

New Mexico Adopt-A-POD FAQ



The New Mexico Department of Health, Public Health Division, in Conjunction with NMserve is beginning an effort to recruit volunteers to help with distribution of medicine during public health emergencies. We are rolling out a campaign called “New Mexico Adopt-a-POD” to attract local community members to volunteer to work at locations all across the State.

What are we doing?

We’re recruiting volunteers to work at emergency response sites called or PODs (Points of Distribution Sites) in the event of a public health emergency.

What kind of people do we need?

We need medical professionals, such as Nurses and EMT’s, as well as non-medical professionals to help manage and operate the PODs.

How many people do we need?

We need about 300 people per county, except in the Albuquerque metro area where we need about 5,000 people.

What will we be doing?

Providing information, support the clients, crowd control, and managing supplies. Medical Professionals will be distributing medicine or giving vaccinations.

What is the time commitment?

Volunteers are asked to take about 16 hours of web-based emergency training, and to spend 4-8 hours per year attending local training and exercises. If there is an emergency volunteers will be asked to work 10-12 hour shifts for up to 4 days.

Do we need to provide any special equipment or clothing?

No, New Mexico Department of Health will provide all equipment and supplies

How do I volunteer?

Simply log on to www.nmserves.org and fill out the online application.

Who do I contact for more information?

Contact the Public Health Emergency Specialist in your area for more information:

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