



1. If a bioterrorist attack or widespread disease outbreak ever occurs, **Houston will open temporary Community Emergency Medication Centers (CEMCs) in every affected neighborhood to provide** emergency medication to protect against the threat.
2. **Medication will be free.** No one will be billed or asked for insurance.
3. **Personal identification will NOT be required.** No one will be asked about immigration status.
4. CEMCs will only provide medication to prevent or treat the disease threat at hand. They will NOT give out other medications or provide medical care. *For example*, if Houston is attacked with anthrax, CEMCs will only dispense antibiotics for anthrax. They will not give out medicine for other conditions, such as high blood pressure or diabetes. For medicines to treat other conditions, people will be told to go to their doctor or a hospital.
5. **CEMCs will not treat sick people.** People will be told to go to a hospital if they are sick – not to a CEMC.
6. **Everyone will need to be patient.** Because many people will need medicine in a biological disaster, lines will be very long at CEMCs.
7. **Families who arrive together will stay together** as they go through the CEMC, but the CEMC will operate on a **“Head-of-Household” Model**, where it is preferred that only one person from each household come to the CEMC to pick up medications for the entire family. (This will not apply in the event that vaccinations, rather than medications, are being dispensed.)
8. We will try to take care of people with infants and young children, and those who are frail or disabled, **FIRST**.
9. Every effort will be made to provide interpreters at CEMCs.
10. **Be prepared!**
 - a. *Bring a list of the regular medications you and your children take.*
 - b. *Know how much your children weigh (dosages for children are calculated according to their weight).*
 - c. *Dress appropriately for the weather.*
 - d. *Pack food and water in case you need it. (For security purposes, use clear, see-through bags instead of backpacks to avoid delays.)*
 - e. *Bring any medication you might need to take if you have an extended stay in line (insulin, blood pressure medication, etc.).*