



November 2014

Dear U of MN Medical Reserve Corps Member,

To date, the U of MN MRC unit has not received a definitive request for support in regards to Ebola Virus Disease (EVD). We have had discussions with the Minnesota Department of Health and University departments regarding our MRC resources and capabilities. As the MRC does not deploy out of the country, there will be no plans to deploy internationally in response to the Ebola epidemic. It is possible though, that MRC members could be needed at some time in a capacity other than providing direct care.

MRC members will be informed of requests for MRC resources, whether it is a request for a specific resource, such as a strike team, or a more broad request of the general membership.

For more information on Ebola and the University of Minnesota response, click on the links below:

SafeU/Ebola Virus and the University of Minnesota: <http://safe-u.umn.edu/ebola>

School of Public Health resource page for activities related to Ebola on campus: <http://sph.umn.edu/ebola>

Ebola Information for Healthcare Students in Clinical Settings: <http://safe-u.umn.edu/ebola/healthcare-students.html>

Warm regards,

Kathy

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1. 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*

A 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.

2. 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.*

3. Respiratory Personal Protective Fit-testing Strike Team Meeting

This strike team has been trained and drilled in the method used to fit test N95 respirators on an emergent basis. The strike team would be activated during a situation when there is a need to fit test a large number of individuals with N95 respirators in a short period of time.

This team currently consists of individuals trained to administer the fit test, registered nurses who review health forms, and support staff whose role is to set up equipment and assist during the fit testing process. Other than the registered nurses, members of this team do not need to have a health care license or other specific credentials. If you

are interested in learning more about this strike team, we encourage you to attend this meeting.

Date: Wednesday, December 3

Time: 12:00pm-12:50pm

Location: Moos Tower, room 2-107

Participants: Open to all MRC members

To Register: Send an email to medicalreserve@umn.edu Please RSVP by Monday, December 1.

Additional Information: *Lunch will be served*

Member Corner

Q. I have a new cell phone number and provider. How do I go about updating the MRC registry to update my personal contact information?

A. Thank you for asking an important question. Without your current cell phone number AND cell phone provider, we can't reach you through our emergency text system. Click [here](#) to update your personal contact information.

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