

# POD Digest Development Notes (Version 2.0)

## The POD Digest has been developed to

- provide the end user with a menu driven system for accessing a wide range of tools and resources related to POD set up and operation.
- allow the content of the POD Digest CD to be customized for different jurisdictions. This includes job descriptions, job checklists, forms, organizational charts, and more. (*Please see "Modification Notes" for additional information*).
- provide *targeted* information, tools, and resources based upon *job assignment*.
- be used by anyone involved in any way with the set up and operation of a POD including health departments, first responder organizations, government officials, and all POD staff and volunteers.
- be based upon levels or layers of information. Users can go directly to *some* section(s) of the POD Digest and get an overview or they may be able to access additional information related to a topic if they desire to do so.
- shift the burden of cost for the printing of the associated documents, forms, and other materials to the end user.
- provide end users with the ability to print what they want, when they want, and as much as they want. The distribution cost by CD is considerably less than attempting to distribute all of the information needed by all POD staff and volunteers in hard copy format.
- provide *quick* access to critical information in a disease outbreak.
- *self-propagate* as many users have the ability to copy the CD and distribute it as they desire to other appropriate members of their community.
- contain the majority of the information, tools, and resources within the CD *itself* in order to reduce the need for internet access.
- provide a list of task and training recommendations by job assignment so that anyone assigned to a job assignment can go into their job assignment, work through their task and training recommendations, and then submit a report of completion of task and training recommendations.
- help educate and inform in the absence of public health trainers. There is no way that public health trainers can be everywhere providing training to everyone at all times. The POD Digest is designed to assist in providing information and guidance in the absence of public health trainers.
- improve the interest and focus of the end user through the use of color, graphics, animations, and videos.

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