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Hamilton County PODs Need Pharmacy Professionals

Minimal Time Required For Critical Volunteer Role

HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO – Hamilton County Public Health (HCPH) is recruiting volunteer pharmacists and pharmacy technicians to staff its POD, or point-of-dispensing locations.

HCPH maintains 36 PODs at strategic locations throughout the County. PODS serve to dispense medication or vaccines to the public on short notice in the unlikely event of incidents like terrorism or pandemic disease.

“Pharmacists perform the vital role of ordering, stocking and distributing medications during emergency situations,” explains Dave Nutini, coordinator of emergency preparedness at HCPH. “Their experience is invaluable in helping us manage these dispensing sites and can be life-saving in times of need. We will be recruiting at least 72 pharmacists and pharmacy technicians to serve at these locations,” Nutini adds.

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Each pharmacy professional will be asked to staff at least one 8 to 12-hour shift in the event of an emergency, as well as participate in annual training exercises. “We will make their experience as seamless as possible,” Nutini says. “We will do our best to keep our professional recruits as close to home as possible; we’ll provide excellent training, which will require a minimal time commitment; and we will cover them for any potential liability through our Medical Reserve Corps and through federal legislation.”

For more information or to volunteer, call Carter Pittman, 513-946-7889, Monday – Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Hamilton County Public Health works to assure the 460,000 citizens living outside the cities of Cincinnati, Norwood, Sharonville and Springdale are safe from disease, injury and contamination.

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