If you would like to learn more about how PODs work and what roles exist for volunteers, please contact the nearest POD. Vaccination PODs may distribute flu vaccines or a COVID-19 vaccine, depending on the time of year. Further down the line, we will need volunteers for the 2023-2024 flu vaccination season. If you would like to receive more details about upcoming vaccination events, please send an email to hr_alternate_care_site@co.slo.ca.us

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If you see Amber Carbo around the CPACS, you might not think she is a volunteer. She is an ER nurse who then went on to become the manager of our patient admission process. She has been a volunteer for the last 10 years.

At the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, there was a push for personal protective equipment (PPE) for medical professionals. This push was not only for medical professionals but staff working in their POD's. Volunteer or staff positions will need to be reviewed and updated for their emergency plans. This training is going to be an ongoing matter.

The CPACS continues to be ready for the next call. We have seen many of you come through our doors. Nick Drews would like to volunteer or call us at 805-777-1722.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Do I have to sign up for a FEMA Student ID Number to do the IS 100 course?
A: No, you do not. This training is going to be an ongoing matter. We will need volunteers for the next call. Our volunteers will be required to certify with our written documentation that they have completed the IS 100 course. We will always need volunteers to help with our CPACS response.

Q: What POD training is provided?
A: Donning and doffing PPE instruction is included in the Just Arrived training. Quiet Room training is given to the volunteers so they can reference the signs for the correct process.

Q: What is the schedule for training?
A: We are continuing Just Arrived training through Thursday, April 23 for our volunteers who are scheduled to train the following week, which will be sent to them electronically.

Q: How can someone without a medical background get involved?
A: Our volunteers are organized into sections that will give you an idea of what each volunteer will be doing. This will help you decide if you would like to volunteer with us. You will then be able to choose the section that you would like to volunteer with.

Q: How can I get more information about volunteering?
A: To learn more about volunteering, please contact our volunteer coordinator, Nick Drews, at 805-777-1722.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

When Vince Pierucci was 3 years old, he declared that he wanted to be a fireman. He has worked in the fire department for the last 30 years. He has worked in emergency management for the last 20 years. Since then, he is one of our main emergency management volunteers.

When Vince first started working in the fire department, he was in a lifeguard. He decided to give it a try and was able to make a difference in people’s lives. He recently completed UCLA’s Advanced Lifesaving and CPR course which will help him continue his work in emergency management. When Vince is not volunteering or helping people, he enjoys spending time with his wife and his children. He is always interested in meeting new people and helping others.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

If you see Nick Drews around the CPACS, you might think he is a medical professional. He is an ER nurse and manager of our patient admission process. He has been a volunteer for the last 10 years.

When Nick first started volunteering, he was in the hospital care. Since then, he has worked in all areas of the CPACS. Nick has been able to volunteer on a regular basis due to his real-life scenarios with geopolitical events.

RESOURCES FOR WORKING AT THE CPACS

The CPACS is a great resource to guide your planning. The scenarios that you face will be taken care of by our professionals. As a volunteer, you will be helping to prepare our community for future events.

Thank you from our site.

Any free time trainings will be offered. Please mention any relevant experience to our volunteer coordinator. If you are interested, please mention your relevant experience and what section you would be interested in working on.

Thank you from our site.

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