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TRUSTED MESSENGER RESOURCES

- ✓ **What's New in Treatments and Prevention Therapies?**
- ✓ **Oregon's Omicron Response Plan**
- ✓ **40 Useful Spanish Terms for SERV-OR Volunteers**
- ✓ **MRC Start-up and Sustainability Toolkit**
- ✓ Oregon's COVID-19 Data Dashboards **here**.
- ✓ **Subscribe** to COVID-19 Health Talking Points

UPDATES COLUMN

Oregon's February 2022 Volunteer Activity

Unit	Hours	Deployed Volunteers <small>Duplicative of members who deployed multiple times.</small>	Value of service
State Managed Volunteer Pool	3,237.25	130	\$42,513.25
Medical Reserve Corps	2,206	408	\$ 96,238.60
Total Oregon	5,443.25	538	\$ 138,751.85

- ✓ Check out **Oregon's Communicable Disease Rules and Reporting page** for temporary and permanent rules tracking in Oregon
- ✓ Oregon's COVID-19 Data Dashboards **here**.
- ✓ **Request** a SERV-OR member badge
- ✓ We want to hear your **stories of service!**
- ✓ **News** from the national Medical Reserve Corps office
- ✓ 2022 immunization schedules are out:
 - Adults (age ≥19 years): **CDC website, MMWR ACIP recommendations**
 - Children/adolescents (birth-18 years): **CDC website, MMWR ACIP recommendations**

SERV-OR FAQs: Updates on SB 1529

Updated

Provided by Sophie-Miller-Desart and Isna Waqas

Many of you may have been following **Senate Bill 1529** in the current legislative session. As amended and passed, this bill would allow the State Public Health Director, subject to the approval of the Governor or designee, to deploy volunteer health care providers registered with SERV-OR in order to confront public health threats. This may allow SERV-OR to respond to many public health threats that do not rise to the level of needing a fuller Governor's emergency declaration. This may be a valuable option when the Governor's emergency orders that have permitted SERV-OR deployments in response to COVID end on March 31st. As of **3/3/22**, **the bill has passed both houses and awaits a signature.**

An overview of the bill, including the history of amendments, hearings, other actions, and current status, is **here**.

Volunteer Activity Self-reporting **NEW**

Provided by The SERV-OR Team and Joe Harrity

SERV-OR has developed a new volunteer activity self-report portal for certain deployments. Self-reporting allows for more efficient, accurate, and detailed data collection since volunteers can report the true number of hours they serve without an intermediary. Not all deployments will require self-reporting, and your Mission Assignment will specify when SERV-OR requests that volunteers enter their own hours. You may also receive emailed requests for self-reporting after you have completed a volunteer shift. The volunteer self-report portal can be found [here](#) and should be accessible at that address for the foreseeable future for your convenience.

Questions and comments about the volunteer self-reporting system can be directed to Joe Harrity at joe.harrity@dhsosha.state.or.us.

A New SERV-OR Database System is on the Horizon **NEW**

Provided by Sophie Miller-Desart

The Oregon Health Authority posted a request for proposals on February 4 seeking proposals from vendors to replace the SERV-OR database system. The tentative timeline anticipates a full migration mid-2023, following the procurement period. The request for the proposal period ends on March 23, 2022. Please share broadly with known vendors or volunteer programs to maximize the visibility of this opportunity.

[Request for Proposals: State Emergency Registry of Volunteers in Oregon Replacement](#)

COVID-19 Health Talking Points: Mask Requirements **NEW**

Provided by Jeff Rubin and Isna Waqas

As the change in mask requirements is coming up during this month, here are some talking points to help with your conversations as providers:

- After 11:59 p.m. on March 11, California, Oregon, and Washington will be adopting new indoor mask policies and moving from mask requirements to mask recommendations in schools.
- State policies do not change federal requirements, which still include masks on public transit.

You can find more information on the update [here](#). You can also find information on mask requirements [here](#)

[Know your community COVID-19 level](#)

Update

On March 11 at 11:59 p.m., Oregon will lift mask requirements for schools* and most indoor public places.

Masks will still be required:



*Individual school districts may set their own mask rules

Stories of Service: Jon Schnebly, Pharmacist - Volunteering, A Rural Perspective **NEW**

Provided by Renee' Menkens

Jon Schnebly's smile, humor, and humble manner showcase how much he cares about what he does as a volunteer. His long career as a pharmacist has provided him with a unique vision of collaboration and teamwork. He has worked in many hospital systems over the decades and then started his own company as a hospital consultant before retiring in 2020. He has kept his pharmacist license active and has been an asset to Klamath County during the pandemic.

As a volunteer, he went to Boardman to prepare vaccines for a drive-through COVID clinic. At Sky Lakes hospital, he has given "a couple of thousand COVID-19 vaccinations." He continues to work with Klamath County Public Health to give COVID and flu vaccinations for people who are homebound or live in assisted living facilities. He has even called local friends and businesses and added another 30 people for COVID vaccinations through these personal contacts.



He noted "In rural America, we rely on family and friends and less on institutions. We do what we can with what we have. Recently, I went to a nursing home that has 8 patients – this is a family affair and the staff is part of the family. I had time to sit and talk with the patients. I have been in living rooms where the whole family got shots – I gave 14 people flu and COVID shots once. The first person drove 20 miles to get his COVID shot. I will keep doing this until they don't need me anymore." Jon makes a difference as a volunteer in Klamath County!

NACCHO Funding for Medical Reserve Corps COVID-19 Respond, Innovate, Sustain, and Equip (RISE) Awards **NEW**

Provided by Isna Waqas

The MRC COVID-19 RISE awards are intended to provide resources to the MRC network to support COVID-19 response efforts. These awards will prioritize building capacity for the MRC to respond, innovate toward evolving requirements, sustain staffing requirements, and equip MRC units or state coordinators with the resources needed to support their mission.

Awards are available at three tier levels, with approximately 350 total awards available to MRC units and MRC state coordinators:

- Tier 1: \$25,000
- Tier 2: \$50,000
- Tier 3: \$75,000

The expected announcement date for the awards is April 1st.

You can find more information on the awards [here](#).

My Time as SERV-OR Community Engagement VISTA **NEW**

Provided by Isna Waqas

My year working with SERV-OR as the AmeriCorps VISTA has been amazing and I have learned so much throughout my year. This year I have had the opportunity to led projects like this Monthly Bulletin, Medical Reserve Corps toolkit, and the SMVP Regional Officer Corps, which is a new project, in the very beginning stages.

Through this program I was able to be part of the wonderful SERV-OR community and connect and learn from the volunteers through the monthly bulletin. The bulletin development team has been a huge resource. With the knowledge and experience they have, we are able to provide the best and most up-to-date information for the Bulletin. Through working in HSPR, I also had the opportunity to collaborate on other projects. In the past year, I have worked on mission assignments for SERV-OR as well as hospital capacity. Within my time with SERV-OR and AmeriCorps, I have learned so much about HSPR and emergency response work. After my year with AmeriCorps, I plan to take a gap year before applying to graduate schools to pursue a master's degree in public health.



If you would like to work with us as an AmeriCorps member, we are accepting applications, you can find more information and apply [here](#)!

Online Training Modules **Updated**

Training opportunities are updated regularly [here](#).

ALERT IIS Training

Visit the [SERV-OR Training page](#) for links to the foundational training series for Disaster Medicine and Public Health Core Competencies, FEMA Incident Command courses, and more!

Volunteer and Job Opportunities **Updated**

- **Licensed Practical Nurse - Oregon State Hospital Salem Campus-** Fulltime, Application deadline 03/13/2022
- **Licensing & Trauma Program Administrative Assistant, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and Trauma Systems Section (Administrative Specialist 1)- (Portland)** Fulltime, Application deadline: 03/09/2022
- **Mental Health Registered Nurse - Oregon State Hospital Salem Campus-** Fulltime, Application deadline 03/13/2022
- AmeriCorps VISTA 21 Positions are available throughout the state, both in urban centers and scenic rural areas. Oregon is a wonderful place to build a career in public health. **Contact us and Apply!**
- **RDPO Weekly Update**, contains information on current job openings. (Application closing dates vary depending on week)
- **Oregon Health Authority State and County jobs** (Dates vary depending on openings)
- For more volunteer opportunities, events, and petitions near you check out **Made to Save**

Contributors to this bulletin include Isna Waqas, Renee' Menkens, Jeff Rubin, Donald Venes, Daniel Hughson, Paul Kaplan, and Sophie Miller-Desart. Thank you so much to this team for all their efforts!

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 well-being, 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.