



TRANSPORTATION RELAY EXERCISE (T-REX)
2019 FULL SCALE EXERCISE (FSE)

Background

Washington State Department of Health has the primary responsibility within the state to receive, stage, store (RSS), and distribute medical countermeasures (MCM) from federal sources during public health emergencies. This is a core responsibility of state public health agencies across the nation.



DOH Strategic Plan



What We Do

Ensure public safety

Create the healthiest next generation

Promote healthy living and healthy aging



How We Do Our Work

Serve our customers and continue to improve

Be efficient, innovative and transparent

Develop and support our workforce



Guiding Principles

Evidence-based public health practice

Partnership

Transparency

Health equity

Seven generations



Vision

People in Washington enjoy longer and healthier lives because they live in healthy families and communities.



Strategy

Through collaborations and partnerships, we will leverage the knowledge, relationships and resources necessary to influence the conditions that promote good health and safety for everyone.



Mission

The Department of Health works with others to protect and improve the health of all people in Washington.

Serving the People of Washington State

DOH is tasked with serving the entire population of Washington, and in doing so must ensure that the agency's disaster response capabilities can reach everyone at risk, whenever the need arises.

DOH employs a progressive planning approach in accordance with Homeland Security Exercise Evaluation Program (HSEEP) guidance to develop and implement an exercise schedule to test all aspects of the agency's capability to distribute MCM.



Transportation Relay Exercise (T-Rex 2019)

T-Rex 2019 FSE will test:

- activation of DOH RSS warehouse facilities
- capabilities to mobilize and operate a full RSS team for three shifts to receive and stage 1.75 million courses of medications
- Distribution of MCM to delivery sites across the state and participating sovereign tribal nations within 36 hours



Measuring Success

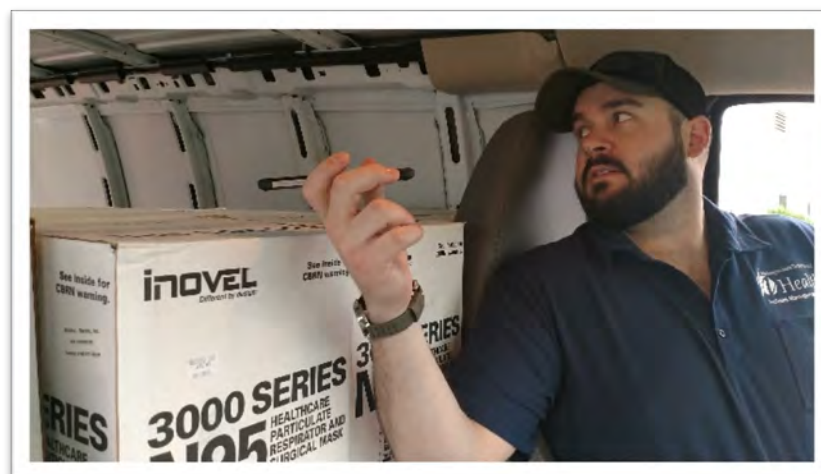
Success of T-Rex 2019 will be measured by the following metrics:

- the establishment of productive partnerships with diverse organizations which are reflected in agency response plans
- the full rostering and training of the RSS team on roles and responsibilities
- and the distribution of 1.75 million courses of MCM to all receiving partners within 36 hours of federal agencies initiating shipment to DOH

Implications

DOH recognizes the value of productive partnerships to successfully implement MCM distribution, and is actively engaging partners to jointly define roles and responsibilities, and incorporate their capabilities and expertise into DOH plans.

T-Rex 2019 is scheduled for May 6-12, 2019.



Questions

