



THE STRATEGIC NATIONAL STOCKPILE (SNS)

What is the STRATEGIC NATIONAL STOCKPILE (SNS)?

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) consists of large quantities of medicine and medical supplies to protect the American public if there is a public health emergency severe enough to exhaust local supplies. The SNS can be used in emergencies such as natural disasters, terrorist attacks and disease outbreaks.

How fast will it get here?

The SNS is organized for flexible response. The first line of support lies within the immediate response 12-hour called Push Packages. Push Packages are caches of pharmaceuticals, antidotes, and medical supplies designed to provide rapid delivery of a broad spectrum of assets for an ill-defined threat in the early hours of an event. Push Packages are strategically located nationwide in secure warehouses ready for immediate deployment to a designated site within 12 hours of the federal decision to deploy SNS assets.

Concurrent to SNS transport, the SNS Program will deploy its Technical Advisory Response Unit (TARU). Upon arrival at the site, the TARU staff coordinates with state and local officials so SNS assets can be efficiently received and redistributed.

Vendor Managed Inventory (VMI)

If the incident requires additional pharmaceuticals and/or medical supplies, follow-on Vendor Managed Inventory (VMI) supplies will be shipped to arrive within 24 to 36 hours. If the agent is well defined, VMI can be tailored to provide pharmaceuticals, supplies and/or products specific to the suspected or confirmed agent(s). In this case, the VMI could act as the first option for immediate response from the SNS Program.