VA MRC Volunteer Orientation

Welcome to the VA MRC Team!





What will you learn today?

- ★ Understand MRC purpose and mission
- Overview of public health and emergency response
- ★ Understand volunteer roles, responsibilities, and protocols
- ★ Understand volunteer & training systems
- ★ Next steps





MRC History & Role





MRC History & Facts

- ★ We are MRC because of 9/11
- Emergency System of the Advance Registration of Health Care Professionals = Virginia Volunteer Health System
- MRC National program of Department of Health and Human Services
- ★ VA MRC is the volunteer program of VDH

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH To protect the health and promote the well-being of all people in Virginia





VA MRC Mission

Community
volunteers prepared
to support ongoing
public health
initiatives and
emergencies in
localities throughout
Virginia.





Volunteers Protecting Virginia's Health



Public Health







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First Aid





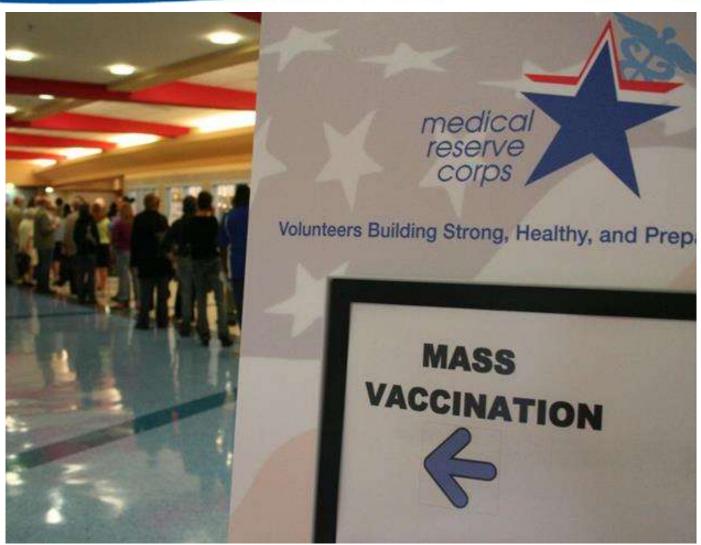
Emergency Shelters







Mass Vaccination & Points of Dispensing







Declared Public Health Emergencies

- **★**Pandemic (H1N1) 2009-10
- ★Ebola Virus (2014-2016)
- **★**Zika Virus (2016 2017)
- ★Opioid / Addiction (2016 today)







Public Health in Emergencies

- ★ Coordinates medical, public health, mental health, and emergency medical services
- ★ Conducts active disease surveillance and investigations
- ★ Establishes procedures for mass or mobile clinics for prophylaxis, vaccination and pharmaceuticals
- ★ The MRC are NOT first responders!



VA MRC COVID-19 Response

Contact Tracing & Epidemiology

Public Information



Outreach & Mask Distribution



Infection Prevention

Community Testing







Vaccination



Why Volunteers?





Why Volunteers?

For VDH:

- Expand workforce
- Help meet local medical and public health needs during emergencies
- Augment existing public health efforts

For You:

- Learn new skills
- Use and improve existing skills
- Meet other people who are committed to the health of our community
- Flexible commitment
- It's good for you!





Healthcare Professionals

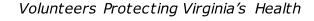
- ★ Physicians
- ★ Physician Assistants
- ★ Nurse Practitioners
- ★ RNs & LPNs
- **★** Nurses Aides
- **★** Pharmacists
- ★ Mental Health Professionals



- ★ Dentists, Dental Hygienist
- ★ Veterinarians
- ★ Vet. Techs, and Assistants of Emergency

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General Support

- **★** Teachers
- ★ Clergy
- ★ Social Workers
- ★ Interpreters
- ★ Office & IT
- **★** Telecommunications



★ Everyone has something they can offer to the VIRGINIA MRC!





Who will you be working with?

MRC Unit Coordinator **Assistant MRC Coordinators Public Health Coordinators Deployment Coordinators** Vaccination Liaisons VDH staff City or county employees Contractors VAMRC OEP Team Federal Partners: USPHS & DHHS





MRC Member Expectations

- DO NOT self-deploy
- Complete training
- Respond to alert notifications
- Be dependable
- Maintain current information
- Requirement Commitment
- Represent the MRC



Do NOT respond to any emergency unless requested and officially deployed by MRC.

If you self-deploy, you will be removed from the Corps and be held liable for any actions.



Additional Expections





Public Communication

As a representative of VDH, DO NOT talk to the press without notifying the Public Information Officer on site or your MRC Unit Coordinator.

When in doubt ASK!





HIPAA

As a volunteer performing duties for VDH, you will have access to the protected health information (PHI) of our patients/clients. The fact that an individual is or was a patient/client of VDH is PHI.





Liability Coverage

While they are acting under the direction of VDH, and within the course and scope of their assigned emergency and disaster response activities, MRC volunteers are eligible for the same liability protection available to state employees. MRC and CERT volunteers "shall enjoy the protection of the Commonwealth's sovereign immunity to the same extent as paid staff."

http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/mrc/legal/



Workers Compensation

As volunteers are not paid employees, you are not eligible for any worker's compensation benefits. We take safety seriously; if you spot unsafe conditions or situations, please alert your supervisor immediately.

As a volunteer, you have the right to refuse to serve in unsafe conditions.





Deployments





Activation

- **★**Volunteer request received
- ★Volunteers are contacted through VVHS Alert system and requested to sign up for a role and/or shift
- ★Additional information/instructions may be sent to approved volunteers via an additional alert or email





Alert Classifications

- **★** COMMUNICATION Newsletter
- ★ AWARENESS Heads Up
- READINESS Available IF needed
- ★ ACTIVATION You Are Needed
- ★ EMERGENCY Declared Emergency
- ★ DEACTIVATION Stand Down





Responding to an Email Alert

Jennifer Freeland,

Volunteers needed to help with Special Olympics Virginia Healthy Athletes Center. Special Olympics is the largest global public health organization dedicated to serving people with intellectual disabilities. Special Olympics Virginia is seeking volunteers to help provide screenings and education for athletes.

Please click here to confirm receipt and select your availability.



Thank you for volunteering to protect Virginia's health!

Regards, Kate Bausman Richmond City Medical Reserve Corps and Clinical Linkages Coordinator Virginia Volunteer Health System

Email: richmondcity@vamrc.org

Phone: (804) 205-3730





Responding to an Email Alert

Email

Message:

WHAT: MRC Orientation for new volunteers

WHEN: Thursday, June 7 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM

WHERE: Fairfax County Health Department, 10777 Main Street, 3rd floor, Fairfax, VA 22030

HOW: Registration: TRAINVa Course Code 1041920

Additional Information: IS 100, IS700 - are two other training requirements and can be completed online (please forward your certificates of completion to HDMRC@FairfaxCounty.gov once you have completed the course).

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at hdmrc@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Category: Training

I'm Available For This Event

I'm Not Available For This Event





Responding to an Email Alert

Event Choices

Available	Location	Locality	Date	Time	Roles	Volunteers Needed
	TC Williams HS	City of Alexandria	6/27/2018	2:00 PM to 5:00 PM	Registered Nurse	2
	Alexandria Elem	City of Alexandria	6/28/2018	2:00 PM to 5:00 PM	Registered Nurse	2

I'm Available For The Selected Events

I'm Not Available For Any Of These Events





Email Tips

- ★ Save no-reply@vamrc.org in your contacts as VVHS Alerts which will notify your email provider you would like to receive these emails.
- ★ If you find an alert email in your SPAM or JUNK folder, with most email providers, you can click "Not Spam/Junk" and this should change the delivery location of these emails.





Phone & Text Messaging

- If you answer the phone, you can choose
 1 for available and 2 for unavailable.
- You can NOT respond availability via text, so please be sure to check your email.

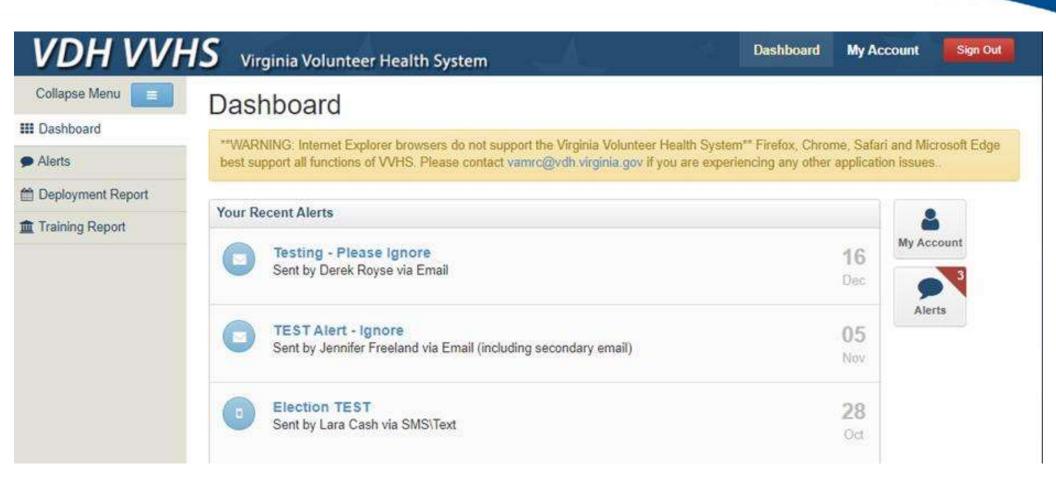
You will always receive VVHS MRC phone messages from the same phone #804-864-7200.

Save it in your contacts.





Check Alerts in VVHS

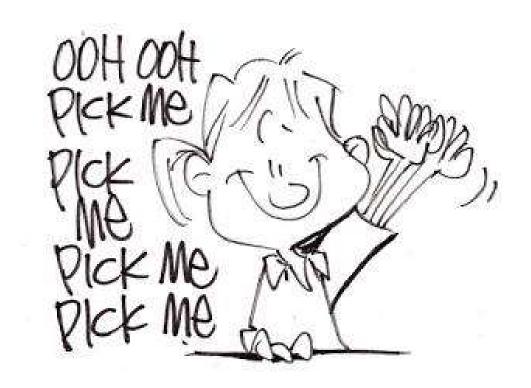




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I'm AVAILABLE

- **★** Qualified
- ★ Personally, Physically, & Emotionally READY
- ★ Can make the commitment







Right for the Request

- ★ Understand nature of the request
- ★ Best practice standards and within your training and expertise







Volunteer Risks

- ★ Are you high risk?
- ★ Wear PPE
- ★ Serve in lower risk positions







It's OK to Say NO!



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When you go...

- ★ Voluntary
- ★ Represent the MRC, always wear ID badge and MRC shirt
- ★ Follow directions/instructions provided Sign in and sign out to document hours
- ★ Job Action Sheets & Just-In-Time training
- ★ Wear appropriate and fit-tested PPE



Best Laid Plans...

- ★ Change constantly
- **★** Flexible
- ★ Rewarding work, but stressful and tiring







Don't Forget

- ★ You represent the VDH and MRC
- ★ You will be ACTIVATED when needed
- ★ RESPOND to alerts
- ★ Only talk to the media IF it's coordinated with your MRC Coordinator or PIO
- ★ You will have a TRAIN account created
- ★ Standby for deployment





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Who has access to your info?

- ★ Managed by MRC Coordinators, Emergency Coordinators, VA MRC Administrators
- ★ Health department staff on need to know
- ★ When you registered, you agreed to allow us to share your information as necessary for volunteer deployment





Virginia Volunteer Health System www.vamrc.org/vvhs





VVHS: www.vamrc.org/vvhs



Welcome

The Virginia Volunteer Health System (VVHS) is a web-based information, alerting and credentialing system used by local Medical Reserve Corps Coordinators and health districts for the management of medical and support volunteers who desire to support public health emergencies and daily public health activities in Virginia.

Register as a New Volunteer

Please sign in if you are an existing member or returning to complete your volunteer application.

Need Help?

Frequently Asked Questions









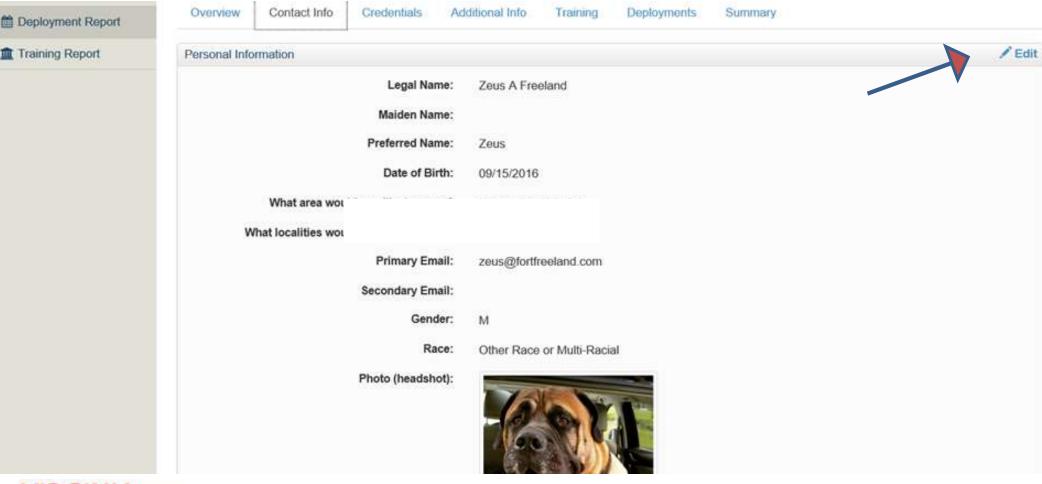
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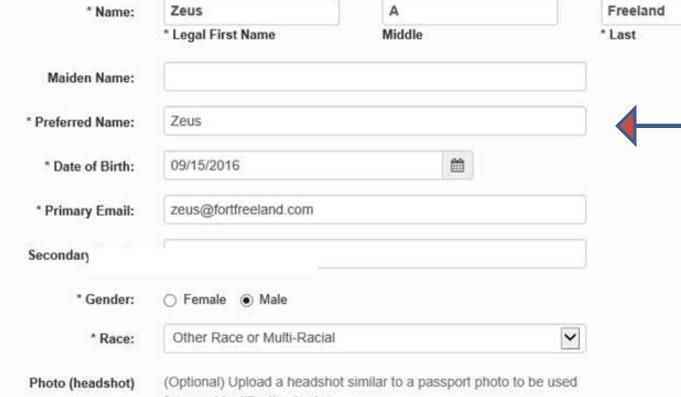






Overview Contact Info Credentials Additional Info Training Deployments Summary

Personal Information



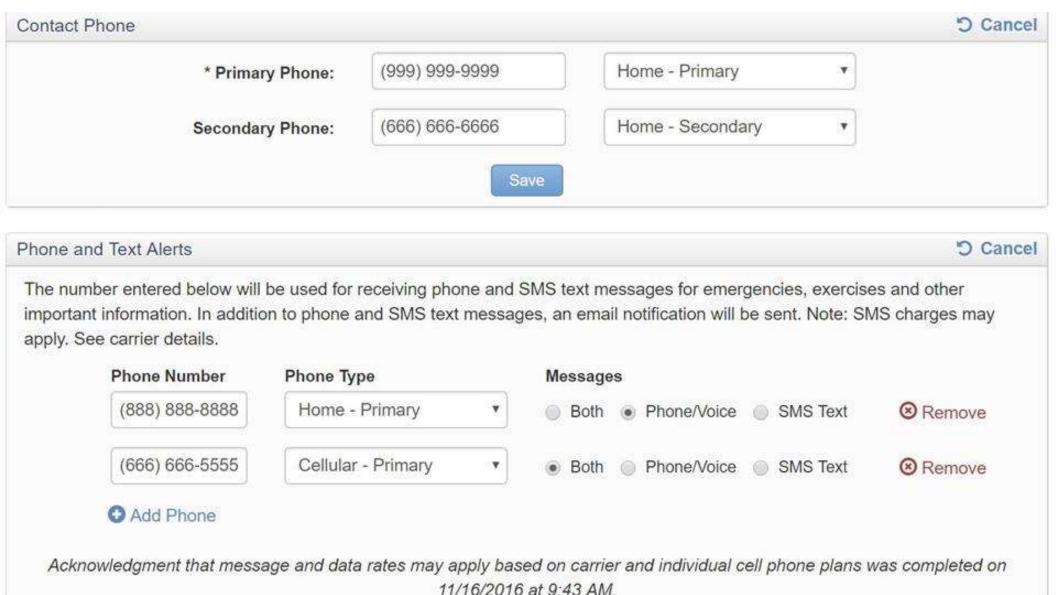
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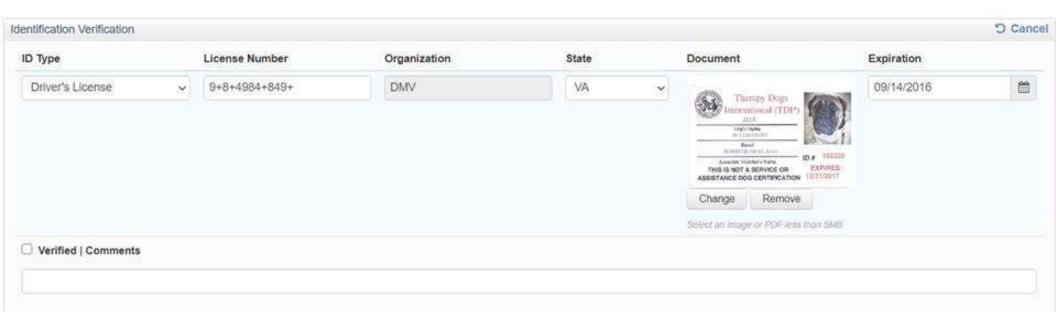








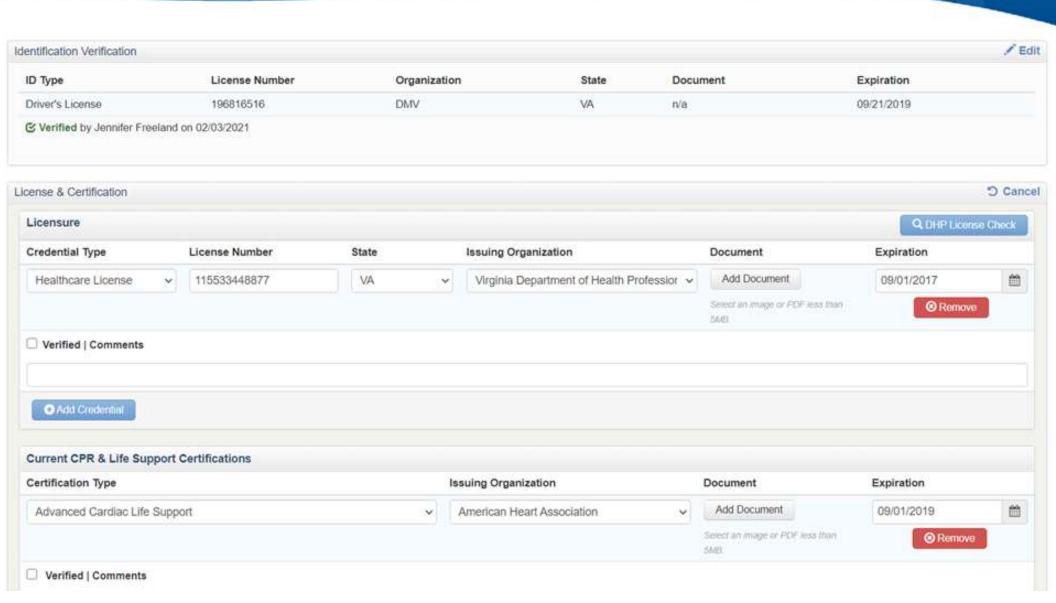
Credentials - Government ID







Credentials - License & Certification



Vaccination Documentation







Preparing to Respond

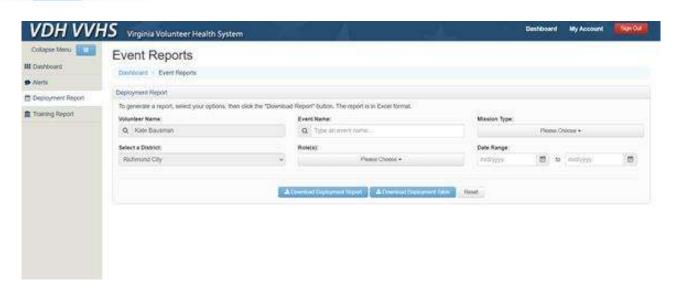


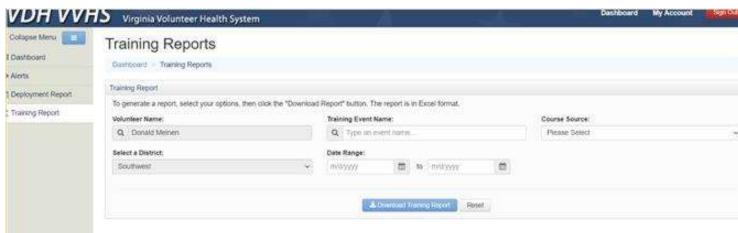
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Deployment & Training Records



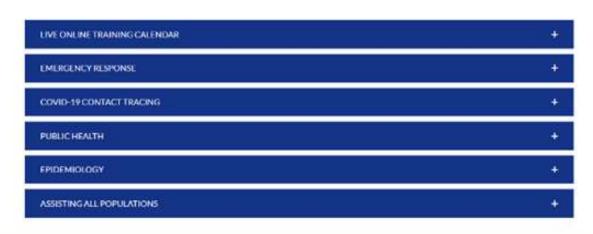






Training for MRC

https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/mrc/training/









Upcoming Online Training Calendar

https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/mrc
/trainingcalendar/



Life Support Training





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TRAINVA - www.train.org/virginia

TRAIN Virginia

The TRAIN Virginia learning management system is designed to improve public health workforce and MRC volunteer competencies and to provide access to Virginia and national public health educational sources.

www.train.org/virginia





TRAINVA - www.train.org/virginia

- ★ Pursue the training needed to be confident in the field.
- ★ Take training that interests you when you are available.
- ★ Complete training plans for specific teams
- ★ CEUs are provided for some courses
- ★ You have access to your training records
- ★ Go to TRAIN via your VVHS account
- ★ Do NOT create a TRAIN account



TRAINVA - www.train.org/virginia

TRAIN Virginia

Once your volunteer application is approved, a TRAIN account is created for you within 24 hours.

DO NOT CREATE ANOTHER ACCOUNT!!!

If you have trouble with TRAIN, please contact the TRAIN administrator at va admin@train.org.



What's Next?

- ★ Approved Application
- Photos needed for Background Investigations
- ★ Identification Shirts & Badges
- ★ Online training
- ★ Mobilization
- ★ Demobilization





Thank you!!



