

Medical countermeasures (MCM) distribution



What are MCM?

MCM are products used to diagnose, prevent, protect from, or treat conditions associated with a public health emergency including:

- Biologic products such as vaccines, blood products, and antibodies
- Drugs such as antimicrobials or antivirals
- Devices including diagnostics, personal protective equipment (PPE), and durable medical equipment (DME)

Types of MCM

MCM is either consumable or durable:

- **Consumable MCM** are single use or disposable, such as N95s
- **Durable MCM** are reusable, such as ventilators

Requesting MCM

If you need MCM that are not available locally:

- Use local mutual aid agreements
- If mutual aid agreements are exhausted, contact your local Health and Medical Coordinating Coalition
- If your HMCC cannot fulfill your request, they will forward your request to DPH.

Loan agreements

All durable MCM require an executed loan agreement with DPH prior to distribution.

Distribution

DPH distributes MCM from two facilities:

- The **Public Health Warehouse** is a non-confidential location. MCM from this location must be picked up by the requestor.
- The **Receive, Stage, Store (RSS) Warehouse** is a confidential location. MCM from this location will be delivered to the requestor.

Receiving MCM

Picking up

- Large orders may be palletized
- Loading docks available

Delivery

- May arrive by parcel (UPS, FedEx, etc.), courier, or truck
- Facilities with loading docks are ideal

Inventory tracking

All inventory data must be captured and tracked following DPH's guidance on Minimum Data Elements (MDEs). Data may be requested by DPH at any time after distribution.

MCM handling

MCM must be secured at all times to prevent unauthorized access. Some MCM may require cold chain management; proper temperature conditions must be maintained and monitored during storage and transport of these products.

Demobilization

DPH may order return or redistribution of any durable MCM or unused consumable MCM. Used or expired MCM must be disposed of in accordance with all laws and regulations.