



Partner Communications & Alerting

**WI Emergency
Assistance
Volunteer Registry**



What does WEAVR stand for?

WEAVR is an acronym for **Wisconsin Emergency Assistance Volunteer Registry**. The WEAVR Volunteer Registry is (July 2009) a module of the Health Alert Network (HAN). In the near future, the WEAVR module in HAN will be replaced by a new secure, password-protected, web-based application devoted solely to health care and behavioral health volunteer management. The WEAVR Volunteer Registry is owned and managed by the Wisconsin Division of Public Health.

What is the purpose of the WEAVR Volunteer Registry?

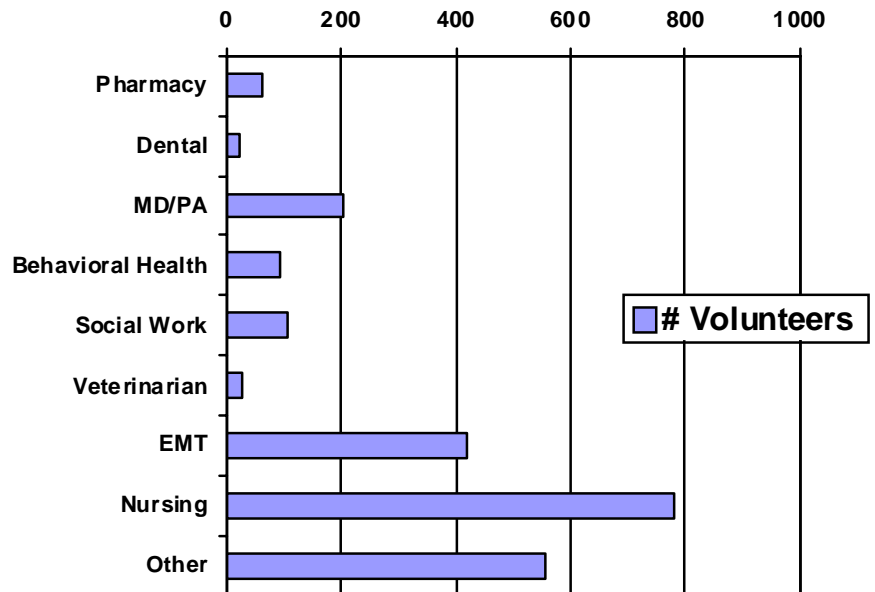
The WEAVR Volunteer Registry provides health care and behavioral health professionals with an easy way to indicate their interest in volunteer service during an emergency response event and manage their contact and volunteer preference information over time. The registry also provides the Department of Health Services with a mechanism to house volunteer information in a central location.

Who can volunteer for the WEAVR Volunteer Registry?

The WEAVR Volunteer Registry is designed for health care and behavioral health professionals. Volunteers indicate their expertise and availability by providing information on degrees, licensure, certification, and specific skills.

Under what conditions are volunteers contacted?

The WEAVR Volunteer Registry volunteers will be contacted after a catastrophic incident if all other local, regional, or statewide primary responder resources are not sufficient to meet the need for response and recovery efforts resulting from that incident.



Does the WEAVR Volunteer Registry duplicate other volunteer/responder efforts?

The WEAVR Volunteer Registry enhances primary responder efforts by providing access to backup health care and behavioral health professional volunteers if and when needed. In the event that local or state primary responder resources are insufficient or need relief, the WEAVR volunteers will be called upon to assist. During the registration process, WEAVR volunteers also have the option of giving consent to be contacted by the local Public Health Preparedness Consortium Coordinators to receive information about local training opportunities.

What is expected of health care professionals who volunteer for the WEAVR Volunteer Registry?

WEAVR volunteers must keep their contact and professional/preference information in the registry current so they can be contacted if needed.

How will I know what I am expected to do if I am contacted?

The local or state Emergency Operations Center will provide all of the information about where to report, credentials to bring and any other requirements necessary.

What kind of training will I receive?

WEAVR volunteers will receive "Just-In-Time" training at the site where they are directed to report. WEAVR volunteers have the option, indicated during registration, to be contacted by their local or regional Public Health Preparedness Consortium Coordinator about training opportunities.

Should I register for the WEAVR Volunteer Registry if I belong to another volunteer organization?

The WEAVR Volunteer Registry asks if you are registered with other volunteer or military organizations and if so, which one is the primary organization. Following an emergency response event, the local or state Emergency Operations Center may call upon other volunteer organizations. Since specific skill sets will not be known until an actual emergency. Registering with more than one volunteer organization is acceptable and encouraged.

Where can I find out more information about the WEAVR Volunteer Registry?

For more information, go online to:

<http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/preparedness/weavr/FAQ.htm>

Where can I register for the WEAVR Volunteer Registry?

To register, go online to: <http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/preparedness/WEAVR>

How do I contact someone at the Division of Public Health if I have questions?

The best way to make contact with Division of Public Health is by e-mail at dhswebmaildph@wisconsin.gov.