



### TO REGISTER, PLEASE VISIT:

<https://kshealth.kdhe.state.ks.us/VolunteerRegistry/>

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KDHE will improve health and quality of life. We prevent illness, injuries and foster a safe and sustainable environment for the people of Kansas.

# K-SERV

## KANSAS SYSTEM FOR THE EARLY REGISTRATION OF VOLUNTEERS



During a largescale disaster, Kansas will need the support of volunteers...



**BE THE RESPONSE.**



## WHAT IS K-SERV?

The Kansas System for the Early Registration of Volunteers is a statewide secure database of pre-credentialed health care and non-health care professionals who are interested in volunteering their services in the event of a public health emergency. K-SERV is a tool that can be used by Kansas communities for volunteer management in the case of a disaster or incident.

## WHY IS K-SERV NECESSARY?

Recent experience with large-scale disasters, such as September 11th and Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, has consistently shown that an effective response requires that volunteers be pre-credentialed and deployed through a coordinated effort. Well-meaning but unaffiliated volunteers who are spontaneously present at disaster sites are often unable to be assigned. With limited time and resources to process volunteers, only those with known and verified credentials are usually permitted access to the disaster response. By registering with K-SERV, you can be part of an alert system and respond, when activated, to a significant disaster or public health emergency.

## WHO CAN REGISTER?

K-SERV seeks people with all skill levels and experiences. The following health care professionals are encouraged to register:

- ✓ Physicians
- ✓ Nurses
- ✓ Behavioral Health Specialists
- ✓ Laboratory Techs
- ✓ Pharmacists
- ✓ Respiratory Therapists
- ✓ Occupational and Physical Therapists
- ✓ Veterinarians

Additionally, non-health care professionals are welcome. Targeted professionals and skill sets include:

- ✓ Emergency Managers
- ✓ Public Health Workers
- ✓ Security
- ✓ Clerks
- ✓ Interpreters
- ✓ Food Service

If you are interested in volunteering to help Kansans, register in K-SERV today! Everyone is welcome to join, regardless of their profession.

## TIPS FOR REGISTRATION

Registration only takes about 10 to 15 minutes. Here are some tips to make the registration time go even faster:

- ✓ If you are a licensed professional, have your license number and expiration date handy
- ✓ If you have undergone any relevant trainings, have the name and date of the trainings ready
- ✓ Start thinking about your deployment needs
  - ✓ How far are you willing to travel?
  - ✓ How long do you want to be gone?
  - ✓ Are you willing to deploy throughout the U.S.?
  - ✓ What kind of incident do you want to respond to?
- ✓ Get relevant demographic, personal and contact information in order

## HOW WILL K-SERV WORK?

Once you have registered to become a K-SERV volunteer, your professional credentials will be verified and your information will become part of the K-SERV statewide secured database.

In the event of a disaster, you will be contacted by a local volunteer coordinator to see if you are interested in volunteering. Registration in K-SERV does not obligate you to participate in the response.



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