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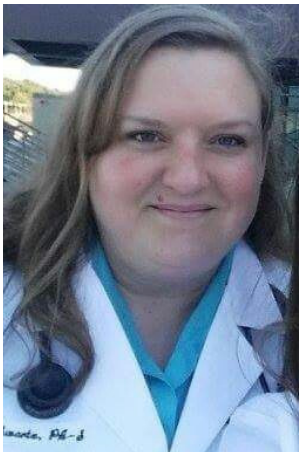
NYC MRC Zika Response!

Please be advised: NYC MRC will be distributing Zika-related materials at all Public Health Events until further notice.

Welcome Aboard Matt!

After serving as a Civic Corps member for two years, Matt Geiger is now officially on staff with the New York City Medical Reserve Corps. As you know, Matt has made himself an integral part of the NYC MRC team by assisting volunteers, organizing public health events, serving as our official IT person, managing our social media and developing special projects. Matt brings kindness, good humor and dashing good looks to OEPR. We are thrilled to have him here!

Why I Volunteer



Jennifer Schwartz

How long have you been a member of NYC MRC?

6 months.

What is your profession?

Paramedic, Physician Assistant student at Stony Brook University.

What MRC activities have you participated in lately?

Community2Community 6th Annual “Hope & a Future” Health Fair in Brooklyn.

Are you involved in any other volunteer activities?

Teaching health literacy topics to elementary students.

Why do you volunteer for NYC MRC?

I believe it is important to use the skills we have to benefit the communities we live and

Upcoming Public Health Events

In collaboration with our community partners, NYC MRC continues to provide blood pressure screenings and Zika information at soup kitchens, food pantries, and churches throughout the city. We look forward to seeing you at one of these recurring events!

To register for any or all of these events, go to https://a816-healthpsi.nyc.gov/MRCSelfServe/

Our Lady of Refuge, 2020 Foster Avenue, Brooklyn

Wednesday, August 3rd — 10:30 am—12:30 pm

Language: Creole

Our Lady of Solace, 2866 West 17th St, Brooklyn

Sunday, August 7th— 10:00 am—1:00 pm

Language: Spanish

Salvation Army, 520 50th Street, Brooklyn

T*uesday, August 9—11:00 am—1:00pm*

Language: Spanish, Chinese

Coney Island Lighthouse Mission, 2114 Mermaid Ave., Brooklyn

Thursday, August 11th — 10:30 am—12:30 pm

Languages: Spanish, Chinese

Our Lady of Refuge, 2020 Foster Avenue, Brooklyn

Wednesday, August 17th — 10:30 am—12:30 pm

Language: Creole

Coney Island Lighthouse Mission,

2114 Mermaid Ave., Brooklyn

Thursday, August 25th — 10:30 am—12:30 pm

Languages: Spanish, Chinese

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 526 59th St, Brooklyn

Sunday, August 28th — 10:30 am—1:30 pm

Language: Spanish

Summer Health Fairs

Join NYC MRC at a summer health fair! Health fairs occur throughout the five boroughs, and bring health and wellness screenings and education to New Yorkers in a fun and festive atmosphere. Save the dates! *Spanish speakers needed for all fairs!*

Brownsville Village Health Fair

Dr. Green Playground,

Mother Gaston Blvd/Sutter Ave, Brooklyn, 1212

Saturday, August 13th — 11:00 am—5:00 pm

Harlem Health Advocacy Partners (HHAP) Health Expo

East Harlem (location and time to follow)

Saturday, Aug. 13th

Cut the Salt Health Fair

Adam Clayton Powell State Office Building Plaza

163 West 125th St, Manhattan

Tuesday, August 18th— 10:00 am—3:00 pm

Mama Tingo Community Health Fair

W 189th St, Btwn Audubon & Amsterdam

Saturday, August 27th— 10:00 am—2:00 pm

FDNY Summer Block Parties

Join NYC MRC at FDNY"s Summer Block Parties! FDNY Summer Block Parties feature games, safety exhibits, demonstrations, and trainings, health awareness activities and screenings, and hot dogs and hamburgers grilled by New York's Bravest! NYC MRC will provide blood pressure screenings. We will attend a series of three parties this summer, during July and August.

All events are from 10:30 am—4:00 pm.

Saturday, August 13th *29 Vermilyea Ave, Manhattan*

Saturday, August 20th *145-30 Springfield Blvd, Queens*

Saturday, August 27th *1259 Morris Ave, Bronx*

REGISTRATION FOR ALL EVENTS: https://a816-healthpsi.nyc.gov/MRCSelfServe/

Problems registering? Send an email to healthmrc@health.nyc.gov Please include your name, phone, and what event you'd like to register for.

Thank You, Sennam!

Sennam Tsivor is a Ladders for Leaders intern and has been working with NYC MRC in July and August, helping run our public health events in the field and helping us keep up with day-to-day work in the office. She is currently pursuing her BA in Biomedical Science at SUNY Buffalo. During the school year, Sennam volunteers with Friends of Night People, a charitable organization which provides services to homeless residents of Buffalo. She also works as an intern at Buffalo General Hospital, where she is part of a team researching blood clots in the heart. **Thank you, Sennam, for your service!**

PECO 101

In the event of a disaster or emergency affecting more than 5,000 NYC households, the Department of Health will activate Post Emergency Canvassing Operations (PECO) going door-to-door to assess the needs of affected New Yorkers. Come learn how NYC MRC fits into this new disaster protocol!

Date: **Monday, August 15**
Time: 9:00 am — 5:00 pm
Location: NYC DOHMH, 42-09 28th Street, Queens
Registration: https://a816-healthpsi.nyc.gov/MRCSelfServe/

NYC MRC Core Competencies Training

NYC MRC members come from a variety of backgrounds and enter the program with varying credentials, capabilities and experiences. This diversity is a great strength of the NYC MRC program, but also makes standardization across the MRC network difficult. The use of competencies can allow for greater consistency in the knowledge and skills of MRC members, as well as the identification of areas where work is needed for an MRC unit to fulfill its mission to the community. This training will cover the 11 core MRC competencies, including: effective communication during disasters or public health emergencies, personal safety measures, and ethical and legal principles. **All attending will receive a free book.**

Date: **Wednesday, August 17**
Time: 6:00 pm — 8:00 pm
Location: CUNY School of Law, 2 Court Square, Queens
Registration: https://a816-healthpsi.nyc.gov/MRCSelfServe/

NYC MRC Orientation

This training is an introduction to the NYC MRC program. It is a great overview for both new members and longtime members, and is the prerequisite for our most popular trainings. NYC MRC Orientation explores how NYC MRC fits into the bigger emergency response picture, what NYC MRC members will do, what protections are offered, and what you can do to be prepared.

Date: **Friday, September 20**
Time: 6:00 pm — 8:00 pm
Location: 125 Worth St, 3rd Flr Boardroom, Manhattan
Registration: https://a816-healthpsi.nyc.gov/MRCSelfServe/

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NYC MRC in Action

FDNY Block Party Harlem, Manhattan

FDNY Block Party Stapleton, Staten Island

Mystery Patient Drills

NYC Health and Hospitals is conducting Zika mystery patient drills, and are seeking volunteers to play patients infected with Zika. The purpose of this drill series is to assess NYC Health + Hospitals Zika screening and testing guidance.

Criteria for volunteers: We are seeking male and female volunteers meeting the description below:

Male – any age range. Will be expected to play the role of potential sexual transmission of Zika or local transmission by travel to an area with Zika transmission.

Female – between the ages of 18 to 50 years of age. Will be expected to play the role of a pregnant patient, 12-18 weeks along in simulated pregnancy (there will be no need to simulate the pregnancy belly).

Watch for further information in an upcoming email. The drills will be conducted in August and early Sept.