



## New York City Medical Reserve Corps



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### **ServNY Record Update**

**Hurry! If you haven't updated your record yet, please do so as soon as possible. All incomplete records will be deleted at the end of June.**

If you have not already updated your record, please call

Rebecca	347-396-2773
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They will be happy to assist you with updating your file.

**If you no longer wish to be a member of MRC**, please send an email to: [healthmrc@health.nyc.gov](mailto:healthmrc@health.nyc.gov). In the subject line please write: **DELETE** and your first and last name.

### **Emergency Notification Drill in June**

We will hold our quarterly Emergency Notification Drill the week of June 13<sup>th</sup>. Please be on the alert for calls and emails to the devices you have listed in ServNY. It is very important that you listen carefully to the instructions and follow them. You do not receive credit if you call MRC or email the MRC mailbox. These drills are essential test of our readiness. It allows us to measure how the system works and how many MRC members would actually respond in an emergency situation. If you have listed work numbers that colleagues also answer, please let them know that you are expecting an emergency drill call. Thank you.

### **POD Functional Exercise: Actors Needed!**

On Saturday, July 16, the Department of Health & Mental Hygiene will conduct an exercise to test three parts of the POD plan: the Personnel Station, the Screening Station and the Dispensing Station.

We need two groups of volunteers:

5 – 6 MRC members who have never attended any POD trainings, so we can gage the usefulness of our Just In Time Training

150 – 200 MRC members to act as patients in the POD, so we can test these vital elements of our POD plan. You will be at the site (in Manhattan) from approximately 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

**If you are able to participate, please send an email by June 17<sup>th</sup> to: [healthmrc@health.nyc.gov](mailto:healthmrc@health.nyc.gov) please write POD FE in the subject line and include your name and phone number. Please indicate if you've NEVER attended a POD training.**

This should be a very exciting day, and your help is deeply appreciated. There will be small gifts for those who attend to show our appreciation.

## NYC MRC Activities

### MRC POD Training May 10

Thanks to all of you who participated in the MRC POD Training on May 10<sup>th</sup>. The new training, with eight different work stations got rave reviews. Your comments and suggestions will help us to make the PODs and the training even better.



### MRC POD Videotaping May 13

Thanks to those of you who participated in the video taping of the Just-In-Time Video for PODs. Although it was a long day of sitting around, that's Hollywood! We hope to have a special screening for MRC members in the fall.



### MRC AIDS Walk NY Team May 15 →

Thanks to all of you who braved the rain to come and walk with the MRC AIDS Walk NY team. Not only were we visible, we had a lot of fun and raised almost \$1500 to help fight AIDS.

### Clinicians needed for Influenza Surveillance

The New York City Department of Health & Mental Hygiene is currently recruiting providers throughout the five boroughs to participate in an active surveillance system for influenza-like illness (ILI). An influenza sentinel provider conducts surveillance for ILI in collaboration with local and state health departments and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Data provided by sentinel providers are combined with other influenza surveillance data to provide a national picture of influenza virus and ILI activity in the U.S. Approximately 2300 providers in 46 states were enrolled in this network during the 2010-11 influenza seasons.

Physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners and physician assistants of any specialty (e.g., family practice, internal medicine, pediatrics, geriatrics) **currently working** in any type of practice (e.g., private practice, public health clinic, urgent care center, emergency room, student health center) are eligible to be influenza sentinel providers.

For more information on Influenza Sentinel Provider Surveillance, please contact Beth Nivin, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene at 347-396-2616 or Alice Yeung 347-396-2608 or via e-mail to: [bnivin@health.nyc.gov](mailto:bnivin@health.nyc.gov) or [ayeung@health.nyc.gov](mailto:ayeung@health.nyc.gov).

## NYC MRC June/July Trainings

- Wed, June 15**      **Psychological First Aid (for non-mental health professionals)**  
**5:30 – 8:00 pm.** 125 Worth St, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Boardroom, Manhattan  
This is an MRC core competency. Learn about how to recognize Stress and trauma in yourself and others during emergencies, and what to do about it. This training is led by Amanda Lehrer of the Office of Mental health Disaster Preparedness and Response.
- Wed, June 22**      **MRC Orientation – 5:30 – 8:00pm**  
Baruch College, 151 E. 25 St., 7<sup>th</sup> fl., Manhattan  
This is a must for new members. Learn about the structure of MRC and your role as an MRC member. This training is given by Betty Duggan, NYC MRC manager.
- Thurs, June 30**      **Understanding the Strategic National Stockpile 5:30 – 8:00pm**  
Baruch College, 151 E. 25 St., 7<sup>th</sup> fl., Manhattan  
Have you ever wondered where the medications come from in the event of an emergency or disaster, how they are managed, and whether there will be enough to go around? David Starr, Director of Countermeasures and Response at the Department of Health will discuss the Strategic National Stockpile and its implications for emergency response.
- Tues, Wed, Thurs.**      **(ABDLS) Basic and Advanced Disaster Life Support**  
**July 12- 14**      **Limited to 30 MRC medical clinicians**  
This combined Basic and Advanced Disaster Life Support training is open to Physicians, Nurses, Pas, EMTs, Paramedics, Pharmacists, and Allied Health Professionals. Day 1 is BDLS classroom training. Day 2 and Day 3 are hands-on intensive Advanced training. Please only register for this training if you are sure that you can attend. Although this training is free to you, it is extremely expensive for MRC and we can only offer it one time a year. See attached details and application. Please note: the registration form goes to Medisys, not MRC.
- Tues., July 19**      **Bombs, Blasts and Triage – 5:30 – 8:00 pm**  
Baruch College, 151 E. 25 St, 7<sup>th</sup> fl., Manhattan  
Learn about the effects of Bombs and Blasts, and how Triage is conducted. Dr. Dario Gonzales, Medical Director for the NY Fire Department, will discuss the implications of bomb and blast events in NYC.
- Thurs, July 28**      **Building Cultural Competency Skills – 5:00 – 7:30 pm**  
Location in Manhattan TBD  
An MRC core competency, cultural competency is often misunderstood. Join us as Dr. Grace Mose gives concrete examples of what cultural Competency means, and how our understanding of cultural differences will make us better able to help NYC's diverse population.

All trainings offer a light dinner at 5:30 before the lecture starts at 6:00 (**exception:** On July 28<sup>th</sup> dinner is at 5:00 and the lecture begins at 5:30.)

**To register, email: [healthmrc@health.nyc.gov](mailto:healthmrc@health.nyc.gov) and put the title(s) of the trainings in the subject line.**