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As you may already know, **Sewa International, Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh and various Dharma and Sewa organizations** have been working with **FEMA** (Federal Emergency Management Agency) to help with vaccination drives in Dallas, TX and Philadelphia, PA. FEMA has requested our help in more cities and this is our opportunity to get America vaccinated and safe sooner.

Sewa International, and Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh are also working with DC/MD/VA local Indian and Hindu organizations for this effort. We are looking for volunteers to serve at the FEMA vaccination site in Greenbelt, MD.

Volunteer Requirements

- **Volunteering dates: May 1 to May 22, 2021.** We may extend these days.
- Volunteers can work full time for one or more days
- Volunteers can pick one of two 8-hour shifts (either morning or afternoon shift) a day. **Shift times are: 7:30 AM and 3 PM** (you pick only one).
- Volunteers should be 18 years and above
- Senior volunteers/couples who are retired but are able to work (see Nature of Work below) can volunteer
- More than one person from the same family can also volunteer if available
- College students/Professionals who have taken a break or have some time off and willing to serve can volunteer
- Anyone else who is willing to take time to go for serving can volunteer. Many companies provide time off so please check with your HR
- FEMA is willing to pay for airfare and accommodation if volunteers will be travelling from other cities for 1-2 weeks or more (we can provide details, please contact us)

Nature of Work

Non-medical: General support including helping folks on wheelchairs, traffic control, observation in waiting areas, greeting the patients, setting up PODs and taking those down.

We will work together as a team with planning, understanding, and coordination between the volunteers and all involved organizations from our area.

Our Commitment

1. We will keep track of volunteer hours.
2. If the minimum threshold for recommending for the "Presidential Volunteer Service Awards" is met, then we will gladly do so.
3. Water, food, and snacks will be arranged for the volunteers.
4. We will try to get the volunteers vaccinated (if they are not already vaccinated).
5. If a volunteer background check is needed (depending on the local requirements), we will require volunteer consent to conduct that. Sewa will pay for that.

Location

Greenbelt, Maryland (Greenbelt Metro station)

Signup Page

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0a49aba62ba0f85-sewa>

Donation

<https://sewausa.org/event-4287455>

FAQ:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vRwVV5dMC14FIsOMwbVgb13IU6c8aMe6JJJaKk_IqTYSVYBc3fRLvs3IZ2dcw2THCOF_KTPL4sucmwy/pub

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