

VOLUNTEER PROTECTIONS

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Louisiana provides civil liability protection for medical and non-medical volunteers during a declared state of emergency. Volunteers must be age 18 years or older. If under 18 years, the volunteer must be accompanied at all times by a parent/guardian. Registration in LAVA does not obligate volunteers to serve during a disaster.



- Legal statutes (L.R.S. 40:1299.39 and L.R.S. 29:735.3.1)
- Background Checks
 - State/National Sex Offender Registry
 - Office of the Inspector General List of Excluded Individuals and Entities Exclusions Database
 - Health Care Professional Boards (criminal history)
 - Medical Reserve Units (independently conduct background checks on their members)



LDH DEPLOYMENT SITES

- **The LDH has deployment sites for Emergency Support Function-8 (public health and medical services). Deployment is through LDH Regional Volunteer Unit Leaders and Medical Reserve Corps Unit Leaders.**
 - Emergency Operations Centers, Mass Fatality Incidents sites, Medical Special Needs Shelters, Medical Evacuation (Parish Pickup Points, Bus Triage Operations), Receiving, Staging & storage Warehouses, Points of Dispensing, Search and Rescue Base of Operations, Temporary Medical Operations Staging Areas
 - Other deployment sites as determined by the Louisiana State Health Officer

TRAINING AND LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

- **Volunteers have opportunities to participate in trainings, drills, and exercises, so they can become familiar with emergency preparedness and response, as well as other aspects of public health.**
- **Once a volunteer has created a LAVA System account (www.lava.dhh.louisiana.gov), he or she access and complete any or all of the courses.**