist attack ever occurs, **The Rock Island County Health Department** will open temporary emergency medication dispensing sites to provide emergency medication to prevent or treat the disease/threat.
- ❖ **Medication or vaccinations will be free.** No one will be asked for insurance information or be billed later.
- ❖ Dispensing sites will **only provide medication to prevent or treat the disease outbreak.** They will NOT be dispensing other medications or providing medical care.

Example: If there is a pandemic influenza outbreak, dispensing sites will only dispense antiviral drugs or administer shots, they will NOT give out medications for other health conditions, such as diabetes or heart medications. You will need to see your own doctor or go to the hospital for medical treatment or to obtain other medications.

- ❖ **No One** will be asked about immigration status.
- ❖ Dispensing sites **will not treat sick people.** People who are ill will be directed to go to a hospital if they are sick—not to a dispensing site.
- ❖ **Efforts** will be made to provide interpreters at the medication dispensing sites. Families will stay together through the dispensing lines to obtain medications for the entire family. There will be assistance for those with special needs.
- ❖ **Your patience** will be appreciated. Lines will be long since many will need to receive medications.
- ❖ **Come Prepared—**
 - > Know how much your children weigh (medication dosages are determined based upon weight).
 - > Bring lists of all medications you and your family members take.
 - > Bring food or water in case you need it. (Clear/see-through bags are best for security reasons)
 - > Make sure to dress yourself and children appropriately for the weather.