



Toolkit for Addressing At-Risk Populations in SNS Planning



Maintaining community vitality in a public health emergency or disaster requires a comprehensive response by state, territorial and local health agencies. Reaching all populations, even those at greatest risk, is crucial to achieving such a response. Health agencies across the country have made great strides in addressing the needs of their at-risk populations in their Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) planning. The purpose of this toolkit is to share some of these successful practices used by health agencies in their SNS planning. In a survey conducted by ASTHO in early 2008, the states that responded reported that they were including at-risk populations in their SNS activities through the eleven categories listed below. ASTHO has collected some examples of these practices and grouped them according to the eleven categories identified in the survey.

Part One

- **Translated Materials**
- **Accessible Locations**
- **Stockpiles with Age-Appropriate Doses/Dosage Forms**

Part Two

- **Community Outreach**
- **Mobile Field Teams**
- **SNS Task Forces for At-Risk Populations**

Part Three

- **Alternate Forms of Dispensing**
- **Templates for Partners that Address At-Risk Populations**
- **Personnel Training**

Part Four

- Options for Behavioral Health Needs
- Other Resources for Addressing At-Risk Populations (Online)

Part Five

- Other Tools

Please help us build our online toolkit by sharing your own successful SNS practices for addressing at-risk populations. Email tools to: preparednessresources@astho.org
