

BECOME A

VOLUNTEER

How to Become an ADPH Volunteer

You can become a volunteer by registering on the Learning Content Management System (LCMS) via our website. LCMS is a database that enables the ADPH to manage volunteer information. LCMS provides for initial volunteer registration, updating contact information, and registering for training courses to better prepare volunteers for emergency events.

LCMS Functions

- Volunteer registration
- Update contact and professional information
- Register for available trainings
- Notification of exercises/emergencies

To Register

- 1) Go to www.adph.org/volunteer
- 2) Click on your volunteer discipline
- 3) Follow the prompts to complete your volunteer form and account

Why We Need You

During a disaster, whether natural or man-made, Public Health responds to ensure that Alabamians receive the support and attention they need before, during and after a disaster. And while we cannot make Alabama disaster free, we can ensure an efficient recovery. Whether it is caring for a person's medical needs, providing medications, offering emotional support, or ensuring sanitary conditions, Public Health will respond. Volunteers are a vital part of Public Health's efforts to be ready to serve whenever an emergency occurs.

We encourage you to become a part of our team and join the Alabama Department of Public Health's Volunteer Network.

LCMS Technical Assistance:

334-206-5226

Volunteer Information

334-206-3394 | 1-866-264-4073 | E-mail: cep@adph.state.al.us

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Alabama Department of Public Health Volunteers

The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) is looking for volunteers for the following positions to assist during emergencies:

Physicians To provide medical evaluations, treatment recommendations, and care.

Physician Assistants

Pharmacists To help locate, distribute, organize and dispense medication.

Nurses (RN, APRN, LPN, LVN) To provide patient assessment and nursing care.

Dentists To provide dental medical evaluations, treatment recommendations, and care.

Veterinarians To provide veterinary medical evaluations, treatment recommendations, and care.

Social Services To provide counseling, resource referrals, and stress relief activities.

- Clinical Social Workers
- Marriage and Family Therapists
- Mental Health Counselors
- Psychologists

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and Technicians To collaborate with other healthcare disciplines for the identification, prevention, and treatment of diseases, disabilities, and disorders.

- Cardiovascular Technologists and Technicians
- Diagnostic Medical Sonographers
- Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics
- Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technicians
- Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technologists
- Medical Records and Health Information Technicians
- Radiologic Technologists and Technicians
- Respiratory Therapists

Environmentalists To assess sanitation issues and ensure safe and efficient shelter operations.

Support Staff To support administrative and supply operations, patient care, and miscellaneous activities.

Frequently Asked Questions

How will I be trained?

ADPH provides FREE training to volunteers on a variety of emergency related topics including: Smallpox, Anthrax, Pandemic Influenza, CPR, First Aid, Incident Command System, and Strategic National Stockpile. These trainings will be provided through volunteer symposiums, live webcasts/broadcasts, local, area and state conferences, and printed or electronic materials

What kind of credentials will I have to provide?

All volunteers must provide valid identification. Those working in a professional capacity will also have to provide their current professional license.

What will be my duties?

Your first duty will be to respond to emergency alerts to inform ADPH of your availability to volunteer. Subsequently, you may be requested to participate in public health events/exercises and assist in actual emergencies.

What if I do not choose to participate in a particular emergency?

ADPH will respect a volunteer's choice to decide whether or not to respond during an emergency. We want all volunteers to prioritize their responsibilities for their families, jobs, and communities.

Will I have liability protection while I am volunteering?

Although ADPH cannot fully guarantee total liability protection, our program offers several legal measures such as:

- The Good Samaritan Act¹
- The Volunteer Service Act²
- Title 31 Emergency Management³

Can I volunteer for more than one agency?

(Public Health, Red Cross, Medical Reserve Corps)
Participating in other volunteer health professional/emergency preparedness affiliations will not be a conflict of interest. Volunteers decide what organization they are willing to devote their time and efforts for a particular event. Volunteers choose based on their primary commitment or personal preference.

¹ <http://alisd.b.legislature.state.al.us/acas/CodeOfAlabama/1975/6-5-332.htm>

² <http://alisd.b.legislature.state.al.us/acas/CodeOfAlabama/1975/6-5-336.htm>

³ <http://alisd.b.legislature.state.al.us/acas/CodeOfAlabama/1975/31-916.htm>

Medical Reserve Corps

Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is the component of the Citizen Corps volunteer program that unites local health professionals and other individuals with relevant health-related skills to volunteer in their community. These volunteers will aid the local, existing community emergency medical response systems. In addition, these MRC units will provide a group of readily trained volunteers along with available resources to assist their community when dealing with urgent needs of the public's health.

