THE PATIENT MUSING – APRIL 2019





A Newsletter for our ServSTEUBEN Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) Volunteers

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On Thursday, April 18th from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm, at the Dormann Library, 101 W Morris St, Bath, NY 14810, Steuben County Public Health will be hosting a Free Educational Presentation on the role ServSTEUBEN Medical Reserve Corps Unit Volunteers have in our Public Health Emergency Preparedness program.

We encourage ServSTEUBEN MRC members to attend this event. Come meet MRC staff and learn about the ways ServSTEUBEN MRC supports Public Health.

While registration is not necessary, we do appreciate knowing if you plan on attending - Please give us a call at 607-664-2438 to let us know if you intend to come.

A Word From Our Director, Darlene Smith



As an MRC Volunteer you have an important role in the health of our community. Our upcoming MRC opportunities are great ways to engage with your Public Health staff and prepare for future emergencies. Thanks for your time and support of the MRC.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (PHEP) PROGRAM

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By e-mail

publichealth@steubencountyny.gov or phone at (607) 664 - 2438

from our local communities strengthen public health, reduce vulnerability, build resilience, and improve preparedness, response and recovery capabilities in Steuben County!

Thank you for being a Volunteer.

Excerpt from a National MRC Program email Looking Forward

As Communities continue to face evolving threats – natural disasters, disease outbreaks, man-made disasters – the MRC network's ability to build community preparedness and resilience, reduce vulnerabilities, and respond to emergencies becomes increasingly important.

Key national program priorities for MRC Units this year include:

- Medical screening and care in emergencies
- PODs, mass vaccination, and other mass dispensing efforts
- Use of MRC units outside of local jurisdiction (e.g., across city, county, and/or state lines)

MRC Tips & Tricks:

Did you know that Steuben
County Public Health offers free
CPR classes to MRC Volunteers
and community medical
personnel?



We offer CPR classes as a way of promoting health skills in the community, as well as meeting CPR requirements for medical personnel giving vaccinations.

Please contact Steuben County
Public Health at 607-664-2438
for details on future classes.

MRC Volunteers Only

Emergency Preparedness
Training Opportunity
May 9th
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm



Steuben County Public Health will be training on the set up of banners and equipment used at Open Point of Dispensing sites.

Please contact Steuben
County Public Health at
607-664-2438 if you
would be interested in
being part of this
training.

What is the difference between a Flood Warning and a Flood Watch issued by the National Weather Service?

- **Flood Warning: Take Action!** A Flood Warning is issued when the hazardous weather event is imminent or already happening. A Flood Warning is issued when flooding is imminent or occurring.
- **Flood Watch: Be Prepared:** A Flood Watch is issued when conditions are favorable for a specific hazardous weather event to occur. A Flood Watch is issued when conditions are favorable for flooding. It does not mean flooding will occur, but it is possible.
- **Flood Advisory: Be Aware:** A Flood Advisory is issued when a specific weather event that is forecast to occur may become a nuisance. A Flood Advisory is issued when flooding is not expected to be bad enough to issue a warning. However, it may cause significant inconvenience, and if caution is not exercised, it could lead to situations that may threaten life and/or property. **Source:** https://www.weather.gov/bgm/fsaw