

Show-Me Response
The Missouri State Emergency Management Agency
in cooperation with
The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services
Registry of Volunteer Healthcare Professionals
www.ShowMeResponse.org

Show-Me Response is Missouri's Emergency System for Advance Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals (ESAR-VHP) program. It is a secure, web-based format for the registration, credential verification, communication and management of general volunteers and health professionals willing to volunteer in the event of a disaster. Show-Me Response supports the efficient registration, professional credentialing, management, and activation of pre-registered volunteers by working with key partners such as the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), local public health agencies (LPHAs), Community Organizations Active in Disasters (COAD), hospitals, clinics and local communities.

A variety of volunteer credentials are verified through Show-Me Response including the professional licensure and place of practice of health professionals. More than 8,000 volunteers are currently registered in Show-Me Response, including over 400 physicians and 3,200 Registered Nurses. Nearly 1,000 of the RNs registered in Show-Me Response have a verified hospital-based practice.

Registering with Show-Me Response is done online at www.showmeresponse.org. Information gathered includes contact preferences, education, training, licensure, place of practice, and organization affiliation. Professional licensure is checked via an electronic interface between Show-Me Response and the Missouri State Board of Professional Registration. Place-of-practice information is verified annually for select health professionals via a letter or email sent by the program to the volunteer's employer.

Show-Me Response volunteers are encouraged to affiliate with a local or specialty response organizations such as MRCs, LPHAs, emergency management agencies, COADs, and others. Affiliation greatly increases the chance to help in a disaster.

A variety of entities may request volunteers through Show-Me Response including hospitals, LPHAs, MRCs, long term care, home care, and others (e.g. AmeriCorps, American Red Cross). A request to activate volunteers through Show-Me Response may be made in the event of a gubernatorial or presidentially declared emergency.

Volunteers registered in Show-Me Response are under no obligation to respond to an emergency. If called regarding a mission, the volunteer simply logs a response of *available*, *unavailable* or *unsure*. Accepting deployment through Show-Me Response must be right for the individual and his or her household first; and right for the volunteers' place of practice or employer as well.

For more information regarding Show-Me Response, visit www.showmeresponse.org. A link to the current issue of the Show-Me Response newsletter, *The Call*, as well as answers to frequently asked questions may be found there. Additional questions may be sent to showmeresponse@health.mo.gov.

