

# Douglas County Medical Reserve Corps

## Douglas County H1N1 Vaccination Statistics

- Our first H1N1 clinic was Oct. 21.
- As of Jan. 23, the Health Department has held or assisted with 45 H1N1 vaccine clinics.
- Approximately 24,000 vaccines have been given in Douglas County.
- Nearly 300 hours have been volunteered by our MRC!!



## A Thank You from Health Department Director, Dan Partridge:



Ingrid Hartman gives an injection at the Dec. 21 H1N1 Clinic.

*“Douglas County is blessed to have the Medical Reserve Corps as a resource for meeting our community-wide medical response needs. On behalf of the community I want to thank you, not only for your assistance in our H1N1 Influenza clinics, but also for your ongoing commitment to serve our community. In times of need each community must first look inward for solutions and without volunteers like you the Medical Reserve Corps could not function.”*

### **A great opportunity for those interested in disaster response:**

CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training will be held this spring. Please email [smeggison@douglas-county.com](mailto:smeggison@douglas-county.com) for more information.

## **Severe Weather Topic of Next Quarterly Meeting:**

We encourage you to attend one of the Severe Weather Trainings listed on the right. Then we will hold our quarterly meeting on **March 25 from 6:30-7:30 at the Community Health Facility to discuss responding to emergencies during severe weather with guest speaker:**

**Sergeant for Douglas County Sheriff's Office, Ed Swanson.**

*There are three different training options:*

1) Forum for Community-Based Organizations: Severe Weather: Jillian Rodrigue, Assistant Director of Emergency Management for Douglas County, will be giving an overview of severe weather.

2) National Weather Service (NWS) Weather 101: someone from NWS-Topeka will be providing basic severe weather information to help keep you and your family safe. It is

usually an hour to two hours long.

3) Severe Weather Symposium:

For those seeking a more in-depth feel for severe weather, this is the choice for you! It is a half-day event on a Saturday morning, that brings in weather experts from all over the country including area TV Meteorologists, a storm chaser from the Discovery Channel show “Stormchasers” and well-seasoned (no pun intended) forecasters from agencies like the Storm Prediction Center and National Weather Service as well as an audience full of weather enthusiasts.

Erin Spaeth will be at all the events listed on the right with a sign-in sheet. If you attend a different training, please send an email to [mrcinfo@ldchealth.org](mailto:mrcinfo@ldchealth.org) and let us know. Also, write down three things you didn't know before and bring them to the meeting on March 25!

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## **Severe Weather Trainings:**

*Forum for Community-Based Organizations: Severe Weather:*  
**Feb. 10, 11:30 a.m.- 1 p.m.**  
**Emergency Operations Center**  
111 E. 11th (2nd floor), Lawrence

*Weather 101\*:*  
**March 11, 7 p.m.**  
**South Junior High School**  
2734 Louisiana, Lawrence

*Severe Weather Symposium\*\**  
**March 20, 7:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**  
**Lawrence Arts Center**  
940 New Hampshire, Lawrence

\*Weather 101 is **free** and open to the public. For additional dates/locations please visit  
<http://www.crh.noaa.gov/top/?n=talks>

\*\*Severe Weather Symposium is open to the public with a **\$15** registration fee due to Jillian Rodrigue by March 15. For more information please see  
[http://douglas-county.com/depts/em/volunteering/em\\_symposium.aspx](http://douglas-county.com/depts/em/volunteering/em_symposium.aspx)

**Quarterly Meeting:**  
**March 25, 6:30-7:30p.m.**  
**Community Health Facility**  
200 Maine, Lawrence

## Incident Command System and National Incident Management System

As a result of wildfires in the 1970s, California developed the initial Incident Command System (ICS), called FIREScope (FIrefighting REsources of California Organized for Potential Emergencies).

In the early 1980s this became the National Inter-agency Incident Management System (NIIMS). In 2003, President Bush initiated the development of what we now know as the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

The ICS is just one part of NIMS. NIMS helps different agencies – governmental, non-governmental, private– to fluidly work together in a uniform manor during any size or kind of disaster or event. NIMS reaches beyond the event itself

### Importance of Required Trainings

One of the few requirements for all MRC volunteers is to complete two courses- ICS 100 “Introduction to Incident Command System” and ICS 700 “National Incident Management System (NIMS), an Introduction”.

These courses should only take a few hours each to complete and do not have to be completed in one sitting. Additionally, we will be holding an ICS 100 training later this spring if you would rather take the course in a group setting.

The ICS/NIMS courses are extremely important in understanding the organizational structure used by MRC and other emergency response and governmental agencies. Even some private businesses use an ICS structure!

One of the most visible ways our MRC uses ICS is in mass dispensing clinics such as the recent H1N1

to prevention, protection, recovery and mitigation. NIMS and ICS training and utilization are required of local, state, national and tribal governmental organizations.



### MRC Welcomes New Volunteers:

Charles Baars	Ingrid Hartman
Emily Banning	Phil Hauptman
Mayetta Cahill	Chris Nguyen
Robert Emerson	Mary Lou Strong
Sarah Haavik	Tiffany Woods
Susan Hall	



clinics. ICS is also used during emergencies in Douglas County, as well as throughout the United States. It is important that if our MRC unit is deployed, either in Douglas County, somewhere in Kansas or elsewhere in the United States, all of our volunteers understand the command process. MRC volunteers are not eligible for deployment in an emergency situation until they have taken both courses!

### CURRENT MRC VOLUNTEERS:

\*If you have taken ICS 100 and 700, please make sure we have copies of your certificates!

\*If you have **not** completed ICS 100 and ICS 700, the deadline is July 1, 2010.

*You will **not** be able to volunteer as a part of MRC in a large scale disaster, until you have completed these courses!*

### MRC TRAIN How-To:

1. Go to [www.mrc.train.org](http://www.mrc.train.org) (if you don't type "www", it won't work)
2. If you have a username/password, skip to step 8.  
2b. If you don't have a username/ password click "Create Account" at the left middle of the page.
3. Follow the prompts on the screen.
4. Fill out personal information.  
For title put "Volunteer".  
For Organization Name type "Douglas" and scroll down the drop box to find "Douglas Co. Medical Reserve Corps". It should be toward the top.  
For Department/Division put Lawrence-

Douglas County Health Department.

For Address– put your own address.

5. On the next screen, select Region 7 (VII), Kansas then Douglas County Medical Reserve Corps
6. On the following screens, fill out information accordingly
7. Watching MRC Train 101 is not required but may help you learn about MRC Train.
8. On the left hand side of the page– in "spotlight", there are links to "ICS 100.a" and "ICS 700.a", this will lead you to the respective courses. These are online courses. When finished, please print a copy and fax to 785-843-3161 or mail to Kim Ens 200 Maine, Lawrence



### Quail Run Wellness/Safety Fair

**When:** Sat. March 6, 8 a.m.– noon **Where:** Quail Run Elementary

**Who:** Medical or non-medical 1130 Inverness Dr, Lawrence

**What:** Give hand-washing demo (with black lights) and provide basic preparedness information.

If interested call Kim or Erin 843-3060. Will train.