

**Health Department announces new Volunteer website**

Whether an emergency results from terrorism or a natural disease outbreak, plans are already in place to limit the spread of illness. Columbia County has established locations where antibiotics, vaccines and other medical supplies can be quickly distributed, if needed. These dispensing sites may be at schools, community centers, businesses, and other similar locations. Volunteers will work with Columbia County Health Department staff and other medically-trained people at these points of dispensing. For most roles, no medical experience is necessary. If you could be a greeter, help people fill out forms, run errands, keep track of inventory and supplies, or do many equally important jobs, the Columbia County Health Department would like to hear from you.

If you have access to a computer, you can register through our county website:

<http://www.columbiacountyny.com/depts/health2/> go to the Emergency Preparedness page and then the link for Columbia County Volunteers. This link will take you to the New York State site ServNY, which manages the volunteers for all the counties in New York.

If you previously registered as a volunteer, please access the ServNY volunteer site through the county web page to update your contact information.

If you prefer not to use a computer, please contact Marge Costello, RN, BS at 828-3358 ext. 1247 for assistance with the registration process.

If the people we care about were at risk because of a health crisis, we would want someone to be there for them. You don't have to be a medical person to make a difference-and maybe even save a life.