

Thank you for your desire to work with us to help protect our community, prevent the spread of disease, and respond to public health emergencies! Volunteers are a vital part of any emergency response. If a communicable disease outbreak or a public health emergency affects our community, we will depend on volunteers to help us respond.

If you are interested in volunteering for the Howell County Health Department, there are steps you can take now so that you will be better prepared and able to respond more quickly.

Print out and complete the Volunteer Application form. Bring it with you when the Health Department calls for volunteers. Additional forms may be required at the time of activation, depending on the situation.

Volunteers must complete the following online trainings before volunteering for the Health Department. Be sure to print the certificate of completion for each training and keep them in a file that you can bring with you when the Health Department calls for volunteers. Additional training may be required at the time of activation, depending on the incident.

1. Volunteer Training: First Steps (15 minutes)
Source: Prepare Iowa (relevant for Missouri volunteers)
<https://prepareiowa.training-source.org/training/courses/Volunteer%20Training%3A%20First%20Steps/detail>
2. HIPAA: An Overview (25 minutes)
Source: UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health, through the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)
<https://www.mrc.train.org/DesktopModules/eLearning/CourseDetails/CourseDetailsForm.aspx?tabid=62&courseid=1041019&backURL=L0Rlc2t0b3BTaGVsbC5hc3B4P3RhYkklkPTYyJmdvdG89YnJvd3NIJmJyb3dzZT1rZXI3b3JkJmtleXdvcmlQ9aGlwYWEmma2V5b3B0aW9uPUJvdGgmY2xpbmljYWw9Qm90aCZsb2NhbdD1BbGwmQnlDb3NOPTA=&ncb=1>
3. Family and Workplace Preparedness (35 minutes)
Source: Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
http://emilms.fema.gov/IS0317/basics/ic_01_03_1000.htm
4. Volunteer Training: Incident Command System (15 minutes)
Source: Prepare Iowa (relevant for Missouri volunteers)
<http://prepareiowa.training-source.org/training/courses#overlay=training/courses/Volunteer%2520Training%253A%2520Incident%2520Command%2520System%2520%2528ICS%2529/detail>
5. Mass Dispensing Guide: A Primer for Volunteers
Source: University of Minnesota School of Public Health (relevant for Missouri volunteers)
<https://cpheo1.sph.umn.edu/login/wheretogo.asp?tname=UMNCPHP>

6. Volunteer Training: Personal Protective Equipment (15 minutes)

Source: Prepare Iowa (relevant for Missouri volunteers)

<https://prepareiowa.training-source.org/training/courses/Volunteer%20Training%3A%20Personal%20Protective%20Equipment/detail>

7. Volunteer Training: Stress Management (15 minutes)

Source: Prepare Iowa (relevant for Missouri volunteers)

<http://prepareiowa.training-source.org/training/courses#overlay=training/courses/Volunteer%2520Training%253A%2520Stress%2520Management/detail>

Optional, short, online training videos are also available for non-medical volunteers who may assist in a shelter. The videos are produced by the Medical Reserve Corps of the Greater Kansas City area and can be found at <http://www.mrckc.org/shelter-videos.html>.

Thank you, again, for your interest in volunteering during a public health emergency in our community!