

Quarterly Newsletter

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Northern Kentucky MRC

Upcoming Training

Northern KY Health Department is sponsoring a training on May 8th. The Annual Seminar for MRC Healthcare Professionals is a full day of training at Receptions Conference Center. Register [here](#).

National MRC

Monthly Webinars

The MRC Network conducts monthly educational webinars. To listen to archived webinars visit the [MRC Network Well Check Webinars](#) page. May's webinar on May 7 is a review of the new MRC Program Priorities.

Coalition Exercise

Save the Date

On September 19, 2019, the Greater Cincinnati Disaster Preparedness Coalition is collaborating with area responders to conduct a mass casualty full scale exercise. Volunteers will be needed. Register [here](#) for the mailing list.



TRISTATE ANNUAL DISASTER VOLUNTEER SUMMIT

Mark your calendars for our annual training day during National Preparedness Month. Saturday, September 21st Tristate MRC will sponsor a training day at Receptions Conference Center in Erlanger. Registration will open on August 5th.

Hepatitis A Outbreak Update

Ohio Department of Health (ODH) declared a hep A outbreak in June of 2018. ODH and many local health departments have been responding to an increase of hepatitis A cases across the state. Volunteers from the Cincinnati/Hamilton County MRC unit have assisted with this response. Beth Hamon, RN and Steve Englender, MD have assisted by providing education and assisting with vaccination efforts. Thanks to Beth and Steve for supporting public health response to this outbreak! For more information about hep A visit CDC's hepatitis A Q&A [webpage](#).



May is "Stop the Bleed" Month

GET TRAINED

In today's world active shooter and mass casualty situations have become ever more present. It is important for all to be aware and if possible, receive training on how to stop life threatening bleeding to help buy time for those who may be injured during these types of events. To find training classes in your area visit the website below and click on "Find a Class".

www.bleedingcontrol.org



Butler County Full Scale P.O.D. Exercise

FEBRUARY 21ST, 2019

Last February, Butler County General Health District exercised a Point of Dispensing at Butler Tech in Liberty Township. The ultimate goal of a POD is to provide a means to dispense medical countermeasures to a large number of people in a short period of time. Health department staff had their POD management skills put to the test. Functions tested included POD setup and processing as many individuals as possible through mass vaccination. 28 volunteers, including MRC, supported the exercise. The exercise wouldn't have been possible without the amazing show of support from the volunteers involved.



"Our volunteers took their roles very seriously and really challenged our staff with situations that could be faced in real life" - Jenny Bailer, MS, RN Health Commissioner

National MRC Program Priorities

LOOKING FORWARD

The MRC National Program has worked with ASPR leadership to identify four key program priorities aimed at readiness and response: 1) Medical screening and care in emergencies 2) PODs and mass vaccination 3) use of MRC outside of local jurisdiction and 4) training community members to respond. We are looking forward to reviewing the new tools and resources from the MRC to assist us in addressing these priorities in the Tristate region.



MRC Core Competencies

TRISTATE MRC TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

Don't forget to complete your MRC training. MRC TRAIN is an on-line platform you can use for free to complete preparedness training. Some courses even provide continuing education. Appendix IV in the TMRC Volunteer Handbook lists training options available on MRC TRAIN. You can view the Handbook on our [website](#). You can also review the MRC Core Competencies. Competencies 1.0, 2.0 and 4.0-7.0 represent the "Volunteer Response" competencies required of all volunteers.

MRC TRAIN



The CHCMRC Prepares to Offer More Training Opportunities

On March 2nd, Cincinnati-Hamilton County MRC's Leadership Team attended a Point of Dispensing (POD) train-the-trainer course. This is an 8-hr course held to teach the leadership team how to conduct the POD Essential Training. CHCMRC is putting a hard focus on preparing its volunteers to become fluent in POD Operations. Staffing during a public health emergency is a huge need for a successful operation and MRC volunteers are the solution. With the increased number of qualified instructors, expect to see more POD trainings available throughout the year. We look forward to seeing a few new faces too!

From Left to Right: Greg Wilkins, Judy Rimroth, Sherry Weckenbrock, Dave Nutini, Todd Dudley, Russ Mack