



POLK COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS VOLUNTEER

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Volunteer Orientation Meeting

A group of MRC volunteers joined us for an orientation meeting at the Polk County Health Department on June 4th. Volunteers learned about the different volunteer opportunities available regarding our public health priorities (floods, extreme heat emergencies and community flu clinics) and other volunteer events conducted by our community partners.

Presenters also reminded everyone about the use of texting as an additional communication channel for volunteer opportunities. If you haven't signed up yet or would like more information, contact us at PolkMRC@polkcountyiowa.gov



Flu Season Clinics 2014

The Polk County Health Department will host over 50 community vaccination clinics this Fall. These clinics are a great opportunity for medical and non-medical Polk MRC volunteers to put into practice their skills and help take care of the well-being of our community.

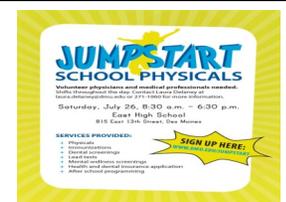
Non-medical volunteers can volunteer as a clerk and help staff during the registration process for outreach clinics. CMAs, LPNs and RNs will be able to administer flu vaccines at these clinics. All volunteers **must** attend a flu clinic orientation meeting at the Health Department (1907 Carpenter Ave, Des Moines) prior to their participation in any of the community clinics.



For information about the flu clinics orientation meetings and to sign-up, contact Kristina Grier, Health Services Coordinator, at the phone numbers (515) 323-5324 (515) 344-8133 or at Kristina.Grier@polkcountyiowa.gov

Thank You!

We would like to thank all our Polk MRC volunteers who participated at Jumpstart, back-to-school health fair on July 26th. More than 480 families were able to access medical and social services. Thank you to another successful Jumpstart!



Community Volunteer Opportunity

The Polk County Health Department has been invited to attend and participate in two "DSMove "Open Street Events" (<http://dsmove.org/>) during the month of September. This event aims to create a safe public space in a car-free setting where communities can connect, families/friends can exercise & play, and businesses can engage the public. The Health Department is looking for MRC volunteers who would be interested in volunteering on the **September 28th** event in the Drake neighborhood area.



For more information about the event activities and to sign-up, please contact Tammy Keiter at (515) 286-3767 or at Tammy.Keiter@polkcountyiowa.gov