

GALVESTON COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT

Protecting and Promoting the Optimal Health and Well-Being of Galveston County

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Dear Colleague:

The Galveston County Health District considers emergency preparedness and response a critical part of its mission to safeguard the health of all Galveston County residents. Emergencies such as Ebola and Zika are powerful reminders of this responsibility, and a reminder that we cannot do it alone.

The Galveston County Medical Reserve Corps (GCMRC) is a multidisciplinary group of volunteer health professionals who can be called to service during a public health emergency. I would like to invite you, as a health professional living or working in Galveston County, to help enhance the Health District's readiness by joining the MRC. As part of GCMRC, you will play a critical role in ensuring that the County's response to emergencies is prompt and effective. In the past, GCMRC volunteers have vaccinated residents for both seasonal and H1N1 influenza; provided medical care and support to evacuees during Hurricane Harvey; educated and informed community members during the Zika responses and participated in countywide disaster drills. As a member of the GCMRC, you will have the opportunity to protect and promote the health of Galveston County by assisting with community public health initiatives.

GCMRC membership is a good-faith agreement. Registered volunteers agree to assist during an emergency only after they have satisfied commitments to their hospitals, private practices and families. Members are offered training on Galveston County's emergency plans and protocols so that they can serve more effectively during a disaster. Trainings are available at no cost to GCMRC members. GCMRC volunteers receive indemnification against liability through 42 U.S. Code Chapter 139 § 14501 - 14505 Limitation on Liability - as well as state laws for volunteers when participating in GCMRC activities.

I hope you will accept this invitation to join the GCMRC. The website www.gchd.org/mrc explains the program and how to register. Thank you in advance for helping us to safeguard the health of all Galveston County.

Sincerely,



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The Galveston County Health District (GCHD) is the local public health agency for Galveston County, Texas. GCHD provides services and programs that protect the everyday health and well-being of Galveston County.

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