



SCENARIOS FOR USE OF MUTUAL AID

Oil truck tips over in Anytown, MA.

Public Health Director must be on site for clean-up. PHD had scheduled a public pool inspection – pool cannot be opened until this occurs – event scheduled for following day at pool. Anytown can make a request under mutual aid to have another community conduct the pool inspection. Anytown can ask for assistance from another community with environmental expertise to monitor the fuel truck cleanup.

Giardia outbreak in Somewhere, MA, with 140 possible exposures.

Contact tracing to be done by Somewhere public health nurse (.5 FTE). Somewhere can ask for mutual aid from other communities with staff trained in public health nursing/communicable disease control to conduct phone interviews of Somewhere residents.

Shortage of flu vaccine prompts communities to conduct regional flu clinics.

Three communities propose to conduct one clinic at a Mall in Your Town to serve residents of all three towns. Under mutual aid, Your Town could request public health staff from other communities to work at the clinic. This includes not only nurses administering vaccine, but also clerical staff assisting in form completion, health education.

Food worker infected with Hepatitis A in My Town, MA.

My Town determines need to offer IG clinic for restaurant customers who dined there during the food worker's infectious period. My Town asks region members for assistance organizing the clinic. Initial requests are for equipment such as syringes and alcohol wipes, as well as for people – nurses to administer vaccine.

2000 people appear for the IG clinics – prompting additional requests for assistance from My Town - public health administrative staff to conduct intake, physically move people through the clinic, and provide assistance in completing necessary forms. Additional needs are for people to address folks in line waiting for shots, trained people to talk to media, and staff and forms to track supply usage and hours. As a signator of the mutual aid agreement, My Town can ask for assistance from any region member.