



HELPFUL HINTS FOR THE DSNS IPR PERFORMANCE MEASURES

PURPOSE: To provide further clarification for the DSNS performance measures and requirements contained within the IPR.

Question: How many exercise requirements are listed in the IPR for DSNS?

Answer:

1. Each planning jurisdiction within each CRI MSA must conduct 3 of the 5 DSNS drills by August 31, 2009
2. At least one full scale or functional mass prophylaxis dispensing exercise conducted in each CRI MSA in which each planning jurisdiction within that MSA participates.
3. Conduct at least one POD drill within a number of non-CRI local jurisdictions equal to the number of CRI MSAs in the state.

Question: What about the December 31, 2008 deadline for one of the three drills?

Answer: The planning jurisdictions that account for 25% most populous jurisdictions within each CRI MSA must conduct one of the three required drills by December 31, 2008.

Question: Why two deadlines for the three drills?

Answer: The funding decision for 2009 must be made within the February-March timeframe for the following budget year. To be able to provide guidance for these decisions results from the performance measures needed to be received no later than December 31, 2008. To lessen the burden on the CRI MSAs it was decided to have only one drill due by that date rather than all three. The other two drills may be completed and submitted at any time prior to August 10, 2009.

Question: Who has to do the one drill by December 31, 2008?

Answer: Within each CRI MSA those planning jurisdictions that comprise the 25% most populous of the MSA.

Question: Is that one drill for the CRI MSA?

Answer: It would be one drill for each planning jurisdiction that comprises the 25% most populous of the MSA. For example, if a MSA has 8 planning jurisdictions and 3 of those jurisdictions make up the 25% most populous then each of those 3 jurisdictions must submit one drill each. That makes a total of 3 drills to be submitted for that MSA.

Question: What if we already have scheduled an exercise, does it mean that we have to schedule more exercises to accommodate the IPR exercise requirements?

Answer: The five drills were designed to either be conducted as a single event or in combination. The results from the scheduled exercise can be captured and collected into the drill data collection worksheets and submitted.





Question: If I had an exercise earlier than August 8, 2008 can I count that as meeting the requirement?

Answer: For the exercises to satisfy the IPR requirement the exercise must be conducted during the performance period which for DSNS measures is August 9, 2008 to August 10, 2009.

Question: What if a state has a TAR score of less than 69?

Answer: Your DSNS consultant will work with you to schedule additional reviews and to provide technical assistance.

Question: Am I limited to conducting strictly traditional dispensing activities at traditional sites in order to fulfill the drill requirements?

Answer: The data collection worksheets were constructed to be flexible enough to accommodate a variety of dispensing modalities. The type of dispensing activity should be included on the drill information page of the data collection worksheet. This will help provide more detailed metrics to assist state and local planners.

Question: If we are having a state full scale exercise that encompasses more than one CRI MSA will that count toward the full-scale exercise requirement?

Answer: The participating jurisdictions must complete and submit the data collection worksheets appropriate to their participation in the exercise.

Hint: The drills can be used in conjunction with other exercise requirements listed in the IPR such as the demonstrated capability to notify staff to cover all incident management functional roles during a complex incident. One of the three DSNS drills is a call down drill.

Hint: The biosurveillance exercise requirement is for CRI and non-CRI jurisdictions to collect data on seasonal influenza vaccination doses administered. If the vaccination effort contains components that exercises a jurisdiction's dispensing and preparedness plans there may be an opportunity to combine compliance with the exercise requirements. For example, if personnel must be notified to staff the vaccination effort (call down), if the site/location to be used to conduct the vaccination effort must have points of entry/exit etc established (facility set up), if the site/location to be used for the vaccination effort must be contacted to be able to use the site (facility activation).

Hint: The full scale exercise for the CRI MSA with participation from each of the planning jurisdictions within that MSA may have a call down component, a facility that needs to be activated, a facility that needs to be set up to conduct activities, or will be conducting dispensing activities.

