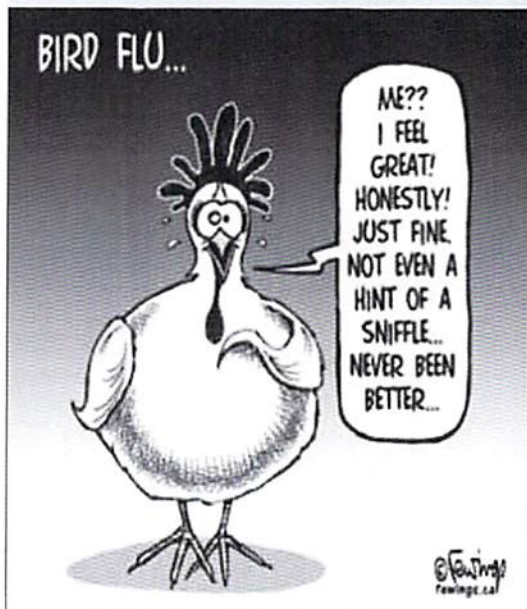


Volunteer

We need your help to accomplish this mission in the event of a public health emergency. Public health emergencies can be bioterrorism, contagious disease or other illness effecting a large population of people. As a volunteer, you will learn the skills to be able to set up and run a POD site and will be able to answer questions that may arise during your shift at a POD. Volunteering in a public health emergency is a positive contribution to the community as a whole. **Your service provides you and your family with emergency prophylactic medications and treatment before distribution to the general public.**



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Emergency Preparedness:

- **Make an emergency supply kit**
- **Have a plan to evacuate or shelter in place**
- **Learn about the risks in your area**

Remember loved ones and friends with special needs— they may need your help.

Don't forget your pets' food, medications, and vaccination records.



Mission Statement

Our Mission is to dispense medication through points of dispensing sites to prevent illness in the event of a public health emergency.

A Point of Dispensing (also known as a POD) are sites around the county that Comal County Public Health Emergency Preparedness can activate in an emergency to distribute medications to the County's entire population within 48 hours. In order for a POD sites to function properly many people will need to be able to work together efficiently and quickly.

Become a Volunteer in our Community, it's a win –win for everyone!



What Does a Volunteer Do?



As a volunteer for the Comal County Office of Public Health, volunteers are asked to assist in the event of a public health emergency such as a disease pandemic or the accidental/intentional release of a toxic agent. Volunteers play a vital role in the County's emergency preparedness plan to open Points of Dispensing (POD) sites that distribute life-saving medications to Comal County citizens if the need arises.



Point of Dispensing (POD)

A POD is a temporary facility established to distribute the antidote, or prophylaxes, which would be necessary to protect people in the event of an emergency involving a disease outbreak or terrorist attack involving a chemical, biological, or radiological material.

Volunteer Duties

Volunteer duties might include POD setup, traffic control, sign-in and other critical tasks necessary to ensure the rapid dissemination of preventative measures in a calm and effective manner.

Volunteer Training

Volunteers are asked to attend training once a month and participate in exercises to prepare for an actual event. The volunteer coordinator will contact volunteers primarily through email, telephone, or text messaging. Volunteers learn skills and knowledge to better respond in case of an emergency.

Volunteer Benefits

- Know what to do
- Be prepared
- Be informed
- Be first, along with your family, to receive the preventative medications

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Emergency Supply Kit:

Emergencies happen with little or no warning. Having an emergency kit prepared in advance can help you handle the situation. Whether you have to evacuate or shelter in place, food and water are must haves. We recommend a three day supply of each. Other items to consider:

- Copies of important documents
 - IDs, insurance, credit cards, emergency contact numbers, birth certificates, passports, medical records
- Battery operated radio and flashlight
- Prescriptions, eyeglasses, first aid kit
- Personal supplies, extra clothes, sleeping bags, matches, and a signal device

Monthly meetings & training

- 2nd Saturday** of the month
@ Tye Preston Memorial Library
10:15 to 11:00 a.m.
- 3rd Wednesday** of month
@ our office on 1297 Church Hill Dr.
12 noon to 12:45 p.m.
- 4th Tuesday** of month
@ New Braunfels Public Library
6:30 to 7:15 p.m.

*Please join us at one of the
meetings!*