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OPERATION BIO-POD 2023

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 two (2) days from **0800 - 2300 hours**:
 - **Saturday, October 21, 2023**
 - **Sunday, October 22, 2023**
3. There will be one (1) Bio-POD for each site except for Queens which will have two (2) sites. All sites will be utilized for both days of the Bio-POD Drill.

Stationary PODs:

- **Manhattan** – Randall's Island – 9 Reilly Blvd., New York, NY 10035 (Building 9)
 - **Bronx** – Bronx Borough Command – 453 East 176 St., Bronx, NY 10460
 - **Brooklyn** – 9 Metrotech Center, Brooklyn, NY 11201 (Auditorium)
 - **Queens** – Fort Totten – Totten Ave., Queens, NY 11359 (Building 415B)
 - **Queens** – Fleet Shops – 48-67 34th St., Queens, NY 11101
 - **Staten Island** – EMS Station 22, Seaview Hospital, 460 Brielle Ave., Staten Island, NY 10314
4. **Instructions:** At the start of the tour, Station Officers are directed to go navigate to the DiamondPlate homepage.
 - 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 Bio-POD location. At that point notify the dispatcher to be placed back in service.

Note: The DiamondPlate computer at Firehouses and EMS Stations functioning as Bio-POD Locations may be utilized by BHS Administrative staff during the Bio-POD operational period.
 5. 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: **Laura Kavanagh**, Fire Commissioner
John J. Hodgens, Chief of Department