

# SERV-OR Bulletin

## Issue 6: Volunteer Supported!

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### The SERV-OR Bulletin is Volunteer Supported **NEW**

The SERV-OR Bulletin is now supported by a team of volunteers that will be helping write stories, edit copy, and put together the bulletin. These volunteers include **Renee Menkens, Scott Willits, Yoram Yakimovsky, Paul Kaplan, Dan Hughson, and Sara Culling**. Thank you for your excellence in service leadership!

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### Current Volunteer Opportunities and Action **Updated**

1. The Red Cross has an urgent need for **Disaster Health Services and Disaster Shelter Volunteers** locally and nationwide for wildfire and hurricane season.
2. OHA needs volunteer assistance at the Portland State Office Building to help the **OHA Testing Branch** with administrative support that could include data entry, clerical support or meeting documentation.

To express interest in either of these opportunities, please use the smartsheet link below:

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/58dda87d76cf4644af0946546a748dea>

### Changing Role of Paramedics under COVID-19 **NEW**

Written by Scott Willits, Paramedic

From private companies to public agencies, paramedics are working under an expanded scope of practice as Community Paramedics and Mobile Integrated Health partners alongside other patient care team members to bring the best care to the patient. Paramedics are no longer working just on an ambulance or just with a fire department. The time of “load and go” is ending as patient specific care becomes the standard of practice.

EMS has been able to contribute in patient care during COVID-19 with new services ranging from community testing and exposure tracking to quarantine site placement. Health care has been rapidly changing during this pandemic and may never be the same again. Telemedicine, home health, the return of health care provider home visits have revitalized a system under siege. And this time, paramedics and EMT's have had a key role to play. Paramedic is no longer the peak of a career and training. As tomorrow brings more challenges, health care will continue to face these challenges on many fronts with the goals of preparation, patient care, and prevention. EMS will play a vital role in this transition.

SERV-OR COVID Response ACTIVE MRC's and SMVP Updated

MRC Unit	Summary of Activities
<b>State Management Volunteer Pool (SMVP)</b>	<b>Current Status:</b> Active. <b>Current Activities:</b> OHA Incident Management Team and COVID Response and Recovery Unit (CRRU) support, Douglas County Public Health Specimen Collection, Contact Tracing in Jackson County, OHA hosted Specimen Collection events. <b>Staging:</b> Oregon Behavioral Health Access System provider outreach.
<b>Coos County</b>	<b>Current Status:</b> Active. <b>Activities:</b> Screening front doors; RSS for State stockpile items; Admin and volunteer scheduling; Social media monitoring; Response planning and meetings; Administrative support.
<b>Linn County</b>	<b>Current Status:</b> Active. <b>Current Activity:</b> COVID-19 specimen collection.
<b>Washington County</b>	<b>Current Status:</b> Active. <b>Current activities:</b> Delivering meals.



**Portland Community Testing Event, August 15, 2020**

**Coos County Medical Reserve NEW**

Written by Renee Menkens, RN, Coos County MRC member

The Coos County MRC focus in January and February was on public health incident command and emergency operations through the efforts of our leaders, Phillip Nel and Michael Burton. In February the MRC, along with some of our CERT members, set up a casualty collection point – the weather, although cold, supported us in setting up the tent and using tapes to mark out how patients would “flow” through the collection point.

In August we worked together to set up a large tent for COVID-19 screening for our fisher families. In addition, we have had a number of WASH (Water and Sanitation Hygiene) trainings for MRC, CERT and community members. We also had a session on ham radio operations put on by one of our members. These sessions help us reflect on how important communication and those who operate ham radios will be in an emergency.

Our MRC volunteers have also made a splash in supporting our public health department through volunteering to help screen members of the public in need of public health services, create hygiene

packets with hand sanitizer, masks and temperature strips to distribute to locals who are homeless. We have created over 4,000 hygiene packets! In addition, our MRC volunteers helped manage the Coos County PPE stockpile for a few months to log inventory. Several of our MRC members are training as contact tracers, to add to the health departments staff for this critical work during the COVID-19 response. The Coos County MRC is a valuable asset to our community now and in times of emergency need!

## Online Training Modules, Technical Assistance, and Toolkits Updated Recurring and recorded COVID-19 webinars and training

- ASPR HPH Sector listings: sign up [here](#) to receive a weekly schedule of webinars and teleconferences
- Project ECHO/HHS/ASPR COVID-19 Clinical Rounds Peer-to-Peer Virtual Communities of Practice: [The series website](#) has recordings and slide decks from previous sessions; sign up [here](#) to receive e-mails on upcoming events. **CE is offered for live attendance**
- National Emerging Special Pathogen Training and Education Center COVID-19 webinar series: [NETEC ties their webinars](#) to the ECHO series based on participant questions and evals, offering detail on a range of clinical, safety, and organizational topics. Sign up [here](#) for e-mails on upcoming events.
  - All webinars are recorded and are available, along with more detailed online training, [here](#)
  - **CE is offered for live attendance** on many webinars and on [some recorded content](#)
- APHA/NASEM COVID-19 Conversations: This webinar series explores the state of the science surrounding COVID-19 in the US and globally, with a focus on emerging evidence on how to best mitigate its impact
  - [The series home page](#) has links to recordings and slide decks from all sessions, as well as a sign-up for e-mail event notification
  - **CE is offered for live attendance**
- Telemedicine Hack: to support a wide adoption of telemedicine, HHS-ASPR is partnering with ECHO and TRAIN to deliver a [10-week, virtual peer-to-peer learning community](#). Register for any or all remaining sessions [here](#)
  - Wednesdays, July 22 – September 23, 9:00-10:00 AM PT
  - **CE is offered for live attendance**
- Medical and Public Health Considerations of COVID-19. [ACMT](#) offers webinars with timely, critical, and science-practice-based information on COVID-19. Sign up [here](#) for emails on upcoming events.
  - [The series home page](#) has links to recordings and slide decks from all sessions
  - **Certificates of attendance are offered for live attendance, but not formal CE**
- Securing the Health Sector: HHS-ASPR, DHS-CISA, and InfraGard [webinar series](#). Most recordings, downloads, and postings for future webinars are [here](#). Sign up [here](#) for e-mails on upcoming events
  - **Certificates of attendance were provided for live attendance but not formal CE**
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Recorded Webinar \(recorded\)](#)  
[Avoiding COVID-19 Burnout: Self-Care and Resiliency for Public Health Leaders](#) 9/10/20
- [Steps for Reopening during the C-19 Pandemic](#) 9/10/20

More trainings can be found at this [new link](#) here which will be updated regularly. Please continue to check it throughout the month!

## Job Opportunities UPDATED

### METCOM 911

Full-time communication specialist/dispatcher and Part-Time Call Takers

<https://www.metcom911.com/currentopenings> (applications close Sept 28)

### COVID related open positions in Oregon

**CDC Foundation** The Foundation is managing an emergency staffing effort as part of CDC's Response. The Foundation is recruiting staff for state/ local health departments, and tribal communities, for a variety of positions.

### Emergency Preparedness Intern (remote, starts in Fall 2020)

**Americares**

### RDPO Weekly Update

Current job openings with other information

<https://rdpo.net/weekly-update> (application closing dates vary depending on week)

### Oregon Health Authority State and County jobs

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/About/Jobs/Pages/index.aspx> (dates vary depending on openings)

## Interest Survey

If you haven't already done so, **please complete [this survey](#)** to be placed on our COVID-19 volunteer interest list and contacted when missions aligning with your specialty and capabilities arise. Reminder Update Profile as Needed! As always, we need our volunteers to keep their profiles up to date. This is essential for contacting you for an emergency deployment, verifying your licensure and trainings, and sending equipment like an ID badge or uniform. **Send training certificates and questions to [SERV.OR@state.or.us](mailto:SERV.OR@state.or.us)**

### SERV-OR Mission

*The mission of the State Emergency Registry of Volunteers in Oregon (SERV-OR) and Oregon's MRC network is to ensure health and wellbeing, educate, and protect all people in Oregon by recruiting, registering, training, exercising, and deploying licensed volunteer health professionals to support local, tribal, and statewide public health initiatives, health and medical needs during public health crises, and to improve access to preparedness education and resources for all individuals and communities.*