For volunteers who are willing and able to help during disasters and public health emergencies

Earthquakes, hurricanes, pandemics — during major public health emergencies, our health care systems can become overwhelmed while trying to care for large numbers of patients.

Increased patient numbers create an increased demand for trained health care, public health, and support professionals.

In preparation, the Washington State Department of Health developed a statewide registry of volunteers, known as WAserv.

These volunteers stand ready to respond to public health emergencies locally, across the state, and in other states.

Register now to partner with your local public health agencies and Medical Reserve Corps programs throughout the state:

https://WAserv.org



www.phe.gov/esarvhp

WAserv is part of the Emergency System for Advance Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals (ESAR-VHP). It is a national network of state-based programs used to verify the identity, licenses, and credentials of trained health care, public health, and support professionals before an emergency happens.

WAserv is also a proud partner of the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC).



https://mrc.hhs.gov/









How does WAserv work?

WAserv allows health care, public health, and support professionals to volunteer their assistance before emergencies happen.
They do so by registering online and providing their information in advance. This includes personal and professional information, specialty qualifications, and contact information. Personal information is only shared with designated emergency response managers if absolutely necessary.

The registry functions as a resource to help local health jurisdictions and emergency managers. WAserv augments other volunteer programs like the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) and emergency worker programs that provide liability protection for emergency volunteers.

Who is eligible to register?

We need a diverse group of qualified health professionals to respond quickly during disasters or public health emergencies. We highly encourage doctors, nurses, dentists, veterinarians, medical technicians, social workers, mental health counselors, public health professionals, and support personnel to register.

What will I do?

If activated, your primary purpose is to support health care personnel surge capacity needs in times of disaster. Activities could include staffing primary and alternate care facilities, dispensing medications, mass vaccinations, and victim counseling, depending on your expertise.

Where can I learn more?

Kim Butowicz | Washington State Department of Health | (360) 236-4090 | waserv@doh.wa.gov To register: https://WAserv.org | Registration is simple and only takes 20 minutes Information about Medical Reserve Corps (MRC): https://mrc.hhs.gov









