

Colorado



Colorado Public Health  
and Medical Volunteer  
System



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of Public Health  
and Environment



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## Public Health and Medical Volunteer System

Colorado is building a public health and medical volunteer system to enhance the state's ability to respond and recover from all types of emergencies.

The Colorado Public Health and Medical Volunteer System will allow public health agencies to manage the many nurses, physicians, respiratory therapists, dentists, pharmacists and mental health counselors that could be needed for planned community events and public health emergencies. With the system, the state is better prepared to respond to emergencies here at home, and to support surrounding states through mutual aid and assistance agreements.

The electronic system works through a partnership between the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, local public health agencies, state and local emergency management and the Disaster Medical Assistance Team of Colorado, or DMAT. The state health department has partnered with the DMAT to provide training courses, license and certification verification, database management assistance and guidance for hospitals on the use of volunteers when activated. The system results in faster and more effective deployment of needed volunteers.

The DMAT has years of experience in responding to disasters and providing medical care in austere conditions, including three separate deployments following the hurricanes of 2005. It is these experiences that provide Colorado with the resources to train volunteers for disasters. The new volunteer system expands the volunteer pool to public health professionals such as epidemiologists, environmental health specialists and data managers.

Volunteers may register at <https://covolunteers.state.co.us>. For program information and additional background on the Colorado Public Health and Medical Volunteer System go to [www.coloradodmat.com](http://www.coloradodmat.com), send an email to [info@coloradodmat.com](mailto:info@coloradodmat.com), or call 303-286-7002 or toll-free at 888-260-6330.

### Supporting Documents

Colorado Public Health and Medical Volunteer System Frequently Asked Questions  
Colorado Public Health and Medical Volunteer System Web pages

### Additional Information

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