

News from the Wyoming Department of Health

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Healthcare Volunteers Sought to Help Wyoming Be Prepared

Doctors, nurses, emergency medical technicians and other healthcare providers are encouraged by the Wyoming Department of Health (WDH) to register with the recently upgraded Wyoming Activation of Volunteers in Emergencies (WAVE) volunteer management system.

“We encourage potential volunteers to register with WAVE prior to emergencies, so that when challenging events happen in Wyoming we will all be better prepared to respond,” said Andy Gienapp, Emergency Medical Services program manager with the Wyoming Department of Health. “WAVE allows volunteer managers to verify identity, licenses, information and credentials before incidents, which can save precious time.”

Gienapp said both medical and non-medical volunteers are sought for local volunteer groups to help during times of crisis and to support community health needs. Activities volunteers might find themselves involved with flu clinics, natural disasters and other emergencies, shelter support and local event support.

“Registering shows you are willing to volunteer, but does not commit you,” he said. “When events occur, it will be up to you whether you are able to respond at that time.” Volunteers can also opt in to respond to other state, regional or national events as needed.

WAVE replaces the registry previously known as WYeROLL and offers several improvements to help volunteer managers who work with the system.

To learn more about WAVE or to register, please visit <https://volunteerwave.org> or contact Angelyn Mayes at angelyn.mayes@wyo.gov.

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