

CALL FOR EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS VOLUNTEERS

The Town of Northbridge is seeking Emergency Preparedness volunteers to assist in an emergency affecting the Northbridge community and its residents.

An emergency can be defined in any one of the following scenarios:

1. **Emergency Dispensing Site (EDS):** A Pandemic, Chemical or Biological event may require the distribution of vaccine or antibiotics to all residents of the community through an Emergency Dispensing Site (EDS). Volunteers would be necessary to assist with:
 - a. Non-medical volunteers to greet residents and direct them through the emergency dispensing site, distribute and collect forms, assist with food service and child care needs for volunteers and other workers within the dispensing site.
 - b. Medical volunteers to vaccinate, educate, and monitor for adverse reactions.
2. **Shelter Operations:** In the event residents need to be evacuated due to a fire, flooding or other natural event or due to a possible toxic exposure requiring the evacuation of a certain area within the community, Northbridge will establish a Shelter facility. Volunteers would be necessary to assist with:
 - a. Registration, Food Service & Child Care
 - b. Medical and Mental Health Resources

We are seeking to establish and maintain a database of local resources – volunteers that are willing to give of their time in an emergency to help others in crisis.

Simply complete the Volunteer Registration Form (back side of this form) and return it to the Northbridge Board of Health office located in the Aldrich School Town Hall Annex at the corner of Hill and Cottage Street (or mail to 7 Main Street, Whitinsville, MA 01588)– be sure to check off the areas that interest you.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT)

For those of you that wish to take a more pro-active/involved approach to Emergency preparedness, we are also establishing a COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT). Individuals that sign up for CERT will be provided training in basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. CERT members are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community.

Contact Information

For more information please contact:

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VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION FORM

YES, I'm interested in supporting my community as an Emergency Preparedness Volunteer - PLEASE REGISTER ME FOR:

- Emergency Dispensing Site Operations
- Shelter Operations
- CERT
- Register my Contact Information for ANY emergency event!

Name (print clearly): _____ Date: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Home phone: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

Occupation: _____

Times of day you are most available

Morning _____ Afternoon _____ Evening _____

My areas of interest and expertise include:

Non-Medical Support Staff Functions

- Clerical – Assist with registration, forms, data entry, answer phones, maintenance of supply inventory, hall monitor
- Food Service – Assist with preparation, collection, and distribution of food to shelter residents, clinic volunteers/workers, and others
- Child Care – Assist with the care of children within a Shelter or Clinic
- Radio Operations
- Security and/or Parking Attendant
- Bus Drivers/Monitors
- Any other non-medical function

Medically Trained Support Staff Functions

- Vaccinators (Physicians, Nurses)
- Medical Screening Form Reviewers
- Mental Health Counseling
- Triage Screener
- Physician Evaluator
- Sick Room Staff

Complete one form for each volunteer. (If you are already registered with the Board of Health as a Volunteer, this is a great opportunity to provide us with up-to-date contact information!)

Return Form to: Town of Northbridge / Board of Health / 7 Main Street / Whitinsville, MA 01588