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## Flu task force needs volunteers

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Wayland's Pandemic Flu Task Force is seeking volunteers to form a Neighborhood Network of Wayland residents in case pandemic flu strikes our community.

Our Neighborhood Network will be activated only if a highly lethal form of pandemic flu strikes, a flu which is so severe that society's structures, systems and social fabric are threatened and/or breakdown (schools/business closures, loss of services, reduced supplies of food, medications, excessive absenteeism, overwhelmed medical services, etc.)

The Neighborhood Network envisions the creation of volunteer teams of residents, assigned on a block/neighborhood basis, available to assist neighbors whatever their needs may be - information, medication, transportation, health problems, food, caring, social support, etc.

If you are interested in serving your community, please e-mail either Arnold Soslow, MD (a.soslow@comcast.net) or Steven Locke, MD (slocke@hms.harvard.edu). Let us know in what capacity you would like to serve. Please provide your name and address, and describe how your neighborhood defines itself (such as Happy Hollow, Claypit, Cochituate, Damon Farms, Mainstone, etc.).

We also need your contact phone numbers and areas of expertise (e.g. information, pharmacy/medication, medical, nursing, medical assistants, physician assistants, nutritional, educational, food service, veterinarian or bereavement).

We are also seeking donations of a personal computer and software (Windows XP, Word, Excel, Access) for our Pandemic Flu E-Mail Registry. Someone skilled in Web page design and development would be greatly appreciated, as we need to set up an interactive Wayland Pandemic Flu Web site.

Wayland's Pandemic Flu Network and Plan, hopefully, will enable its residents to endure any potentially tragic pandemic flu scenario with community-cooperative spirit, grace, dignity, knowledge and confidence.

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