

Why is the CPHMVS Needed?

Experience has shown that, in an emergency, many of our nation's health and medical providers are eager and willing to volunteer their professional health services. To meet the extraordinary demands of a large scale emergency, hospitals and other providers of healthcare will depend upon the services that health volunteers can provide. However, in a time of emergency, utilizing the capabilities of the nation's health volunteers presents a major challenge to hospital, public health, and emergency authorities.

Immediately after the attacks on September 11, 2001, tens of thousands of people spontaneously showed up at ground zero in New York City to volunteer their assistance. A large number of these volunteers arrived to provide medical assistance to the victims of the attacks. In most cases, authorities were unable to distinguish those -that were qualified from those that were not qualified, though well intentioned. Additionally, because the response was unsolicited and there was no mechanism of coordination, those that presented themselves reduced the effectiveness of the overall response effort rather than helping.

"We had volunteers just show up -- unsolicited, unneeded, not requested. To accommodate them we had to set up another city. We had to feed them and take care of sanitation and other things. But we just couldn't use them." - Ed Jacoby, Jr., former Director of New York's Emergency Management Office.

Our goal is to solve these problems by preparing medical and non-medical volunteers to respond both safely and effectively to disasters in the state of Colorado. Please review the information on the website and if you have any questions feel free to contact us. Welcome aboard, we are glad to have you.



Dangers - Responding to a disaster involves many hazards and risks. Preparing yourself through training will help minimize these dangers.

Colorado Public Health and Medical Volunteer System

Preparing the Responders of Colorado

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What is CPHMVS?

The Colorado Public Health and Medical Volunteer System (CPHMVS) was created as a mechanism to organize and provide training to medical professionals and support personnel so they may respond safely and effectively to any disaster.

The State of Colorado has been caching equipment for several years. It is now time to engage the State's medical professionals and support staff in the most effective use of that equipment.

The CPHMVS is designed to be activated as needed for any disaster as well as managing the State's surge capacity assets. The Colorado DMAT will work with the 9 All-Hazards Regions in the State of Colorado to provide training and information to all who are interested in becoming responders.



Volunteers Needed:

- Physicians
- Nurses
- Physician Assistants
- Behavioral Health Professionals
- Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics
- Pharmacists
- Respiratory Therapists and RT Technicians
- Cardiovascular Technologist and Technicians
- Radiology Technologists & Technicians
- Surgical Technologists
- Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technologists
- Veterinarians and Veterinarian Technicians
- Logistic and warehouse personnel
- Administrative support personnel...



Waiting for care - The sheer number of patients that will be encountered is only one small aspect of responding to a disaster

What training will volunteers receive?

Training medical professionals and support personnel to respond to any disaster that may occur in the State of Colorado is our primary goal. It is our mission to ensure that medical providers and support personnel who want to protect the citizens of Colorado are trained to the highest standards.

This training will prepare you for response to any All-Hazard incident. Not knowing what is going to happen in the State of Colorado, responders have to be prepared for any type of incident. This is done by focusing on the basics, then adapting your skills and building on an already strong foundation to each incident as it unfolds.

Onsite training will be provided at least twice (on consecutive days) in each of the nine regions.

Training Program

Segment I – ICS Online Training

- IS 100
- IS 200
- IS 700

Segment II – CPHMVS Online Training

- VOL 101: Intro to CPHMVS
- VOL 201: Disaster Behavioral Health Awareness
- VOL 301: Disaster Response in Colorado

(Training Continued)

Segment III – CPHMVS Regional Classroom Training

- CPHMVS New Member Training

How do you register to be a volunteer?

If you would like to register to be a volunteer you will need to decide which of these levels you want to participate in. These descriptions can be found at <http://coloradodmat.com/> as well as the link to the CPHMVS registration website (<https://covolunteers.state.co.us/>). If you need assistance please call the number on the back of this brochure. Allow 15-20 minutes to complete the registration.

Levels of Participation:

Community Support Volunteer
State Deployable Volunteer
Medical Reserves Corps
NDMS NMRT-Central

Please read the Terms and Conditions for the Colorado Public Health and Medical Volunteer System. By registering, you agree to these Terms & Conditions.

How do you register for training?

If you are interested in registering for on-site New Member Training or would like to begin your online courses, follow these instructions:

1. Go to www.co.train.org
2. Click the "Create Account" button
3. Enter personal information to create an account (Click "Next" at each screen)
4. Once you've successfully created an account, Choose the online module or onsite course by clicking its link from the "Colorado Regional Volunteer Trainings" under the "Announcements" section of the homepage
5. Click on the "Registration" tab
6. Click either the "Launch" (for online courses) or the "Register" (for onsite courses) button, and follow registration instructions

*Together we can be sure Colorado is
prepared for a disaster.*

Don't wait until it is too late, sign-up today!