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FACULTY AND STUDENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR DRILL TO PRACTICE EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLANS

The Monroe County Department of Public Health, Office of Public Health Preparedness, in partnership with Monroe Community College, will be conducting a POD (point of dispensing) exercise and we need your help! We are testing our ability to quickly dispense antibiotics to the public and we are looking for 100 volunteers to help us. Points of Dispensing are locations where the public may receive antibiotics or vaccine in the event of a public health emergency.

As volunteers, faculty and students will simulate registering, being triaged, and receiving simulated medication (in the form of candy). This event may be a valuable community health learning experience for all participating. Faculty and students participating in this exercise will learn more about public health emergency response, mass prophylaxis and managing large numbers of patients during a high-stress event. The estimated time for a student volunteer to participate in this exercise is fifteen to twenty minutes.

The exercise is scheduled for Friday, January 9, 2015 from 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM (snow date is Friday, January 16, 2015 from 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM). The entrance to the POD is located at the rear of the R. Thomas Flynn Campus Center, Building 3. Parking lots M and M1 will be used for parking for those that wish to participate.

There is no public health emergency at this time, but by conducting drills and exercises of our plans, processes and systems, we can make improvements now to ensure that we can save lives if an emergency happens.

For more information about this exercise, contact the Office of Public Health Preparedness at (585) 753-5126 or Coordinator Richard Schill, MCC Department of Public Safety at 292-2926.