

Illinois Veterinary Emergency Response Team



More than 170 veterinarians from throughout Illinois are members of the Illinois Veterinary Emergency Response Team (IVERT). All have received training to respond to animal disease outbreaks. It

is a program overseen by the Illinois Department of Agriculture, in coordination with the Illinois Emergency Management Agency. If Illinois has a serious animal disease outbreak, or an outbreak that can spread from animals to humans, veterinary experts of IVERT will play a key role. For more information about the program, visit www.agr.state.il.us or call 217-785-4740.

National Disaster Medical System

The National Disaster Medical System (NDMS) is comprised of volunteer teams that can respond to any national crisis that may occur. The National Response Plan utilizes the NDMS, as part of the Department of Health and Human Services, to support federal agencies in the medical response to major emergencies and federally declared disasters. For more information about this program, visit www.ndms.dhhs.gov.

Healthcare Disaster Volunteers

Healthcare Disaster Volunteers (HDV) is a statewide secure database of health care professionals to be first to respond to a significant disaster or public health emergency. The system establishes a standardized medical provider registry, pre-registers health care professionals, verifies credentials and ensures volunteers are matched with their competencies. To register to volunteer go to: www.mchc.com/HDV-program.

For more information:

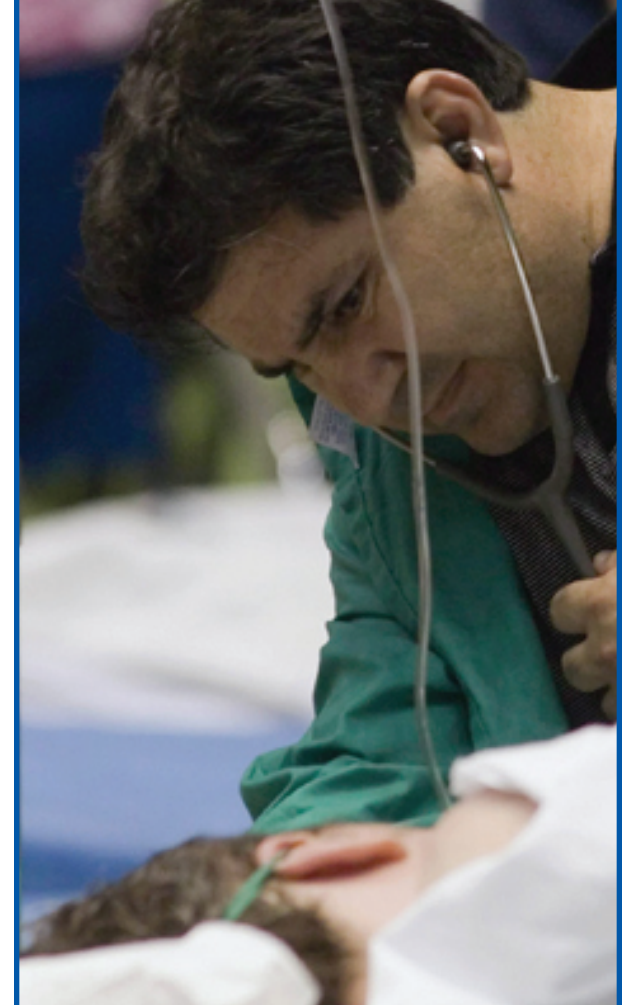
www.ready.illinois.gov
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 Rod R. Blagojevich, Governor
 Illinois Terrorism Task Force



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Volunteers make for strong, healthy and prepared communities.

Join a team today and get trained so that you are prepared to assist others during a public health emergency.

Sign up now, so you can be a better responder when the emergency hits.

Illinois Medical Emergency Response Team



The Illinois Medical Emergency Response Team (IMERT) is trained to help with

emergency medical treatment at mass casualty incidents. IMERT teams are activated by the Illinois Department of Public Health and are made up of physicians, nurses, emergency medical technicians and other medical professionals, and are on standby to assist with a response at a moment's notice. For information, visit www.imert.org or call 630-495-6400.

Illinois Nurse Volunteer Emergency Needs Team



The Illinois Nurse Volunteer Emergency Needs Team (INVENT) is a volunteer group

of registered nurses trained in providing nursing

care during emergencies throughout Illinois. INVENT volunteers can fill a variety of roles, including phone bank triage, medication dispensing, or providing nursing care at field hospitals. Additionally, the team is looking to recruit people without a strong medical background that can assist in support roles. For more information about the program, visit www.inventrn.org or call 630-495-6403, ext. 203.

Medical Reserve Corps

Both non-medical and medical people can join the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC). The MRC is a national



program consisting of community chapters. It's designed for local volunteers who want to assist their community during a disaster.

Visit www.medicalreservecorps.gov to find an MRC unit near you.

American Red Cross

The American Red Cross (ARC) is one of several community organizations using health care personnel to respond to disasters.



There is a wide variety of volunteer opportunities at the Red Cross. The Red Cross matches knowledge, skills, interests and experience of an individual with opportunities to serve. For more information about the ARC, visit www.redcross.org.

Dental Emergency Responder

Dentists and dental hygienists can make a significant contribution as Dental Emergency Responders (DER). Be trained in providing help, such as "walking well" care, vaccination support, and triage. For more information



about the DER or Disaster Emergency Medicine Readness Training Center, visit www.demrt.org.