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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.



NYC MRC Wins National Community Resilience Award!



Each year, the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response presents the Community Resilience Award to local MRC units “for contributing to resilience at the community level in their daily unit operations or through their involvement in activities or event.” NYC MRC is the recipient of the 2016 Community Resilience Award, honoring the thousands of hours of service given in 2015 by all of our volunteers. **Thank you, NYC MRC Volunteers, for making New York a stronger, healthier, and more resilient city!**

Why I Volunteer



Philippe Louis, Student

How long have you been a member of NYC MRC?

I have been a member of NYC MRC since February 2016.

What is your profession?

I am entering my senior year at Long Island University in the Respiratory Care Program.

What MRC activities have you participated in lately?

I participated in Blood Pressure Screenings at the Our Lady of Refuge food pantry, and attended the most recent Zika Virus training.

Are you involved in any other volunteer activities?

I volunteer with America Reads, Haitian Union for Health, and I am currently doing a clinical internship at Montefiore New Rochelle for Respiratory Care.

Why do you volunteer for NYC MRC?

I volunteer for NYC MRC for the good they do in the community through education and screenings. I realize the importance of having trained medical professionals bringing stability and organization in a mass emergency, and I volunteer to be part of that team.



Upcoming Public Health Events

In collaboration with our community partners, 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, June 1st — 10:30 am—12:30 pm
Language: Creole

Our Lady of Solace, 2866 West 17th St, Brooklyn
Sunday, June 5th— 10:00 am—1:00 pm
Language: Spanish

Salvation Army, 520 50th St, Brooklyn
Tuesday, June 14th — 11:00am—1:00pm
Language: Spanish, Chinese

Our Lady of Refuge, 2020 Foster Avenue, Brooklyn
Wednesday, June 15th — 10:30 am—12:30 pm
Language: Creole

Coney Island Lighthouse Mission, 2114 Mermaid Ave.,
Brooklyn
Thursday, June 23rd — 10:30am —12:30pm
Language: Spanish, Chinese

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 526 59th St, Brooklyn
Sunday, June 26th — 10:30 am—1:30 pm
Language: Spanish

Our Lady of Refuge, 2020 Foster Avenue, Brooklyn
Wednesday, July 6th — 10:30 am—12:30 pm
Language: Creole

Our Lady of Solace, 2866 W 17th St, Brooklyn
Sunday, July 10th — 10:00 am—1:00 pm
Language: Spanish



Summer Health Fairs

Join NYC MRC for the first summer health fairs of the season! 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!*

Neighborhood Center Health and Wellness Fair

489 East 169th St, Bronx
Saturday, June 4th— 12:00 am—4:00 pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Health Fair,

26 59th St, Brooklyn
Sunday, June 12th — 11:30 am—3:30 pm

Claremont Neighborhood Center Bronx Health Fair

Governour Playground, 3rd Ave. & 170th St, Bronx
Saturday, June 18th— 11:00 am—5:00 pm

St. Jerome HANDS Community Center Summer Health Fair

330 E 138th St., Bronx
Saturday, June 18th— 10:00 am—4:00 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 six parties this summer, during July and August. All events are from 10:30 am—4:00 pm.

Saturday, July 9th 248 West 143rd St, Manhattan
Saturday, July 16th 74 Broad St, Staten Island
Saturday, July 23rd 107 Watkins St, Brooklyn
Saturday, August 13th 29 Vermilyea Ave, Manhattan
Saturday, August 20th 145-30 Springfield Blvd, Queens
Saturday, August 27th 1259 Morris Ave, Bronx
Registration: <https://a816-healthpsi.nyc.gov/>



Zika Training

Have questions about Zika Virus? Bring them to our next Zika training! Join us and **Dr. Elaine Vernetti**, DOHMH, for a discussion of the latest information about Zika virus, the city's response, and the role of NYC MRC. Dr. Vernetti will present a brief review of the latest confirmed facts about the virus, and the city's response. Afterwards, she will stay for a Q&A session.

Date: Thursday, June 2nd
Time: 6:00 pm — 7:30 pm
registration & light supper at 5:30pm
Location: CUNY School of Law, 2 Court Square, Queens
Registration: <https://a816-healthpsi.nyc.gov/MRCSelfServe/>

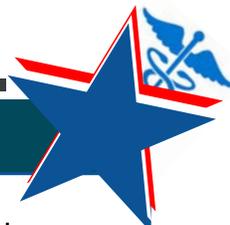


Active Shooter

NYC MRC is pleased to host **FBI Special Agent Jin Kim** who will share his insights into active shooter events. An "active shooter" is an individual actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a confined space or other populated area. Typically, the immediate deployment of law enforcement is required to stop the shooting and mitigate harm to victims. This training is appropriate for all professions and skill levels, and focuses on survival strategies in active shooter situations.

Dates: Tuesday, June 7th
Time: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
registration & light supper at 5:30pm
Location: The Churchill School, 301 E 29th St.
Registration: <https://a816-healthpsi.nyc.gov/MRCSelfServe/>





PECO 101

In the event of a major 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. **You may have been one of the volunteers who participated in door knocking exercises in Harlem or the Rockaways, where we tested the tablets for PECO. Come learn how NYC MRC fits into this new disaster response protocol!**



Date: Tuesday, June 14th

Time: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
registration & light supper at 5:30pm

Location: CUNY School of Law, 2 Court Square,
Long Island City, Queens

Registration: <https://a816-healthpsi.nyc.gov/MRCSelfServe/>

Disaster Volunteers Conference 2016

NYC Citizen Corps invites you to the **2016 Disaster Volunteer Conference: Sharing Our Stories**. The annual Disaster Volunteer Conference was first launched in 2007 and brings together volunteers and organizations that are involved in disaster response and recovery work. This year's program will consist of two panels featuring speakers who will share their experiences in creative disaster volunteer programming and the role of voluntary organizations in community preparedness.

Date: Wednesday, June 15th

Time: 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Doors open at 6; please bring ID

Location: CUNY School of Law,
2 Court Square, Queens

Registration: [EventBrite](#)



Basic First Aid

This 3.5-hour class, led by NYC MRC member Jon Bloomberg, is targeted at non-clinical practitioners and non-medical bystanders and will give you the basic skills to recognize and respond to injuries, choking, heart attacks, and other medical emergencies. Completing this course will teach you the skills you need to help until EMS arrives, and will grant you a three-year certification.

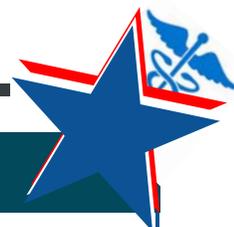
Date: Monday, June 20th

Time: 6:00 pm - 9:30 pm
registration & light supper at 5:30pm

Location: CUNY School of Law, 2 Court Square, Queens

Registration: <https://a816-healthpsi.nyc.gov/MRCSelfServe/>





Infection Control and Prevention

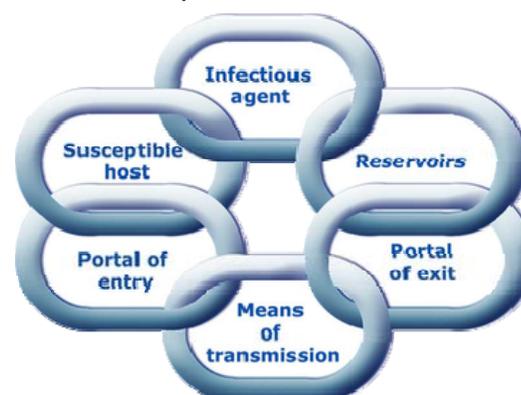
Preventing the spread of disease is just as crucial as treating it. When healthcare workers respond to infectious and communicable diseases, their behaviors can help contain the disease to one patient, or spread it to many. Join us as DOHMH expert **Gloria Airall-Simon, PhD, MSN, MPH, RN**, discusses the basics of infection control, with examples drawn from real-life disease outbreaks including Ebola.

Date: Tuesday, June 21st

Time: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
registration & light supper at 5:30pm

Location: CUNY School of Law, 2 Court Square, Queens

Registration: <https://a816-healthpsi.nyc.gov/MRCSelfServe/>



NYC MRC PECO FULL-DAY TRAINING

PECO is devoting a full day to provide the same training it offers to Department of Health staff to MRC members, to prepare you to be part of the PECO team.

This is a hands on, interactive training which will prepare NYC MRC volunteers to fill specific roles during a PECO event. Attending this valuable all-day training will prepare you to be a member of a PECO canvassing team during a disaster or emergency.

Date: Saturday, June 25th

Time: 9:00 am—4:00 pm
Registration at 8:30, *Breakfast and Lunch will be provided*

Location: 42-09 28th St, Long Island City, 11101

Registration: <https://a816-healthpsi.nyc.gov/MRCSelfServe/>



Ethical Decision-Making in Disasters

How do we provide the best care when the needs of our patients, neighbors, and friends exceeds the resources we have on hand? This question confronts responders in almost every disaster.

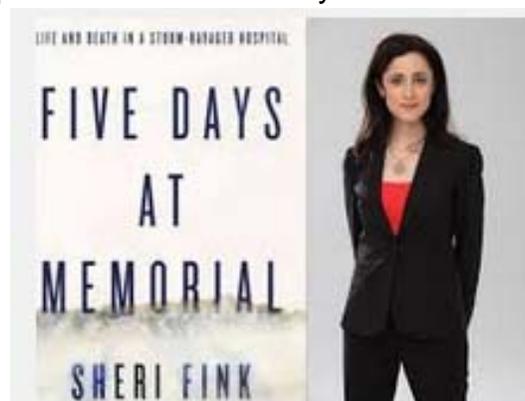
Join us as **Sheri Fink, MD, MPH**, author of **Five Days at Memorial**, and two time Pulitzer Prize winner, discusses the challenges inherent in delivering medical care during crises.

Date: Monday, June 27th

Time: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
registration & light supper at 5:30pm

Location: CUNY School of Law, 2 Court Square, Queens

Registration: <https://a816-healthpsi.nyc.gov/MRCSelfServe/>





NYC MRC in Action



Community2Community
Health Fair



AIDS Walk



BP Screenings at
Our Lady of Refuge



CPR Pro



Health, Immigration, and Literature Family Fair



NorthHelp Pilot Project

In May, NYC MR volunteers partnered with the NorthHelp Dialysis Coalition to bring disaster preparedness education to dialysis patients around New York City. This pilot project was designed to test the feasibility of outreach in dialysis centers, and to learn about the needs and responses of center staff and patients. NYC MRC Volunteers brought vital preparedness education to over 200 patients in the Bronx, Queens, Manhattan, and Brooklyn, and contributed valuable lessons and observations for the next phase of this program. A special thank you to all those volunteers who participated in the train-the-trainer session and gave their insight, experience, and time to this project!

