

## **K**endall County Health Department (KCHD) Volunteer Responders:

Local Health Departments have the responsibility to develop emergency response plans; yet, they cannot do it alone. During recent disasters, the most valuable asset has been community volunteers. KCHD Volunteer Responders provide health care professionals and others an organized mechanism through which they can volunteer their time and skills. This strengthens our communities by preparing for and responding to such events as influenza outbreaks, food contaminations, or even bioterrorism attacks.

**Volunteer Responders Purpose:** To meet the public health needs during critical events and to support the mission of KCHD to prevent disease and protect community health. Participation allows volunteers to make a difference in their own communities by supporting response teams during community crises.

**Volunteer Responders Mission:** To provide a safe and secure county and region during an emergency. Kendall County Volunteer Responders will assist healthcare and emergency response professionals in reasonable capacities during public health emergencies.

### **WHY VOLUNTEER RESPONDERS?**

- ✓ Provide a readied volunteer force to assist during health emergencies
- ✓ Permit emergency response plans to be implemented more quickly by using volunteers trained in advance
- ✓ Contribute to your community

### **HOW CAN VOLUNTEER RESPONDERS HELP?**

- ✓ Support KCHD public health initiatives and mission
- ✓ Participate in public health emergency exercises and community disaster drills
- ✓ Assist KCHD in mass dispensing of medications and/or immunizations or evacuation when health emergencies occur

### **VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS:**

- ✓ Age 18 or older
- ✓ Have a working telephone
- ✓ Able to respond when called
- ✓ Pass Criminal background check

### **WHAT WILL VOLUNTEER RESPONDERS DO?**

- ✓ Medical professionals are needed to evaluate and dispense needed medications to first responders and the public
- ✓ Non-medical volunteers are needed to manage administrative duties, provide direction to the public, ensure safety, and support medical activities

### **TYPES OF VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Anyone can be a member of Volunteer Responders! All that is necessary is a sincere commitment to your community.

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| <b>MEDICAL</b>         | ✓ Physicians                    |
|                        | ✓ Nurses                        |
|                        | ✓ Nurse Practitioners           |
|                        | ✓ Physician Assistants          |
|                        | ✓ Paramedics                    |
|                        | ✓ Emergency Medical Technicians |
|                        | ✓ Pharmacists                   |
|                        | ✓ Mental Health Professionals   |
|                        | ✓ Dentists                      |
|                        | ✓ Veterinarians                 |
|                        |                                 |
| <b>NON-MEDICAL</b>     | ✓ Business                      |
|                        | ✓ Leadership                    |
|                        | ✓ Education/Training            |
|                        | ✓ Accounting                    |
|                        | ✓ Customer Service              |
|                        | ✓ Clerical                      |
|                        | ✓ Inventory Control             |
|                        | ✓ Security                      |
| ✓ Language Translation |                                 |
| ✓ Custodial Work       |                                 |
| ✓ Food Preparation     |                                 |

To learn more about the **KCHD Volunteer Responder Program** visit our web site [www.kendallhealth.org](http://www.kendallhealth.org) and click on the Volunteer Responder icon or call (630)553-9100 and ask for the Emergency Response Coordinator.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A VOLUNTEER PLEASE COMPLETE BELOW AND MAIL TO:

KENDALL COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
EMERGENCY RESPONSE COORD.  
811 W. JOHN ST., YORKVILLE, IL 60560

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the Kendall County Health Department is to provide population based programs and services to promote physical, mental and environmental health, protect the community's health, prevent disease and promote family self-sufficiency.

**PUBLIC HEALTH PROMOTES PHYSICAL & MENTAL HEALTH & PREVENTS DISEASE, INJURY & DISABILITY:**

- ✓Prevents epidemics and the spread of disease
- ✓Promotes and encourages healthy behaviors
- ✓Assures the quality and accessibility of health services
- ✓Prevents injuries
- ✓Responds & assists to disasters
- ✓Protects against environmental hazards

**ESSENTIAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES:**

- ✓Monitor health status to identify community health problems
- ✓Diagnose and investigate health problems and health hazards in the community
- ✓Inform, educate, and empower people about health issues
- ✓Mobilize community partnerships to identify and solve health problems
- ✓Develop policies and plans that support individual and community health efforts
- ✓Enforce laws and regulations that protect health and ensure safety
- ✓Link people to needed physical health services and ensure the provision of health care when otherwise unavailable
- ✓Ensure a competent public health and physical health care work force
- ✓Assess effectiveness, accessibility and quality of individual and population based health services
- ✓Research for new insights and innovative solutions to health problems

**THE KENDALL COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS A MEMBER OF THE FOLLOWING HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS:**

- ✓Northern Illinois Public Health Consortium
- ✓Illinois Association of Public Health Administrators
- ✓Illinois Association of Boards of Health
- ✓National Association of City & County Health Officials
- ✓Community Partner Fox Valley United Way
- ✓16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Violence Prevention Steering Committee
- ✓NAMI – DeKalb, Kane South & Kendall Counties
- ✓Kendall County Community Resource Team



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