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OPERATION BIO-POD 2020

- 1 Our yearly commitment to conducting our Bio-POD drill is two-fold:
 - To ensure the safety of the members in the performance of their duties in response to a Biological or Radiological incident.
 - Bio-POD is part of the FDNY Continuation of Operational Procedures (COOP) Plan.
- 2 This year's drill will be held on the following five (5) days from **0800-2300 hours**:
 - **Sunday, October 18**
 - **Saturday, October 24**
 - **Sunday, November 1**
 - **Saturday, November 7**
 - **Sunday, November 15**
- 3 There will be one (1) Stationary POD site for each borough which will be utilized for all 5 days of the Bio-POD Drill:
Stationary PODs:
 - **Manhattan** – E-76/L-22 – 145 West 100 Street, NY 10025
 - **Bronx** – Bronx Borough Command – 453 East 176 Street, Bronx, NY 10460
 - **Brooklyn** – EMS Station 38 – 554 Winthrop Street, Brooklyn, NY 11203
 - **Queens** – EMS Station 50 – 159-10 Goethals Avenue, Jamaica, NY 11432
 - **Staten Island** – EMS Station 22, Seaview Hospital, 460 Brielle Avenue, SI, NY 10314
- 4 **Instructions:** At the start of the tour, Station Officers are directed to go to the DiamondPlate Kiosk.
 - From the homepage, click BIOPOD Consent
 - Print and distribute to every on-duty member.
 - Each member must complete the form and keep it with them during the tour.
 - Each unit must report to the BIOPOD location when dispatched.
 - Each member must report to the location even if they worked and reported on an earlier tour unless both members have already reported to a BioPod location. At that point notify the dispatcher to be placed back in service.

Note: The Kiosks at Firehouses and EMS Stations functioning as POD Locations may be utilized by BHS Administrative staff during the Bio-POD operational period.
- 5 Members are to observe social distancing rules with a mask mandate in effect for anyone entering a government building, which includes FDNY firehouses and EMS stations, even if they are more than 6 feet apart.
- 6 Off-duty members and civilian employees are welcome to attend on their own time to receive the Flu vaccine. They must present their Department ID.

By Order of: **Daniel A. Nigro**, *Fire Commissioner*
John Sudnik, *Chief of Department*