

VOLUNTEER DEPLOYMENT AND DEBRIEFING

DEPLOYMENT

During large-scale disasters or extended health emergencies, public health and medical services may need to augment their teams with volunteers to continue to providing and/or supporting client/patient services in communities.



- Emergencies and disasters
 - Public health initiatives (e.g., vaccinations, HIV/AIDS testing, handwashing, anti- trafficking initiatives)
 - Community outreach
 - Upon request
- Deployment is at the regional level through LDH Regional Volunteer Coordinators and Medical Reserve Corps Unit Leaders.
 - LAVA Staff will contact appropriate volunteers and give them information about the event and reporting location. Volunteers may accept or decline the opportunity to serve.
 - Volunteers should maintain current contact information on LAVA.
 - The LAVA System is integrated with professional licensing boards and national databases for pre-event credentialing of medical and non-medical volunteers



DEBRIEFING

- **Debriefing is an interpersonal meeting, with a focus on emotional safety.**
- Debriefing should take place briefly at the end of each shift.
- Volunteers should have the opportunity to express their feelings, concerns, and successes for closure in a non-intimidating environment.
- Awareness of common disaster stress reactions (emotional, psychological, physical, behavioral, and cognitive) is important.
- Debriefing should include active listening and supportive statements.