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Dear U of MN Medical Reserve Corps Member,

AHC Office of Emergency Response staff are closely monitoring updates from the Center for Disease Control and the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) regarding the Ebola outbreak in West Africa. and plans are in place to ensure readiness on campus. As you may recall, the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) program is housed in the Office of Emergency Response.

Our MRC unit stands ready to assist the campus community, MDH and other public health entities around the state should the need arise in the days and weeks ahead.

Thank you for your continued commitment to assisting our communities during public health emergencies.

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Kathy Hite Berlin RN, PHN, U of M MRC Coordinator

1. U of M MRC 10th Anniversary Celebration

As we celebrate the 10th anniversary of the U of M Medical Reserve Corps program, we would like to thank you for your continued commitment to serving your community during a public health emergency.

The U of M MRC has served communities in Louisiana, Iowa, and through Minnesota. An often heard sentiment from MRC members following a MRC deployment is that they have personally benefited from having the opportunity to be of service to individuals and communities affected by public health emergencies.

The generosity of spirit, skills, and expertise of our members is at the heart of our MRC unit's ability to effectively support communities during public health emergencies.

Pop-up Celebrations

Please join us at our pop-up celebration events for cake, apples, coffee as we thank our members and welcome others to learn more about the Medical Reserve Corps Program.

Date: Monday, October 27

Time: 12:00pm-1:30pm

Location: Weaver-Densford Hall, 2nd floor (near elevators)

<http://www1.umn.edu/twincities/maps/WDH/>

Date: Wednesday, October 29

Time: 12:00pm-1:30pm

Location: Animal Science/Vet Med Building Lobby, St. Paul Campus

<http://www1.umn.edu/twincities/maps/AnSciVM/>

Date: Thursday, October 30

Time: 12:00pm-1:30pm

Location: Mayo Building, 3rd floor foyer

<http://www1.umn.edu/twincities/maps/Mayo/>

MRC T-shirt Days

We encourage members to wear their MRC t-shirts throughout the week as a way to celebrate our accomplishments and to increase visibility of the MRC program.

2. Bystander CPR Class

Date: Wednesday, November 5

Time: 12:00pm-
1:00pm

Location: Mayo Auditorium-4th floor of Mayo Memorial Building

<http://www1.umn.edu/twincities/maps/Mayo/>

Participants: Medical Reserve Corps members and Academic Health Center students, staff, and faculty

To Register: Email medicalreserve@umn.edu **Pre-registration is required. Class size is limited.**

Please RSVP by Monday, November 3

Additional Information: *Lunch will be served.*

Each year over 300,000 people die in the US from Sudden Cardiac Arrest. The rapid response of bystanders saves lives. During this one hour class you will:

- Learn how to assist someone experiencing sudden cardiac arrest
 - Perform hands only CPR
 - Learn to use an Automated External Defibrillator (AED)
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3. Pharmaceutical Response Strike Team

We have been notified by the Minnesota Department of Health that there is no longer a need for the repackaging of antibiotics in the event of a public health emergency. National and state assests have now been converted from bulk to prepackaged individual doses. Upon receiving this news we will be disbanding the MRC Pharmaceutical Repackaging Strike Team.

As you may recall, the MRC Pharmaceutical Repackaging Strike Team was considered a sub-team within the MRC Pharmaceutical Response Strike Team. The Pharmaceutical Response Strike Team is designed to respond to local and national public health emergencies that have a pharmaceutical response component.

Members of the Pharmaceutical Repackaging Strike Team will recieve an email detailing the options available to them as they pertain to strike team membership.

Pharmaceutical Response Strike Team Meeting

Date: Thursday, November 6

Time: 12:00pm-1:00pm

Location: Weaver Densford Hall, room 2-120

Participants: Membership on this strike team is open to College of Pharmacy students, staff, and faculty as well as those working in the field of pharmacology outside the College of Pharmacy.

RSVP: Please email medicalreserve@umn.edu by Tuesday, November 4

Additional Information: Members will be introduced to new focus of this strike team, which will include information on the role of Pharmaceutical Response Strike team members in the campus Point of Dispensing plan.

Lunch will be provided.

4. Safety on Campus-Responding to an Active Shooter

Date: Wednesday, November 12

Time: 12:00pm 12:50pm

Location: St. Paul Campus-Animal Science/Vet Med Bldg., room 145

Participants: Medical Reserve Corps members and AHC students, staff, and faculty

Additional Information: ***Light Lunch will be served to the first 30 attendees***

Date: Thursday, November 20

Time: 12:00pm - 12:50pm

Location: Minneapolis Campus-Moos Tower, room 2-690

Participants: Open to Medical Reserve Corps members and AHC students, staff, and faculty

Additional Information: *Light Lunch will be served to the first 30 attendees*

An University of Minnesota Police Department officer will talk about how best to respond if there was an assailant with a gun on campus. There will be time for questions.

5. First Aid Class

This class will cover topics in basic first aid including what to do for burns, bleeding and broken bones. This class does not include instruction on CPR.

Date: Tuesday, November 25

Time: 12:00pm-1:00pm

Location: Mayo Auditorium-4th floor of the Mayo Building

Participants: Medical Reserve Corps members and AHC students, staff, and faculty

Additional Information: *Light lunch available for the first 30 attendees.*

Member Corner

Q. I have recently joined the MRC and I am interested in obtaining my MRC ID badge and t-shirt. What steps do I need to take to acquire these items?

A. MRC ID badges and t-shirts are distributed to members who fulfill the orientation requirement. To fulfill the orientation requirement members are asked to view the U of M MRC online orientation. U of M MRC Orientation module: <http://mediamill.cla.umn.edu/mediamill/embedqt/119484> . Once you have viewed the online module, we ask that you email the MRC Coordinator at medicalreserve@umn.edu. Upon receiving your email, we will order your MRC ID badge and t-shirt.

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