

The Health District is Recruiting Volunteers for Public Health Emergency Preparedness

BBHD is responsible for emergency disease outbreak response. During an emergency such as an epidemic of Influenza, the federal and state government may declare a Public Health Emergency. This might also be true if a terrorist group releases a dangerous bacteria or virus. The local Health Departments in Connecticut have plans in place to provide emergency protective measures such as vaccinations or medicines to ward off illnesses before they strike.

In order to do this, the local health department – Bristol-Burlington Health District has developed a “Point of Distribution Plan” using Health District staff, volunteers and a local school as a Point of Distribution (POD) or “Clinic”. Supplies from federal Stockpiles will come to Connecticut and be distributed to local PODs by the state Health Department. This may take up to 24 hours. In the meantime, local health departments will organized their PODs and staff them with our employees and volunteers from the public (our city and town residents). The immunizations or pills must be distributed to our city and town residents within a matter of very few days! Our local health department will need many volunteers to help with the distribution, and BBHD is recruiting volunteers to help our staff. Prior experience is not necessary, nor is medical knowledge ~~or~~ ~~experience~~. A willingness to help our community and some time to give are all that are needed. A volunteer, must be at least 18 years old to be accepted.

If interested in volunteering in an emergency, and helping out during training drills, please contact BBHD with name, address, age, telephone number, cellphone number.

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