



Building a Healthy Boston

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Dear Boston Medical Reserve Corps Members,

As we were reminded recently by the tornadoes that struck our neighbors in Central and Western Massachusetts, disasters can strike a community at any time. City officials like us are continually aware of the need to be prepared for the wide variety of medical and public health emergencies that may occur within our community. While the staff at the Boston Public Health Commission and Boston Emergency Medical Services are highly skilled and trained public health and medical professionals, we recognize that when a major disaster strikes, we will need help.

Fortunately for the City of Boston, we have many resources on which we can rely during times of emergency and you are one of them.

The Boston Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is an extraordinary group of very committed volunteers who help ensure that all Bostonians, especially the most vulnerable, are prepared and have access to the help they need during a public health and medical crisis.

We would like to extend our gratitude for your service to the City of Boston, and remind you of the importance of registering with the Boston MRC's new database, MA Responds. This database will facilitate new capabilities for the Boston MRC, and ensure that the City of Boston maintains an accurate and up-to-date listing of volunteers that are pre-credentialed, trained, and ready to respond when needed.

Please take the time to register with the Boston MRC so that we can continue to count on you as a piece of Boston's everyday preparedness. Attached please find instructions from our Boston MRC program manager Laura Harwood on how to register. Should you have any questions, please contact Laura at volunteer@bphc.org. Thank you again for your commitment and service to the City of Boston.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barbara Ferrer".

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Hooley".

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