

# SERV-OR Bulletin

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### SERV-OR Training Needs Survey **NEW**

Provided by Sophie-Miller Desart

SERV-OR is preparing to update the 2021/22 training calendar and we want to hear about your training

Wishlist! Using the poll, please share your training interests. The results of this poll may even influence training opportunities from SERV-OR over the next 1-5 years!

[Click here to take the Training Needs Survey](#)

### Trusted Messenger: Winter Shelters/ Storm Preparedness **NEW**

Provided by Isna Waqas

With winter arriving, it isn't too late to prepare. Although snow, sleet, freezing rain, and periods of extreme cold cannot always be predicted far in advance, weather forecasts can only give you a head start, at best. Now is the time to check your flashlights, stock up on or charge your re-usable batteries, check your heating system and backup heating systems, ensure you have sufficient supplies and medications for extended disruptions, and be ready to respond to requests from SERV-OR or neighbors for assistance when challenging conditions arrive.

#### Check Oregon Weather Alerts

#### Support your community's preparedness

- Read this NACCHO Fact Sheet to learn how you may be called to serve during a winter emergency: **MRC Shelter Operations Support**
- Performing community well checks: Going door to door, providing basic first aid, COVID tests, blankets
  - **Neighbors helping neighbors** – Plan with neighbors

### SERV-OR 2021: Wrapped

Unit	Hours	Deployed Volunteers <small>Duplicative of members who deployed multiple times.</small>	Value of service
State Managed Volunteer Pool	10,641	755	\$184,757
Medical Reserve Corps	38,719	5,953	\$1,701,347
<b>Total Oregon</b>	<b>49,360</b>	<b>6,708</b>	<b>\$1,887,104</b>

- ✓ COVID-19 Vaccine Facts can be found **here**
- ✓ Vaccination updates can be found **here**
- ✓ COVID talking points **here**
- ✓ **Subscribe** to COVID-19 Health talking points
- ✓ **Request** a SERV-OR member badge
- ✓ We want to hear your **stories of service!**
- ✓ **Join our development team** and let us know ways we can improve the bulletin!
- ✓ **News** from the national Medical Reserve Corps office

- Register and collaborate with the local **American Red Cross**
- Find a local **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)** or **Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET)** chapter

**Other resources:**

- **What to do during a winter storm**
- **Prepare your home for winter**
- **Prepare your car for winter**
- **Fact sheets** (Information on Hypothermia and Frostbite)
- Sign up for Emergency Notifications through **OR-ALERT**
- Visit your **County Emergency Management Office** for local tools and resources
- **Holiday Fire Safety Tips**

## Ensure that your Vaccine Site meets ADA requirements **NEW**

By Isna Waqas

Federal law requires that all public spaces, such as public health buildings, convention centers, fairgrounds, doctor's offices, pharmacies, and other businesses comply with the **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)** to protect people from discrimination based on their disabilities. Vaccination clinics must comply with the ADA. As a volunteer and provider you can facilitate accessibility by creating a safe space for patients to get the care they need. **This checklist** is a useful guide, including these examples:

- Creating a private room for individuals with sensory disabilities.
- Offering sensory items to reduce anxiety (e.g., stress balls, no music, disposable ear plugs).
- Allowing individuals to request in-vehicle vaccinations. Some individuals have disabilities which makes leaving their car difficult.
- Having a clear, publicly posted policy stating that people with disabilities may bring a support person with them at all stages of the process.
- Try to make things predictable and easy.
  - If available, guide the participant to a fast-track or shorter line to reduce anxiety during waiting time.

(Source: **Vaccination Site Flyer- ADA Recommendations** )

**More Resources can be found here:**

- **Making Vaccination Sites Accessible for People with Disabilities and Older Adults**
- **Accessibility at Drive-Thru Medical Sites**
- **Full ADA checklist**
- **Autism Friendly Vaccine Experience Toolkit**
- **Help Me Grow Oregon** - a free and confidential resource line for families, health providers, and community service providers to local services and information on developmental promotion and learning activities that support healthy growth for children, ages 0-6.

## Stories of Service: Dr. Vicki Skellcerf and COVID vaccines for kids **NEW**

By Renee' Menkens

“Band-Aids are wonderful!” stated Vicki Skellcerf, MD when asked about her experience providing COVID vaccines to kids in Lane County. Dr. Skellcerf’s enthusiasm, caring, and compassion were evident as she recounted her experience with the Lane County Health Department’s team this past month. “It was such an honor to be part of this process,” she noted. “We had toys and pinwheels, had time to talk to the parents, and talk to the kids about what Band-Aid they wanted; and then wash hands, wash arms, put the Band-Aid on and then you are done. Even if you get someone who has to scream it goes fast.”

One 10-year-old stood out for Dr. Skellcerf. This kid was very smart and confident. She said she invented her own COVID vaccination already and really did not see the point of getting another one. Even the kids who had a hard time submitting for the vaccine said, “are you kidding, that was it?” Dr. Skellcerf said she gets charged up by helping in these clinics. As a family practice doctor, she said she can dig into her playful side planning what goofy clothes she can wear.



She was encouraged by the parents’ admirable relationships with their kids. They loved their kids completely and helped them accept the vaccine more easily. These parents gave her hope for the next generation. And so does Dr. Skellcerf in giving her time and expertise to help vaccinate our kids reducing the threat of COVID for all of us.

## Monoclonal Antibodies Treatments: Be the first to correctly pronounce all of them at your holiday gatherings! \* **NEW**

Provided by Jeff Rubin

ASPR has provided a new downloadable reference on the various outpatient therapies currently authorized in the U.S. for treatment of mild-moderate COVID-19. This resource will be regularly reviewed and updated. New therapies that are issued Emergency Use Authorizations will also be added. The link down below provided a side by side overview of the outpatient therapies Authorized for Treatment of Mild-Moderate COVID-19.

\*Expect muffled mask mispronunciations as a common side effect of 2021 holiday gatherings

[Click here for the Side by Side Overview](#)

## Online Training Modules **Updated**

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

Virtual learning sessions: **Pediatric COVID vaccines for clinics:**

- 12/9/21 (Noon–1 p.m.) [Register here](#)
- 12/16/21 (Noon–1 p.m.) [Register here](#)

FEMA presents: **Navigating Stress & Anxiety During the Holidays** (webinar)

- 12/15/21 (11–12 p.m.)

**Policy Brief: Queer and Present Danger. The Need for Equitable Disaster Response for LGBTQ+ Toolkits: [Helping Youth Thrive During Disasters](#)**

Visit the [SERV-OR Trainings 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

- **HAI Regional Infection Preventionist (Public Health Nurse 2)** – Limited Duration (24 months) Eugene and surrounding area- Fulltime, Application deadline 01/01/2022
- **Temporary Licensed Practical Nurse - Oregon State Hospital Salem Campus-** Fulltime, Application deadline 12/19/2021
- **COVID-19 Vaccine Inventory and Distribution Coordinator (Office Specialist 1)** Limited Duration (June 30th, 2022)- Fulltime, Application deadline- 12/15/2021
- **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](#)

## SERV-OR FAQs: Booster and Pediatric Vaccinations Updated

Provided by Sophie Miller-Desart and Isna Waqas

- ✓ [COVID-19 Vaccine for 5-11 and 12 to 17-Year-Olds FAQs](#)
- ✓ [Booster dose information for Pfizer, Moderna and J&J-](#)
  - According to the CDC, everyone ages 18 and older should get a booster shot. **Enrolled COVID-19 vaccine providers have begun administering boosters to eligible people since 11/20/21**
  - Individuals who received the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines should receive a booster dose after at least six months. Individuals who received a Johnson & Johnson vaccine should receive a booster dose after two months
  - Model protocols have been undated:
    - [Immunizations Protocols](#)
    - [Pharmacy Protocols](#)

## Questions, comments, story ideas for the SERV-OR Bulletin?

**Fill out this Survey!**

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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 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.