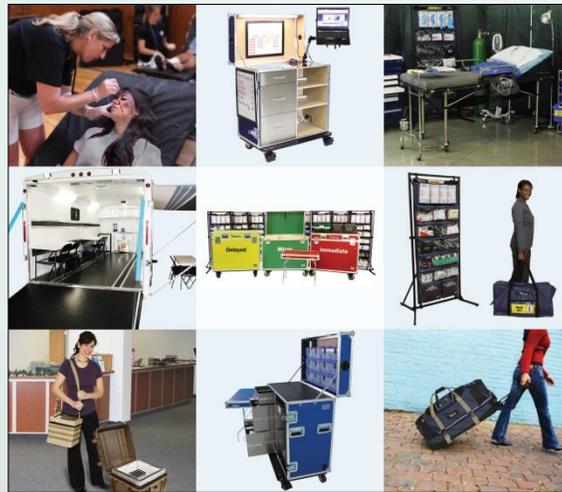


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The Need for Response Ready Assets

Every day we face the possibilities of disasters, outbreaks and terrorist acts. We can easily be thrown into chaos through a lack of ability to respond. Healthcare and public health specialists remain vulnerable because of their lack of response friendly assets (medical equipment organized and prepared for rapid response). It could be any type of large-scale incident: natural disaster, terrorist attack or a building collapse. Do you have the assets needed to respond? Are they response ready? Are they response friendly?

A well intentioned preparedness plan can be unnecessarily hampered by a missing/damaged suture kit, an expired IV solution, or vaccine with diminished potency. Don't risk an entire emergency response plan on a messy cache of boxed supplies or a cheap cooler that won't keep vaccine at the proper temperature. Compare your system with these nine key elements that make an emergency preparedness system ready to respond, then address any needs that you may find.

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Organized Medical Supplies & Equipment

When the worst case scenario happens, a large surge of patients will need medical care. A shelter, some beds, and a few boxed supplies will not constitute care. Medical staff will need to move resources quickly to locations of patient need, then manage and support the resources to their absolute maximum capacity. Does your current cache of supplies and equipment meet the following standards?

	YES	NO
• Resources are tracked (expiration, recalls)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Primary & resupply product identified	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Compatible components	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Organized by function	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Deployable by size and scope	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Check "YES" when you have a VeriCor Patient Surge System.



To organize your supplies, tag all containers, boxes, and/or shelves with a number and log the location on a master inventory sheet.

Transportable Incident Command Station

Incident command (IC) involves the efficient management of manpower and resources at an emergency. A transportable incident command station provides an additional option when setting up an incident command center, allowing the user to establish a remote command station at the location of incident. Does your current plan have a portable system that IC can move into position?

	YES	NO
• Compact, portable unit with storage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Whiteboard and map grease board	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Elevated laptop stand	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Overhead lighting system	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Electrical and data ports	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Check "YES" when you have a VeriCor Mobile Incident Command Center.



In addition to your primary IC Center, have a second set of IC documents and vital equipment (radios, charts, vests, etc.) in a portable case ready for off-site support.

Dependable Medical Beds

Quality medical beds provide many benefits for medical staff and patients, especially in times of need. However, prevalent in the preparedness community are sub-par medical beds often times made overseas. What’s the difference? Value, patient safety and comfort are all compromised by a poorly made bed. Make sure you have a line of beds and support products that meet the following standards.

	YES	NO
• Made in the USA	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Spring & deck design	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Leg locks and braces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Easy to decontaminate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Lightweight aluminum frame	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Check “YES” when you have VeriCor Response Beds (made by Westcot).



Inspect your beds. Properly attached decks should have crimped springs to ensure they stay connected when the bed is folded and the deck is not under tension.

Trailered Emergency Operations Center

A trailered emergency operations center, or EOC, is a central command and control facility responsible for carrying out the principles of emergency preparedness and emergency management. It should have a threefold purpose: mobilize assets to the place of need; develop and maintain awareness of the situation for decision makers; coordinate support for responders. What does your trailered EOC consist of?

	YES	NO
• E-track for storage/transport of assets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Climate controlled	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Indoor/outdoor lighting system	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Built-in refrigerator and cabinets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Integrated whiteboards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Check "YES" when you have a VeriCor EOC trailer.



If you have a basic cargo trailer, add shore power and 110V AC outlets so that it can be used to power the basics of an EOC (radios, computers, phones, etc.).

Multipurpose Medical Cases

It's one thing to have supplies and resources in cardboard boxes, "supposedly" ready to use. It's another to have those supplies and resources organized within an mobile medical case, ready to be rolled out and put through the rigors of deployment. Not only do mobile medical cases increase efficiency, they can protect product from costly damage while in storage. What are your cases like?

	YES	NO
• Organizational features	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Easily mobilized	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Versatile in use (storage & deployment)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Dependable durability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Response ready	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Check "YES" when you have VeriCor medical cases.



With your current storage containers, label everything. From case drawers to tote pockets to cardboard boxes, label it for easy recognition, rotation, and maintenance.

Advanced Medical Kits

When there is a medical emergency, time is of the essence. Typically, medical personnel who respond to incidences work swiftly by having supplies organized and at times, pre-assembled (as a care function) to treat patients more efficiently. Having these items pre-packaged cuts down on response time, and gives the responders more of an advantage in properly caring for the wounded. What do you have?

	YES	NO
• Specific kits based on care function	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Light, durable, mobile design	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Hangable (in a shelter or on a stand)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• See-through zippered pockets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Supplies are tracked (expiration, recalls)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Check "YES" when you have VeriCor MedKits.



When preparing your own medical kit, take product out of boxes and put into clear plastic bags. It's faster to recognize a product than it is to read a label on a box.

Validated Cold Chain Coolers

While it is best to never transport vaccine, on occasion moving vaccine is necessary. Whether it be an emergency, power outage or an off-site clinic, maintaining proper storage temperatures is of the utmost importance. When vaccines are exposed to too warm or too cold temperatures, potency is reduced (which cannot be restored). Make sure you have these important features to avoid mistakes.

	YES	NO
• Non-dependent on ice or electricity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Consistent temperatures validated	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Single pack-out for all seasons	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Capable of extended use (3 days or more)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Portable	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Check "YES" when you have VeriCor Cool Cubes™.



If you have a generic cooler using a system of gel packs or ice packs, be sure to buy a CDC recommended traceable thermometer and adhere it to the top.

Safe, Mobile Workstations

Vaccination workstations enable mass vaccination clinics to be performed in the field or at makeshift locations. Safe, mobile workstations provide many benefits for medical staff and patients, especially in times of need. Not only are they great as a compact, secure, storage solution, they provide medical personnel with much needed organizational features that will lead to efficiency.

	YES	NO
• Lockable lid stays	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Easy glide wheels	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Built-in CDC compliant refrigerator	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Detachable table	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Partitioned drawers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Check "YES" when you have a VeriCor workstation.



If you don't have a workstation, pack vaccination supplies within clear totes. That way supplies are able to be seen when placed on a centralized table.

Efficient Vaccination Kits

Both a pandemic flu and a bioterrorist attack pose significant threats to public health in the United States. While the threat of such attacks are of national concern, it is at the local level that public health officials and health system planners must be ready to respond. Ensure mass vaccination plans, protocols, and efficient vaccination systems are in place to rapidly administer vaccine.

	YES	NO
• Supplies are on standby <small>(just add staff/vaccine)</small>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Wheeled containers/cases	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Scalable according to size	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Intuitively organized	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Supplies are tracked <small>(expiration, recalls)</small>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

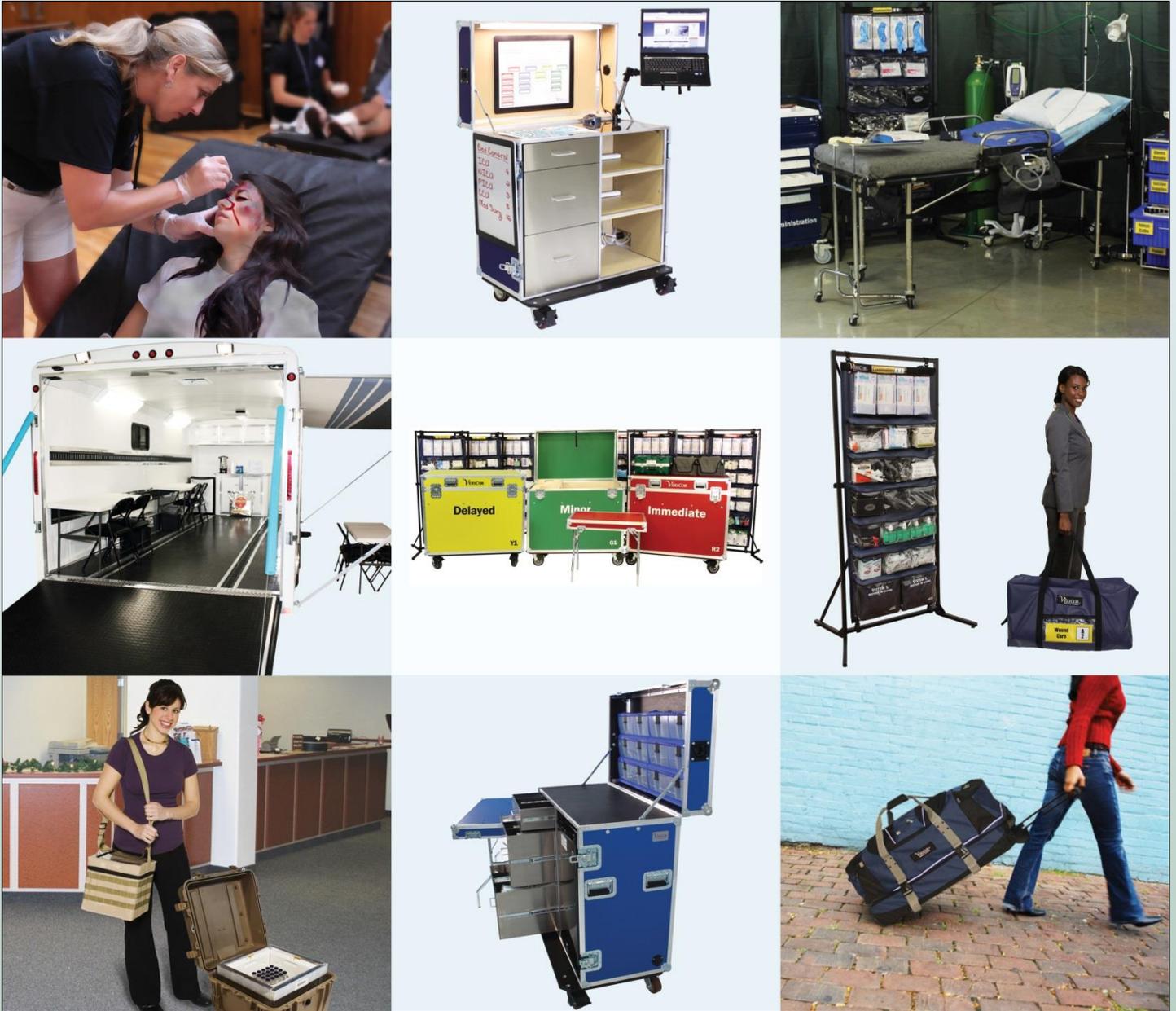
Check "YES" when you have a VeriCor vaccination system.



Inventory critical data of all supplies for efficient tracking, rotation and restocking of kits. Lot numbers (for recalls) and expiration dates are of utmost importance.

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