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Protecting Ready Responders

"Ready Responders include volunteers who are on the front line caring for their neighbors and community members, they too must be trained and protected. These individuals make up grassroots organizations that step in and provide support to underserved, high risk communities. To these overlooked individuals, community volunteers and organization are their only hope to receive help.

NYC Mayor Bill de Blasio recently announced that the city would begin focusing more resources to help the growing number of people who have lost their jobs because of COVID-19 and are now unsure of where their next meal will come from. "This is a whole new front opening up," said the mayor, "and we have to be there for people who need food."

This also means an increase in disaster volunteers who will be going door to door to deliver essentials. It is our obligation to ensure these caregivers have access to and the knowledge to use personal protective equipment. "Can you imagine what would happen if these caregivers visited a COVID-19 positive person with out PPE? This puts not only the caregiver at risk but everyone they serve and their families. We have to

do what we can to stop the spread and protect those that are putting themselves on the front lines" said Lisa Orloff, World Cares Centers founder.

World Cares Center (WCC) is doing just that. For two decades..."

To continue reading this blog, join the Ready Responders network at readyresponders.org and read the "Protecting Ready Responders" blog.

Boots on the Ground Exercise (BOG X) turns virtual

On April 24th from 1pm-3pm World Cares Center will host a Virtual Round Table instead of the physical BOG X.

We will start with participants discussing their activities, what has been learned to date, current needs and how we can work together.

Subject matter experts Jonathan Rosen of NIEHS; Patrick Alesi, Business Continuity Director, Nomura; and Paul Bennett, NYC Environmental Protection, Bureau of Water Supply - Emergency Planning, will provide insight into their COVID-19 work and what we can learn from them.

An after action report will be compiled and shared to all participants.

RSVP now by visiting the <u>Ready Responders Network</u> and joining the BOG X Virtual Round Table group.

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Up-to-date Information

For the latest information, please visit the CDC website at cdc.gov/covid19

If you live outside the United States, health and safety tips can be found through the World Health Organization at https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019

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