

DHV Verifies over 50 Healthcare Licenses, including:

- Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, including:
 - Clinical Nurse Specialists
 - Nurse Anesthetists
 - Nurse-Midwives
 - Nurse Practitioners
- Cardiovascular Technologists and Technicians
- Clinical Social Workers
- Dentists
- Diagnostic Medical Sonographers
- Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics
- Licensed Vocational Nurses
- Marriage and Family Therapists
- Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technicians and Technologists
- Medical Records and Health Information Technicians
- Mental Health Counselors
- Pharmacists
- Physician Assistants
- Physicians (Allopathic and Osteopathic)
- Psychologists
- Radiologic Technologists and Technicians
- Registered Nurses
- Respiratory Therapists
- Veterinarians



Fast Facts:

During an emergency/disaster volunteers may participate as an individual or as part of a community-based Medical Reserve Corps.

Every attempt will be made to match your skills, competencies, and license or registration level with your responsibilities during an emergency/disaster. However, there might be situations in which you will be asked to assist with activities that are less challenging than your normal work duties.

Volunteers deployed through Disaster Healthcare Volunteers shall be registered in their local county as Disaster Service Workers, a program providing liability and workers compensation protections.

You do not need to have prior disaster experience to volunteer. All volunteers are welcome.

Retired professionals can volunteer. Retirees should indicate their license status when registering.

Things to consider: care for your family if you choose to respond; emergency response can be physically and emotionally difficult; personal medical conditions may need to be evaluated. You may have work or other commitments that would prevent you from responding to an activation.

Contact Us!

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Website: <https://healthcarevolunteers.ca.gov>

California Emergency Medical Services Authority



DISASTER HEALTHCARE VOLUNTEERS



REGISTER TODAY

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DHV Mission Statement

The Disaster Healthcare Volunteers Program is a statewide program that operates in coordination with county Operational Areas to recruit, register, credential, track, identify, deploy, and maintain currently licensed volunteer healthcare professionals for response to emergencies, disasters and terrorist incidents in California and throughout the nation.

How does the “Disaster Healthcare Volunteers” Program work?

Once you register as a Disaster Healthcare Volunteer, your professional license will be verified electronically with the appropriate licensing board through the Disaster Healthcare Volunteers System. Your information will then be securely stored in the Statewide Disaster Healthcare Volunteers Registry.

During an emergency/disaster, state or local (county) officials will determine what kind of health professionals are needed, search the database for available volunteers, and send an alert to selected members via e-mail, telephone and text.

If you receive an alert during an emergency/disaster, you will have an opportunity to accept or decline the volunteer request. If you accept, you will receive specific instructions on where and when to report, and what is needed for the incident. There is no obligation to participate during an activation.

Who are “Disaster Healthcare Volunteers?”

Disaster Healthcare Volunteers are professionals like you who want to volunteer during an emergency or disaster. When you register on our secure web-based registry, you will indicate your volunteer preferences and enter information about your skills. The local System Administrator can notify you in the case of an emergency/disaster and track your deployment.

Your healthcare expertise makes the difference.

All healthcare professionals are needed to volunteer for public service in the event of an emergency/disaster or a public health emergency. You can make a difference during times of emergencies/disasters by helping people, animals, and our community.



How do I register?

Visit the Disaster Healthcare Volunteers website at <https://healthcarevolunteers.ca.gov>, click the “Register Now” button and select the DHV County Unit or Medical Reserve Corps Unit closest to where you reside.

DHV County Units

This unit serves as a reserve list of local individual volunteers that can be called upon during emergencies. There are typically no commitments or formal trainings required.

Medical Reserve Corps Units

Include medical and non-medical volunteers who strengthen public health, improve response capabilities, and build community resiliency. Each unit has their own requirements, meetings, and training opportunities.

Why register now, before a disaster?

Registering now allows verification of your license and credentials, promotes training opportunities, and helps emergency managers understand how many volunteers might be available. This will help us match your skills with the needs required in each emergency situation. **Do not self deploy!**

Registering now makes it easier to help when disaster strikes!



**WHEN DISASTER STRIKES, YOU CAN MAKE THE DIFFERENCE!
BECOME A DISASTER HEALTHCARE VOLUNTEER TODAY!
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