



# City of Meriden Public Health Volunteer Newsletter

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## Thoughts from the Director of Health

- **Welcome Back**
- **Exciting News-City of Meriden Special Needs Registry is now accepting applicants.**
- **More Exciting News-City of Meriden Emergency Planning Guide is now available!**

(Click on the **BLUE** Links below)

**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.](#)

**Welcome Back**-We hope you enjoyed your summer! Now that the summer has passed and cooler days are upon us it is time to provide you with an update on what we have been doing!

### ➤ **Special Needs Registry for Emergency Response**

The Meriden Health Department along with its community health partners has been working hard developing a **Special Needs Registry**.

**What is a Special Needs Registry?** The City of Meriden would like to register residents with Special Needs to ensure that everyone will get the help they need in an emergency. The Registry will be maintained and updated so first responders may render assistance in the event of an emergency. A special 9-1-1 feature has been added!!

**9-1-1 Emergencies.** The special needs information you supply will be added to the Connecticut's 9-1-1 system. When a registered special needs individual calls 9-1-1 the operator will alert the emergency responders to their medical information so they provide appropriate emergency help.

**Who should register?** If you **CAN NOT** enter and exit your residence independently on a physical and/or mental level, please fill out the special needs registration form (Click [HERE](#)) and mail it to:



**Meriden Health Department  
165 Miller Street  
Meriden, CT 06450**

If you or someone you know is unable to complete and/or have questions regarding the attached form, please contact the Meriden Health Department. Report any changes in your address, phone numbers or medical condition to the Meriden Health Department at 630-4230. All information will remain confidential.

### ➤ **City of Meriden Emergency Planning Guide**

The focus of this guide is to provide Meriden citizens with basic information and resources regarding Emergencies. This guide provides information so you can prepare NOW as well as in the event an emergency occurs. (Click [HERE](#) to view the guide)

“Volunteers like YOU make the difference”