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Health Notification

Philadelphia Medical Reserve Corps Volunteer Seminar to be held on September 16, 2006

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Dear Colleague:

The Philadelphia Department of Public Health has established a volunteer Medical Reserve Corps for healthcare professionals in the Philadelphia area who are interested in volunteering their services during emergencies. Healthcare professionals in all disciplines are welcome to join, as are retired healthcare professionals who are interested in supporting public health responses during times of disaster.

Volunteer healthcare professionals will have opportunities to work in a variety of ways during public health emergencies:

- Staffing points of dispensing (PODS) during emergencies requiring mass prophylaxis or vaccination
- Staffing medical screening or evaluation clinics
- Supporting public information programs, including staffing telephone call centers or providing public education at community forums
- Staffing public health disease control programs, including case finding and contact tracing during epidemics, and monitoring individuals in quarantine and isolation settings

We recognize that most healthcare professionals have a primary obligation to their workplace or practice, and that the ability to volunteer can only come after those obligations are fulfilled. You can still join the Philadelphia Medical Reserve Corps even if primary work responsibilities might limit your availability to volunteer during an emergency.

The next Philadelphia Medical Reserve Corps Volunteer Seminar will be held on Saturday September 16th, 2006 from 8am-12:30pm at Foerderer Lecture Hall, Jefferson Medical College. Continuing education credit is available for physicians and pharmacists. For additional details contact Marie Carbonetto, R.Ph. 215-685-6861 marie.carbonetto@phila.gov or view the brochure for this seminar on our web site at <http://www.phila.gov/mrc>.

To learn more about the Philadelphia Medical Reserve Corps, and to register on-line, log onto www.phila.gov/mrc