



## SERV-OR Bulletin

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## Total 2023 Volunteer Activity

Unit	Hours	Deployed Volunteers	Value of Service
State Managed Volunteer Pool	243.75	15	\$12,377
Medical Reserve Corps	154.25	72*	\$8,658
<b>Total Oregon</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>87*</b>	<b>\$21,036</b>

*\*Contains duplicative counts of some members who deployed multiple times.*

## Volunteer Recognition Awards!

In celebration of National Volunteer Week, SERV-OR is excited to announce that nominations are now open for the 2022/2023 SERV-OR Recognition Awards. Awardees will be announced on Friday, March 24, 2023.

**Celebrate the hard work of volunteers and submit your **MRC** and **SMVP** volunteer nominations here!**

**Nominations close on Friday, March 24, 2023**

## News You Can Use

[New OHA Director, James Schroeder, to focus on housing, mental health care](#)

[Gov. Kotek declares a homelessness state of emergency](#), announces [three executive orders](#)

[News](#) from the national Medical Reserve Corps office

Preparedness Training for Community-Based Organizations [here](#)

OHA's [Behavioral Health Workforce Initiative](#) and [loan repayment program](#)

[HHS Office for Civil Rights Delivers Annual Reports to Congress on HIPAA Compliance](#)

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We want to hear your [stories of service!](#)

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What's New in Treatments and Prevention Therapies?

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## Trusted Messenger Resources

### Covid-19

- View Oregon's COVID-19 Data Dashboards [here](#)
- [Oregon will lift mask mandate in early April for health care settings](#)
- [Oregon sees significant decrease in respiratory virus hospitalizations](#)
- [What Doctors Wish Patients Knew About Covid-19 Reinfection](#)
- [XBB.1.5 Omicron subvariant now dominant in all US regions](#)
- [Covid-19 Federal State of Emergency to End in May](#)
- [What Happens When COVID-19 Emergency Declarations End? Implications for Coverage, Costs, and Access](#)
- [Fact Sheet: COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Transition Roadmap](#)
- [Using Community Engagement and Geographic Information Systems to Address Covid-19 Vaccination Disparities](#)
- CDC launches new Covid-19 [testing site finder](#)
- [CDC's State of Vaccine Confidence Insights Report](#)
- [US vaccination rates and distribution](#)
- [RESP-NET Interactive Dashboard](#)
- At home Covid-19 testing kits are once again available through [covid.gov](#)
- Covid-19 at home test [expiration date extensions](#)
- [CDC studies highlight COVID vaccine effectiveness for young children, low uptake](#)

- [ACIP Recommended Immunization Schedule for Children and Adolescents Aged 18 Years or Younger — US, 2023](#)
- [ACIP Recommended Immunization Schedule for Adults Aged 19 Years or Older — US, 2023](#)

## Flu

- Flu surge decreases [state](#) and [nationwide](#)
- Visit [OHA's Flu Bites](#) resources page for the most up to date information on the 2022/23 flu season surveillance
- [CDC's Flu page for Health Professionals](#)
- [CDC Flusight](#) predicts continued downward trend of flu hospitalizations
- [CDC Flu News and Spotlights](#)
- [Flu vaccine FAQs from patients 65 and older](#)
- [Find a vaccine](#)

## RSV

- [RSV cases](#) and hospitalizations continue to decline statewide
- [OHA RSV Surveillance Data](#)
- CDC's [RSV Dashboard](#)
- [OHA RSV Page](#)
- OHA's 'Protect yourself and loved ones from RSV Social Cards ([English](#), [Spanish](#), [PDF](#))

## Seasonal Hazards

- Winter not over yet: sign up for [weather alerts](#)
- [Medical Reserve Corps Units Respond to Severe Weather In California](#)
- [Find and share warming shelter info during extreme cold](#)
- [ODOT shares Winter Travel Tips & Resources](#)

# Oregon Emergency Statutes: What Stands and What Stands Down

<p><b>Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness (PREP) Act immunity protections</b></p>	<p><b>Expires the final day of the “Declaration of Emergency” or October 1, 2024, whichever occurs first.</b></p>	<p><a href="#">HHS's PREP Act</a> declaration provides liability protections for certain individuals and entities with respect to the manufacture, distribution, administration, or use of COVID-19 countermeasures (i.e., drugs, devices and biological products used to diagnose, treat, or prevent COVID-19). “Declaration of Emergency” is defined as “any Declaration by any authorized local, regional, state, or federal official of an emergency specific to events that indicate an immediate need to administer and use the Covered Countermeasures” and excludes a declaration in</p>
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		<p>support of an Emergency Use Authorization. “Declaration of Emergency” includes the federal Public Health Emergency as well as the President’s National Emergency Declaration which has a current end date of May 11, 2023.</p> <p><b>What does this mean for SERV-OR?</b> Federal liability and protections for certain individuals distributing and administering COVID-19 countermeasures (i.e. drugs, devices, and biological products used to diagnose, treat, or prevent COVID-19) will end on May 11, 2023.</p>
<p><a href="#">OAR 855-025-0010</a> Licensure as a Pharmacy Technician</p>	<p><b>Permanent; Effective as of 4/20/2022. Not expected to expire.</b></p>	<p>Rule amended to make Pharmacy Technician license renewable. Prior to rule amendment, Pharmacy Technician license was only valid for up to two years. Continued licensure required national certification to become licensed as a Certified Oregon Pharmacy Technician.</p>
<p><a href="#">OAR 855-007-0050</a> Emergency Licensure</p>	<p><b>Temporary; Expected to expire the final day of the “Declaration of Emergency”.</b></p>	<p>During a state or federal public health emergency declaration, allows a drug outlet to employ a pharmacist, intern or pharmacy technician who does not hold a license issued by the Board, provided that the individual provides evidence that they hold a comparable license issued by any other state or signatory to PNEMA or EMAC.</p>
<p><a href="#">OAR 855-007-0050</a> Inactive License Reactivation</p>	<p><b>Temporary; Expected to expire the final day of the “Declaration of Emergency”.</b></p>	<p>In an emergency, the Board may allow a pharmacist whose license has been inactive for no more than two years to reactivate their license without completing any required continuing education or MPJE. The license will revert to an inactive status at the end of six months unless all required continuing education has been completed.</p> <p><b>What does this mean for SERV-OR?</b> Pharmacists with an inactive license will need to complete MPJE and reactivate their license in order to deploy with a clinical capacity with any SERV-OR organization.</p>
<p><a href="#">OAR 847-035-0030(9)(o)</a> Emergency Medical Services Providers in the Event of an Emergency</p>	<p><b>Permanently adopted 12/03/2021.</b></p>	<p>In the event of an emergency declared by the Governor of Oregon, the rule allows Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT), Advanced EMTs, EMT Intermediates, and Paramedics to prepare and administer COVID-19 immunizations under the direction of their supervising</p>

		physician and within the agency’s supervising physician’s standing order.
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# Stories of Service: Dr. Richard Leman, SERV-OR Reflection and Vision for the Future

Provided by Renee' Menken

Dr. Leman has served as Chief Medical Officer for the Health Security, Preparedness and Response Program for Oregon since 2008. Dr. Leman will be retiring in 2023, leaving a legacy that will be hard to forget.

"To borrow a phrase from a supposed basketball coach named Tim Notke, 'Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard.' Lucky for us, Richard consistently demonstrates that it's possible to possess talent and work hard, and I'm really going to miss his grit!" says Melissa Powell, OSPHL Interim Business Director.

"When I first started in my position as the SERV-OR Manager 5 years ago, Dr. Leman was one of the first colleagues I collaborated with at the agency. His kindness, patience, and support are quite effective at disguising his astute expertise and intellect. That is the mark of a true public health professional. Wishing you the best of luck in retirement, Richard!" says Sophie Miller-Desart, SERV-OR Volunteer Manager.

In his role as Chief Medical Officer, he has worked to expand awareness of SERV-OR and to make it easier for people from many health professions to join in this important work. As he says, "You don't know what's coming down the road next. We need capable volunteers with a variety of skills in order for us to be able to respond effectively and help Oregonians on a bad day."

Often, those who sign up for SERV-OR and MRC units are retired. This is a great group to have involved, since they often have more flexibility to mobilize quickly, Dr. Leman notes that there is also great value in having SERV-OR volunteers who are active in the healthcare workforce. This allows efficient re-deployment of staff to other facilities if their usual workplace is rendered unusable by illness or damage. To increase the number of active-duty volunteers, Dr. Leman has worked with professional boards in Oregon to promote awareness of SERV-OR and make signing up easy as part of the licensing process.

Finally, Leman feels that personal and family preparedness are crucial steps in allowing SERV-OR volunteers to respond effectively. "If you're worried about your family, it's much tougher to jump in and take part in emergency response. That's just human nature," he says.

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## MRC Correspondents

Email [Enola.Mercer@odhsoha.oregon.gov](mailto:Enola.Mercer@odhsoha.oregon.gov) to find out how you can become an MRC Correspondent!

MRC Correspondents are members of MRCs around the state who share current news, updates, and stories from their region. This month's highlight comes from the North Coast.

### Cannon Beach MRC Lands New Gear

Provided by Gabriella Korosi

In January the Cannon Beach Medical Reserve Corps (CBMRC) members received new backpacks to carry and hold the medical supplies that we carry in our cars to be able to respond quickly in case of an emergency. The new backpacks are easier to open and have separate compartments where medical supplies can be easily stored and taken out quickly, in case of an emergency. The backpacks were purchased from a fund provided by the City of Cannon Beach. The old backpacks will be given back to the state for repurposing.

Another exciting piece of news is that there are new satellite radios that can communicate between the local hospitals and a base station that will be in Cannon Beach. The benefit of having this station for CBMRC is that in case of an emergency, the team can easily communicate and report the conditions of people with OHSU, Salem, Providence, and Columbia Memorial Hospital. This will allow resources to be

sent based on the need of the community. The plan for the base camp satellite radio set up is the end of February.

The Cannon Beach Leadership team met this month and discussed and approved the training and education plans for 2023.

## Virtual and In-Person Training

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

### Webinars and Independent Study

- [Inform to Empower: Building Covid-19 Vaccine Confidence](#)

### In-Person Training

#### ICS 300: Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents

- ICS-300 provides an in-depth focus on the NIMS (National Incident Management System) Incident Command System (ICS) that includes the tools, practices and procedures that are available in ICS to effectively manage emergency incidents or planned local events at a local Type 3 level. Expanding on ICS-100 and -200, this course ensures that responders understand the basic ICS concepts that allow an incident management organization to expand and contract as needed to fit the incident and maintain its operational effectiveness.
- **Pre-requisites:** Completion of ICS-100, ICS-200, IS-700, and IS-800. All pre-requisites are online through FEMA's Emergency Management Institute. A FEMA Student Identification (FEMA SID) **Where and when:** Each course is three days. In order to receive a certificate of completion, you must attend all 3 days of the course from **8:00am-4:30pm**. Options:
  - [Hermiston, OR](#): May 9-11, 2023
  - **Cost:** There is no individual registration fee. The OHA HSPR program is sponsoring this course.

#### ICS 400: Advanced ICS Command and General Staff- Complex Incidents

- ICS-400 provides training and resources for personnel who require advanced application of ICS. This course expands upon information covered in ICS-100 through ICS-300.
- **Pre-requisites:** Completion of ICS-100, ICS-200, **ICS-300**, IS-700, and IS-800. See above for details on how to complete these courses.
- **When:** Each course is two days. In order to receive a certificate of completion, you must attend both days of the course from **8:00am-4:30pm**. Options:
  - [Salem, OR](#): Mar. 15-16, 2023
  - [Hermiston, OR](#): Jun. 21-22, 2023
  - **Cost:** There is no individual registration fee. The OHA HSPR program is sponsoring this course.

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

- [OHA Board and Commission Member Opportunities](#) (multiple listed)
- Become an American Red Cross Mental Health Volunteer [here](#)
- [Oregon State Hospital is hiring](#)
- [OHA Public Health Division is hiring a Reproductive Health Nurse Consultant \(internal only\)](#)
- [Bilingual Spanish/English Emergency Preparedness, Outreach, and Education Specialist](#)

## New job postings from Healthcare News

- [Behavioral Health Consultant, Bend or Madras, OR](#)
  - [Children's Card Coordinator, Medford, OR](#)
  - [Clinical Manager, Grants Pass, OR](#)
  - [Echo Sonographer, Astoria, OR](#)
  - [Health Department Manager, John Day, OR](#)
  - [Internal Medicine Physician, Bend, OR](#)
  - [Medical Technologist or Medical Laboratory Technician, Astoria, OR](#)
  - [Older Adult Specialist, Grants Pass, OR](#)
  - [Mental Health Therapist, Pendleton, OR](#)
  - [Physical Therapist, Astoria, OR](#)
  - [RN Hospice Case Manager, Salem, OR](#)
  - [Therapist- ACT, Medford, OR](#)
  - [Therapist- Adult Outpatient, Grants Pass, OR](#)
  - [Therapist- Adult Outpatient \(license not required\), Medford, OR](#)
  - [Therapist- Case Management \(license not required\), Grants Pass, OR](#)
  - [Therapist- Children \(license not required\), Grants Pass OR](#)
  - [Therapist- Forensics, Grants Pass, OR](#)
  - [Therapist, Ashland, OR](#)
  - [Therapist- Youth and Family \(license not required\), Medford, OR](#)
  - [Therapist- Children, Grants Pass, OR](#)
  - [Therapist- Mobile Outreach, Medford, OR](#)
- [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](#)

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### 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.*



*We will accomplish this through recruiting, registering, training, exercising, and deploying licensed volunteer health professionals to support public health initiatives, health and medical needs during public health crises, and by improving access to preparedness education and resources for all individuals and communities.*

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