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# MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

## DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH RETIRED



Madison County Health Department's (MCHD) Director of Public Health, Toni Corona, retired on June 30th. Toni started her career at MCHD as the Environmental Health Manager in 1996. She was part of the initial group of staff to form and implement current public health programs in Madison County. Toni became Director of Public Health in 2003.

During her time at the health department, Toni served on local, regional, and state public health committees. However, she is most proud of the COVID-19 mass vaccination clinics held at Gateway Convention Center in Collinsville. MCHD staff, Illinois National Guard and Medical Reserve Corps volunteers operated there from January to July 2021, providing more than 115,000 vaccinations.

Toni's plans after retirement includes relaxing and spending time with family and friends. Toni and her dog, Birdie, plan to resume TOUCH Therapy at hospitals and nursing homes for visits with patients and residents.

While Toni will be greatly missed, please join me in welcoming our new Interim Director of Public Health, Amanda Pruitt.

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## DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH RETIRED (CONT.)



Amanda Pruitt, BSN, RN accepted the position of Interim Director of Public Health on June 30, 2022 upon Toni's retirement.

Amanda has led the health department's nursing staff as Health Service Director since 2018. She will continue to serve the role while serving as the Interim Director.

Amanda found a passion for public health nursing early in her career. She started, 14 years ago, in MCHD's Communicable Disease Program conducting disease surveillance, providing immunizations, and working in sexual health clinics.

### Contact Information

As you know, it is essential that we have your most up-to-date contact information so that we can reach you for routine matters and during any public health emergency response. You can ensure that we have your correct contact information by calling Michele Milton (618-296-6080) or emailing her at [mmilton@co.madison.il.us](mailto:mmilton@co.madison.il.us) Please include your:

- Current name (include former name if your name has changed)
- Current mailing address
- Preferred email and
- Cell and home phone numbers.

Having current contact information is especially important at this time as we may need additional MRC Volunteer help in future emergency response activities. Thank you!

**One Call Now Message Alerts**

The Madison County Health Department is currently evaluating the Madison County Medical Reserve Corps unit to determine new emergency preparedness, as well as, health and wellness initiatives for the community. The first step is to understand how many active MRC volunteers the unit has available.

Multiple electronic notification messages were sent to our MRC volunteers to determine volunteer status. We are currently utilizing our One Call Now system to capture responses. If you already responded, you will not receive a second message.

Another electronic message will be sent this month. Please respond to the received message in order to remain on our contact lists.

For those unable to respond to One Call Now alerts, you may contact Michele Milton at 618-296-6080 or [mmilton@co.madison.il.us](mailto:mmilton@co.madison.il.us) to report your status as a MRC volunteer.

**Interim MRC Volunteer Coordinator**



We regret to inform you that the previous MRC Volunteer Coordinator, Justin Wilhite, resigned.

The current Interim MRC Volunteer Coordinator is Michele Milton, M.S. She is also the health department's Emergency Preparedness Division

Director.

"The lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic response has us re-evaluating our efforts as a MRC unit. I look forward expanding the program to address all areas of emergency preparedness and response which includes mental health."

***" I am so proud  
and honored to  
have worked  
with such an  
incredible team  
of individuals."***

**- Toni Corona**

## NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

National Preparedness Month is recognized each September to promote family and community disaster and emergency planning now and throughout the year.

Celebrate by developing a family emergency plan, building a kit, and running a mock drill with family.

Visit [Plan Ahead for Disasters | Ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov) for planning tools and resources.



For information about COVID-19 vaccinations in Madison County, go to <https://www.co.madison.il.us/departments/health/>



The **CodeRED**® system will be used to send critical communications, from evacuation notices to missing child alerts. Your contact information remains private and will only be used for community notifications. To join the database and make sure you receive notifications, please register at:

<https://www.co.madison.il.us/> (Scroll to the bottom and click the CodeRED box.)

### OR

Text MadCoReady to 99411 from any mobile device to register.

Please call the Madison County Emergency Management Agency at 618-692-0537 if you need help registering or have any additional questions.



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