

# Minnesota Responds



## Central Region

### Central MN Responds MRC

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# 2020 Public Health Full Scale Exercise



### What is a full scale exercise?

A full-scale exercise is as close to the real thing as possible. It is a lengthy exercise which takes place on location, and uses (as much as possible) the equipment and personnel that would be called upon in a real event.

### Who is participating in this exercise?

This will be a statewide exercise with participation from every county in the state of Minnesota, the Minnesota Department of Health, all eight Healthcare Coalitions in the state, as well as, other community partners and volunteers.

### What is being tested?

This exercise will demonstrate an integrated response and will test current response plans and capabilities using a high-impact anthrax scenario in Minnesota. Every county will be setting up and operating a public POD (Point of Dispensing) to test their mass dispensing plans.

### When is the exercise?

All counties will be conducting their exercise on the same day:  
June 17, 2020.

### Where will the exercise be held?

Every county will exercise within the jurisdiction of their Community Health Board at a predetermined Point of Dispensing (POD) site. Specific site locations will be available closer to the exercise.



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### Is there a need for volunteers?

YES! Every county will have different needs for volunteers. All counties will be looking for volunteer victims to come through the POD and receive pretend medication. Some counties will also need help running their POD. Wright County will only need volunteer victims. If you are interested in volunteering, please email or call me using the contact information at the top of this newsletter. More information about when and where to report as a volunteer will be available this spring.



### Attention Volunteers!

Thank you for being involved! Please remember to keep your profile information updated on [www.mnresponds.org](http://www.mnresponds.org) (i.e. phone number, address, email, etc.) This helps your local coordinator contact you with upcoming trainings, opportunities to volunteer, and other important information.

MN Responds is a great tool to communicate important information about your area. It is our hope that we can keep you educated through our newsletters, informed through emergencies, and engaged in other community volunteer opportunities.

If you no longer wish to be a volunteer and to receive these newsletters, please contact your local coordinator.



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