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## **McLean County Health Department Holding Full-Scale Exercise** *Volunteers needed to help simulate disaster situation*

BLOOMINGTON, IL- The McLean County Health Department will host a full-scale mass dispensing exercise from 8:15 a.m. until 12 noon on Friday, September 14, 2018 at Redbird Arena on the Illinois State University campus. The exercise will allow the Health Department to demonstrate its ability to protect and promote health through the successful distribution of medicine in the event of a public health crisis in McLean County.

To help ensure a coordinated and effective response in an actual crisis, the Health Department has partnered with two of its key stakeholders --- McLean County Emergency Management Agency and Illinois State University – to plan and test response procedures. The exercise also has the support of the McLean County Disaster Council, Nicor Gas, Normal Fire Department, the American Red Cross, and the Salvation Army.

Volunteers are still needed to participate in the full-scale exercise by acting as residents coming to the central point of dispensing (POD) site at Redbird Arena for needed medicine. To participate, individuals must be at least 18 years old and register in advance. Registration information is available on the Health Department website: <https://health.mcleancountyil.gov> or by calling 309-888-5987.

The Health Department will incorporate the lessons learned from this exercise into existing plans to improve future responses.

For more information about the full-scale exercise or any of the programs and services offered by the McLean County Health Department, please call 309-888-5450 or visit our website at <http://health.mcleancountyil.gov>.

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