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# FACTS...

*Sedgwick County Health Department*

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## MMRS

### What is MMRS?

The Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) is a grant program under the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). The MMRS directs communities to focus a strong medical response in the event of a terrorist attack or mass casualty incident. The Sedgwick County Health Department is the oversight agency for the MMRS program.

### Did the MMRS program begin after September 11th?

No. The national MMRS program began in 1996 through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. MMRS is now funded by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Sedgwick County MMRS began in April 2000. Even before September 11th, our community began building strategic alliances and partnerships- planning for "a community response."

### What is the MMRS mission?

The MMRS mission is: To assure high levels of community preparedness to a weapons of mass destruction event. The focus of the contract is improved "medical" response systems. The intent is decreased morbidity and mortality and increase survivability of residents, communities, and the environment. Additionally, the resulting systems and processes will be of benefit for natural occurring disasters and public health emergencies.

### What is a Neighborhood Distribution Center (NDC)?

In the event of a terrorist attack or public health emergency that would require mass dispensing of emergency antibiotics, NDCs are designated sites throughout Sedgwick County that would be set up to quickly distribute medications, vaccinations and information. NDC sites include locations such as schools, community centers, businesses, and health care facilities.

### When should I go to my Neighborhood Distribution Center (NDC)?

In the event that we should need to activate the Neighborhood Distribution Centers, the media will help us keep the public informed of if and when they need to go to their NDC.

### Is there a Neighborhood Distribution Center (NDC) symbol that I can become familiar with?

Yes. The NDC symbol is described as a safety shield with many people converging together. The NDC symbol looks like this:



NDC information is also available in Spanish and Vietnamese.

### Where can I find my designated Neighborhood Distribution Center (NDC)?

There are several ways to find your NDC:

- SBC Yellow Pages ('Community Living' section) telephone directory
- FEIST Publications ('Emergency Preparedness' section) telephone directory.
- Visit the Sedgwick County website and use the interactive locator
- Call the MMRS hotline to speak to someone who will help you find your NDC: 660-5551

### Is there a volunteer program that promotes the MMRS mission?

Yes. The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) program is an organized way for medical and public health volunteers to offer their skills and expertise during local crises and throughout the year. The Sedgwick County MRC program is currently recruiting volunteers to strengthen the overall health and wellbeing of our community.

#### For more information:

For more information on MMRS or if you are interested in becoming a Medical Reserve Corps volunteer, call 660-5551 or visit [www.sedgwickcounty.org](http://www.sedgwickcounty.org)



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