



# Benefits of Volunteering

The US Government gives each state funds to write & exercise Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) plans to protect their communities. The Grayson County Health Department receives these funds and has developed plans for such an event. However, our county has over 121,000 residents and only a handful of Public Health Staff, so we are in great need of volunteers.

Any volunteer, no matter what role you play, will be considered a first responder. The best benefit is that you and your immediate family will be treated first with the necessary medication, or vaccination, before the general public. This allows you to be able to help in the efforts without worrying about your loved ones. They can be home, protected and safe.

## Volunteer

### MEDICAL

Nurses, Pharmacists, Doctors, Veterinarians, Dentists, and Mental Health Professionals.  
Perform duties such as  
(but not limited to)...

Medical screening, medical evaluations, assessments, triage, vaccine injections, pet and/or animal care, mental health counseling, etc.

### SPECIALIZED SUPPORT

Special Populations Support and Volunteer Support.

Perform duties such as  
(but not limited to)...

Providing food, water & other necessities, transporting "Volunteers", delivering medications to home-bound individuals, helping notify those without media access on where to get treatment, assist those with special needs, etc.

## Positions

### NON-MEDICAL

Clerks, Health Screening Assistants, Interpreters (for both spoken language & sign language), Multi-Purpose "Float" Staff, Runners, etc.

Perform duties such as  
(but not limited to)...

Data entry, restocking supplies, filing, forms completion/collection/reviews, errands, supply checks, copying, answer phones, transmit messages, etc.

### SITE SUPPORT

Facilities Maintenance, Greeters, Traffic Flow, Quality Control, Unload Trucks, etc.

Perform duties such as  
(but not limited to)...

Greeting the public, forms distribution, information sharing, inventory control, etc.

# Volunteer Information

How it works...

A Point of Dispensing (POD) site will be set up in various locations throughout Grayson County depending upon the magnitude of the event. A POD is a large scale clinic designed to enable public health and the community to administer vaccinations, or medically treat, a large number of the civilian population. A POD would operate on shifts, with 12 hours shifts being the maximum, depending on the amount of volunteers we have. Regardless, we have to stay operational until the Public Health Emergency has passed.

The site will remain open 24/7 until this is accomplished.

Once you have been notified and are at the POD site, you will be asked to assist in setting up the POD clinic. When the clinic is set-up and ready to receive people for treatment, or vaccines, you will receive what is called "just-in-time" training, which will prepare you for the job that you will be performing.

**How could we vaccinate, or preventively treat, the entire county? *Only with your help!***

#1 FAQ - When would I be called upon to volunteer?

Only during a large-scale outbreak (such as Influenza, Small Pox, Meningitis, etc.), or a terrorist event (such as a Nuclear, Biological, or Chemical contamination by air or water) within Grayson County.

*Volunteer today and become  
"A True Gift to Grayson County"*

**Please visit the following website link and complete the registration process as a Grayson County Health Department Volunteer today:**

<https://www.texasdisastervolunteerregistry.org/>

Once your application is complete, simply access the system using your chosen username and password and make any necessary changes and/or updates. If you have any questions, please email us at [PHEP@co.grayson.tx.us](mailto:PHEP@co.grayson.tx.us)  
Thank You!

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