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City of Meriden:

<http://www.cityofmeriden.org/>

State of Connecticut Dept. of Health:

<http://www.dph.state.ct.us/>

Federal Government:

Centers for Disease Control:

<http://www.cdc.gov/>

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

<http://www.fema.gov/>

US Department of Health and Human Services

<http://www.pandemicflu.gov/>

Private Organizations:

American Red Cross

<http://www.redcross.org/>

Salvation Army

<http://www.salvationarmyusa.org/>

**350 Public Health Volunteers
are needed in Meriden!**

(Current number of volunteers 150)

Please forward this invitation to your family,
friends, neighbors, etc.

[Click Here to Register as a Volunteer.](#)

City of Meriden Public Health Volunteer Newsletter

April 2007

Thoughts from the Director of Health

Welcome: Now that spring is upon us it's time to start planning for the new year and update you on what we have been doing!

➤ **Pandemic Influenza Update:** The Meriden Health Department submitted its [Pandemic Influenza Response Plan](#) for review to the State of Connecticut Department of Health. This document will provide guidance when and if the City of Meriden is presented with a new and dangerous flu that could make our citizens very ill or even cause death. This plan will help us to help you. We are hoping that we would never experience such a flu, but we need to plan just in case.

➤ **Volunteer On-Line Training!!** The Meriden Department of Health Department is extending an invitation to **YOU** to begin your first public health volunteer training course through www.ct.train.org. The training is entitled:

IS 100-Introduction to the Incident Command System

To take the on-line course you MUST register using your own [ct.train](http://www.ct.train.org) account. Click www.ct.train.org and log in under your name and password. After you are logged in, scroll down to [FEMA Courses Listed on TRAINConnecticut](#). Click on the (Blue) link [IS 100 Introduction to the Incident Command System](#), then click register at the top of the screen to begin the course. (Follow all instructions) When complete forward a copy of your Certificate of Achievement to the Meriden Health Department (see address below) and keep a copy for your own records.

➤ **Special Needs Registry for Emergency Response**

The Meriden Health Department has developed a **Special Needs Registry**. **We need your assistance.**

We would like to register residents with Special Needs to ensure that everyone will get the help they need in an emergency. If you know of anyone who **CAN NOT** enter and exit your residence independently on a physical and/or mental level, please have them fill out the special needs registration form. Click [HERE](#) to print out a registration form and mail it to:

Meriden Health Department
165 Miller Street
Meriden, CT 06450

If you or someone you know is unable to complete the attached form or have questions, please contact the Meriden Health Department. All information will remain confidential.

"Volunteers like YOU make the difference"