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Why I Volunteer



Dave Pompei, Pharmacist

How long have you been a member of NYC MRC?

I have been an NYC MRC member for five years.

What is your profession?

I am a pharmacist, working in R&D for Sanofi-Genzyme.

What MRC activities have you participated in lately?

My favorite recurring NYC MRC activities are pharmacy "brown bag" sessions where patients come in with their questions.

Are you involved in any other volunteer activities?

My most memorable NYC MRC experience was volunteering post-Sandy at Brooklyn Tech in disaster relief efforts.

Why do you volunteer for NYC MRC?

Volunteering with NYC MRC is a wonderful way for me to give back both to my profession and community!

NYC MRC Emergency Notification Drill

Our Quarterly NYC MRC Emergency Notification Drill will be held the **week** of March 14th.

We will attempt to reach you at the phone numbers and emails you have provided in the ServNY database.

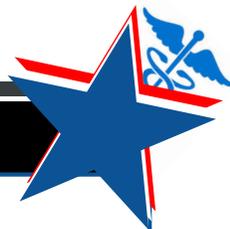
These drills allow us to verify that members' contact information is correct, and to follow up on bounce-backs. The response rate also indicates NYC MRC's readiness to respond, a metric we provide to funders.

Please follow the directions in the telephone/email message to receive credit for participating. Your response *will not be counted* if you email or call MRC instead of following the directions.

Please note: *the phone call will come from a 518 number.*



Thank you for your continued support of NYC MRC.



Mystery Patient Drills

In collaboration with CityMD, CHCANYS and Lenox Hill, NYC MRC is participating in 23 mystery patient drills throughout March and April.

ARE YOU A PERSON OF MYSTERY?

Fifteen primary care sites and 8 CityMD urgent care centers and Lenox Hill Hospital will be running mystery patient drills in **March and April** to test their preparedness.

NYC MRC is seeking one volunteer for each location. Volunteers will be asked to portray an infectious disease.

Volunteers will be expected to portray accurate symptoms, pay attention to the response of the health care providers and staff, and participate in a brief hotwash after the drill is over.

All locations and times are available on the self-scheduling application. *However, procedures will vary slightly from location to location, so if you are interested in participating, please contact our office at 347-396-6210 or emailing [sstetson@health.nyc.gov](mailto:ssetson@health.nyc.gov)*



Testing the NYC MRC Self-Scheduling Application

After extensive changes to the Self Scheduling Application, NYC MRC will be conducting an exercise to test application's function and stability. We need every NYC MRC volunteer to participate!

Participation should take no more than 5 minutes. just log in to the SSA between 08:00AM and 08:00 PM on Tuesday, March 8th and register for a shift associated with the Test event - there will be hundreds—you can't miss them! You can use absolutely any computer from any location.

Your participation is extremely valuable *regardless of whether or not you successfully register for a shift*. Please call or email MRC staff regarding any problems you may have, any and all information you can provide will be much appreciated.

If you have any questions regarding this exercise please contact Matt at mgeiger@health.nyc.gov

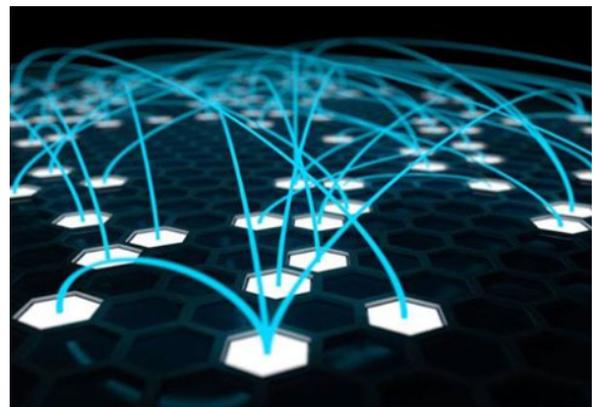
Thank you for your participation!

Event: MRC SSA Exercise

Date: Tuesday, March 8

Location: Any computer

Time: 8:00AM - 8:00PM





Pharmacists Needed

Weill Cornell Health Day

Sunday, March 20th
2020 Foster Ave., Brooklyn
10:00 AM—2:00 PM
English, Creole

As part of our ongoing prescription review and education outreach, NYC MRC will participate in the Weill Cornell Health Day Fair. This fair will be held at Our Lady of Refuge Church; NYC MRC is participating in collaboration with Lutheran Community Services. We need **2** pharmacists to help us with this event!

If you are interested, please register on the self-scheduling application, or contact our office directly!



To register for this event,
go to <https://a816-healthpsi.nyc.gov/MRCSelfServe/>
or call **Matt Geiger** at **347-396-6248**

Articles of Interest

Krithika Varagur, “[3,000 NYC Volunteers And Mayor De Blasio Volunteer In Annual Homeless Count](#),” **Huffington Post, February 10th, 2016**. The City’s annual HOPE Count took place this February. Thank you to all who volunteered!

Van-Mai Cao-Lormeau, et al., “[Guillain-Barre Syndrome outbreak associated with Zika virus infection in French Polynesia: a case-control study](#),” **The Lancet, February 29 2016**. French Polynesia’s largest outbreak of Zika occurred concurrently with a spike in GBS diagnoses. Are they related?

Rick Wimberly, “[Emergency Alerts Get More Direct](#),” **Emergency Management, February 16, 2016**. Geofencing helps delivery emergency messaging directly to people in affected areas.



Upcoming Public Health Events

In collaboration with our community partners, MRC continues to provide blood pressure screenings 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 Solace, 2866 W 17th St, Brooklyn

Sunday, March 6th — 10:00 am—1:00 pm

Language: Spanish

Salvation Army, 520 50th St, Brooklyn

Tuesday, March 15th — 10:00am—2:00pm

Language: Spanish, Chinese

Coney Island Lighthouse Mission, 2114 Mermaid Ave., Brooklyn

Thursday, March 24th — 10:30am —12:30pm

Language: Spanish, Chinese

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

Sunday, March 27th — 10:30 am—1:00 pm

Language: Spanish

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

Sunday, April 3rd — 10:00 am — 1:00 pm

Language: Spanish, Chinese

Salvation Army, 520 50th St, Brooklyn

Tuesday, April 12th — 10:00am—2:00pm

Language: Spanish, Chinese

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

Sunday, April 24th — 10:30 am—1:00 pm

Language: Spanish

Coney Island Lighthouse Mission, 2114 Mermaid Ave., Brooklyn

Thursday, April 28th — 10:30am —12:30pm

Language: Spanish, Chinese





CPR Community & Workplace Training

In cooperation with NYC CERT, NYC MRC is offering a CPR certification training.

This half-day course will teach you how to perform CPR. The training will be held at the offices of New York City Emergency Management.

Come learn a new skill, or refresh and old one!

Date: Sunday, March 6th

Time: 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Location: 165 Cadman Plaza East, Brooklyn

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



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 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: Tuesday, March 22

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

Location: 125 Worth St, 3rd Floor Boardroom, Manhattan

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

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Formidable Footprint

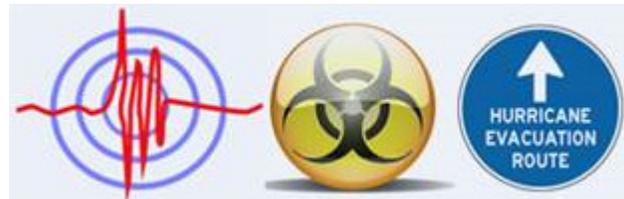
Formidable Footprint is a series of web-based tabletop exercises offered nationwide. These exercises are designed to help community organizations assess their readiness for different types of disasters and emergencies. NYC MRC invites all our volunteers to participate in this series of exercises.

Dates: Saturday, Mar. 26: HURRICANE
Saturday, June 25: WILDFIRE

Time: All Exercises Will be Held
9:30 am - 4:00 pm

Location: TBD

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



Save the Date!

4th Annual NYC MRC Symposium

Join NYC MRC for our 4th Annual Symposium! This year's theme is Public Health and Community Resiliency.

Date: Saturday, April 30th

Time: 8:30am —3:00pm

Location: CUNY Law School,
Long Island City, Queens





Basic Disaster Life Support

This Basic Disaster Life Support (BDLS) training will be offered to MRC members free of charge.

BDLS® is a review of all-hazards topics including natural and accidental man made events, traumatic and explosive events, nuclear and radiological events, biological events, and chemical events. It also includes information on the health care professional's role in the public health and incident management systems, community mental health, and special needs of underserved and vulnerable populations.

Date: Saturday, May 7th

Time: 9:00am - 5:00pm

Location: NYU College of Dentistry,
345 E. 24th Street, New York,

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



Recommended Trainings

Attention NYC MRC Veterinarians!

The National Veterinary Response Team (NVRT) has made 16 veterinary education modules available through MRC-TRAIN! The NVRT is the primary federal resource for the treatment of animals after major disasters.

Veterinarians in the NYC MRC are encouraged to take advantage of this educational resource!

The following courses are available at www.mrc.train.org:

[NC 6010: Assessment of Veterinary Issues in Disasters](#)
(Course ID 1059948)

[NC 6020: Canine Decontamination](#) (Course ID 1060910)

[NC 6030: Equine Decontamination](#) (Course ID 1060911)

[NC 6040: Veterinary Medical Support to the Working Dog](#) (Course ID 1061359)

[NC 6060: Veterinary Issues in Disasters](#) (Course ID 1061464)

[NC 6070: Veterinary Disaster Triage](#) (Course ID 1061469)

[NC 6080: Veterinary Support to Zoological Animals in Disasters](#) (Course ID 1061474)

[NC 6090: Zoonotic Disease Overview](#) (Course ID 1061476)

[NC 6100: Arthropod Vectors](#) (Course ID 1061492)

[NC 6120: Laboratory Animal Sample Collection](#) (Course ID 1061493)

[NC 6140: Large Animal Issues in Disasters](#) (Course ID 1061494)

[NC 6150: Large Animal First Aid](#) (Course ID 1061495)

[NC 6160: Small Animal First Aid](#) (Course ID 1061496)

[NC 6170: Small Animal Basic Life Support](#) (Course ID 1061497)

[NC 6180: Small Animal Issues in Disasters](#) (Course ID 1061532)

[NC 6190: Basic Safety and Security](#) (Course ID 1061535)





NYC MRC in Action



NYC MRC Participates in a Formidable Footprint Exercise



NYC MRC Volunteers Receive a Briefing on Zika Virus



NYC MRC Provides Prescription Reviews and Counselling

