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## DHR tests deployment of the Strategic National Stockpile

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ATLANTA (GA) – The Georgia Department of Human Resources is conducting an emergency preparedness exercise on July 28 to test the deployment of the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS). The Strategic National Stockpile is a system of stored caches of medicines and supplies that can be mobilized to any location in the nation for use in the event of a large-scale biological or chemical event.

"Testing the deployment of the strategic national stockpile is a key component of improving our response to any large-scale chemical or biological event," said Stuart Brown, M.D., director of the Division of Public Health. "Exercises and drills such as this help us identify strengths and weaknesses in our response plan."

This metro Atlanta exercise will be one of six conducted this fiscal year and is part of an ongoing exercise program being lead by Public Health's Emergency Preparedness Program said Brown.

The opening briefing will begin at 8:30 and will be held in DHR's State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) located at 2 Peachtree Street N.W. Atlanta, Georgia 30303. Eight distribution locations will be activated throughout metro Atlanta between 9 AM and 2 PM. For the purposes of the exercise, some information will be held until the day of the exercise.

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