

Discharge Station Executive Summary

Description:

People leaving the community reception center (CRC) may be:

- referred for further care, or
- discharged to their home, to the home of a friend or family member, or to a shelter.

To ensure people leaving the CRC get to their desired destinations, Discharge staff will provide additional information and assistance. If available, mental health professionals should be assigned to this area to assess counseling needs, make counseling referrals, and, resources permitting, hold counseling sessions.

Location:

The Discharge Station should be near the Registration Station, the Radiation Dose Assessment Station, and the exit. If possible, people should exit the CRC on the opposite side of the building from the entrance (Initial Sorting Station). The Discharge Station should be free of traffic running between other stations.

Staffing:

Staff size will vary according to the size of the CRC, the desired throughput, and the availability of professionals and trained volunteers. Qualified and trained medical providers, radiation protection professionals, public health staff, mental health professionals, emergency services personnel, and volunteers may be needed.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):

The CRC Safety Officer will determine the appropriate PPE for staff in each area. The Safety Officer will also evaluate the need for—and issue as appropriate—personal dosimetry devices among CRC staff.

Because arrivals to Discharge have either been determined to be free of external contamination at the Contamination Screening Station or have been decontaminated at the Wash Station, the level of PPE necessary in this area is not as stringent as in the other areas. Discharge staff may elect to wear disposable gloves.

Radiation protection professionals will routinely monitor the area for contamination. Contamination screenings and glove exchange will be necessary for all staff leaving the area for breaks or at shift change. No food or drink should be consumed in this area.

Radiation Detection Equipment:

None.

Discharge Station Job Action Sheet

This station is in the Clean Zone. Workers may still be assigned PPE.

Before Shift

- Report to the Staff Sign-In Area
- Collect assigned personal protective equipment (PPE) and dosimetry devices
- Attend pre-shift briefing
- Report to the Discharge Manager to receive and review your position assignment

During Shift

- Report any emergencies or injuries to your station manager IMMEDIATELY
- Wear PPE and dosimetry devices at all times
- Assist mental health professionals in providing assessments or referrals for people in need of psychological care
- Provide information and educational material to people leaving the CRC
- Help people register for a space in a public shelter
- As necessary, escort people out of the CRC
- Assist people as follows:

Decision		Action
Person Requires Referral for Further Care (i.e. additional medical consultation or counseling)	→	Provide Referral
Person Does Not Need Further Care	→	Discharge to Home or Shelter

After Shift

- Report to the Contamination Screening Station to begin demobilization
 - Contamination Screening Staff will screen you for contamination
- Turn in your dosimetry devices at the Sign-Out Area.
- Attend the post-shift briefing