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Thank You Volunteers!

MRC & HRC Volunteers: A small but important milestone in Oregon history has occurred this year. The Medical Reserve Corps, still in its infancy, responded to a major event: the H1N1

Outbreak. We are very thankful that the pandemic has been a mild outbreak, but that doesn't take away from the fact that the Medical Reserve Corps showed its worth as a critical

piece of infrastructure in Oregon's emergency response network. Thank you all for your skills, your wisdom and your willingness to serve!

Kathy Thompson BSN CHN
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Year in Review

H1N1 Activity

Clackamas County: Currently has almost 60 volunteers. Recently, an MRC volunteer went with the Fire Battalion Chief to vaccinate first responders.

Columbia County: Is planning to have an orientation soon. Currently, they have 12 volunteers and they have been using volunteers to help with local vaccination clinics.

Multnomah County: Has had 16 activations. They are using volunteers in their PODs as well as the Access to Influenza Care Project to staff the nurse triage phone line.

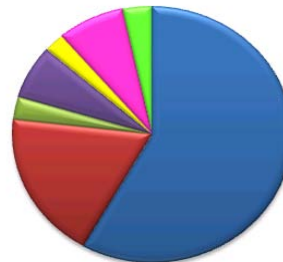
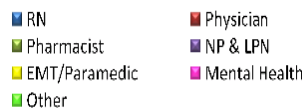
Washington County:

Activated MRC volunteers in a total of 9 PODs and distributed 7,300 vaccines to the community. The unit used volunteer LPNs, RNs, EMTs, Paramedics, Pharmacists, and MDs as vaccinators and medical screeners.

Ready, Safe, Go!

At the Ready, Safe, Go conference on April 25, 2009, five Multnomah County Health Reserve Corps volunteers were recognized for their service: Beth Butler, RN, Betty Fish-Ferguson, RN, Sharon Christenson, RN, Lynda Jenkins, RN, and Sarah Yu, RN. These volunteers have not only participated in numerous events and projects, but also sought out additional trainings to strengthen their skills. Their dedication and compassion greatly enhances our ability to serve the community.

Volunteers by profession



National Activity

Alexandria VA MRC: On September 11th, the Alexandria Medical Reserve Corps (VA) staffed a seasonal flu clinic at a local high school as part of the

National Day of Service and Remembrance. MRC volunteers administered 575 vaccines at this event, that included Dept. of Health and Human

Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, Assistant Secretary for Health Howard Kod, and OCVMRC Director CAPT Robert Tosatto.



Secretary Sebelius received her seasonal flu shot from Michelle Adams, RN and Alexandria MRC Volunteer (Above)



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I'm calling on all of you to make volunteerism and community service part of your daily life and the life of this nation.

—President Barack Obama

Recent Activity

Access to Influenza Care

A nurse triage call center, called the Access to Influenza Care project, was set up for eligible community members who wanted to talk to an advice nurse about their symptoms and may not have had regular access to health services. The project was designed to ensure access to basic influenza evaluation

services for low-income/uninsured people in the Portland metro area. Since its kickoff on Oct. 29th, the MRC & HRC contributed more than 225 hours to supporting and staffing the call center.

Julie Kegg staffs the hot-line



Radiologic Exercise

MRC & State Managed Volunteer Pool, with the Oregon National Guard, attended training in Salem that simulated a mass casualty incident with a radiological source. They spent the day assembling a medical tent and learning about basic radiation response in below-freezing temperatures. (12/9/09)

AmeriCorps VISTA/MRC Partnership

Through the Oregon Public Health Division and the efforts of Akiko Berkman (State Medical Reserve Corps Coordinator), a new project — the Oregon AmeriCorps VISTA/MRC Partnership Project — has been developed. This project has placed 10

AmeriCorps VISTA members throughout Oregon in selected Medical Reserve Corps Units. Please join us in welcoming Meredith Preble and Mary Rose Walker, the VISTAs responsible for Clackamas, Columbia, Multnomah, and Washington counties.



Mary Rose Walker (left), Meredith Preble (right)

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