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Public Criminal History Screening for Minnesota Responds State Vaccination Group Volunteers

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The Minnesota Responds State Vaccination Group is conducting screenings using publicly available criminal history records for all volunteers prior to their deployment to support public health vaccination efforts.

Public criminal history screening

The Minnesota Responds State Vaccination Group is using a publicly available website offered by the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) to screen all volunteers prior to their deployment, using publicly available criminal history records. The <u>Minnesota Public Criminal History</u>

(https://chs.state.mn.us/Search/ChsSearch#chsSearch) public search website captures juvenile felony and gross misdemeanor arrests, as well as adult felony, gross misdemeanor, and targeted misdemeanor arrests in Minnesota for the past 15 years.

The State Vaccination Group is using this screening tool to identify any volunteer with convictions listed in <u>Minnesota Statutes, chapter 145A.061</u>

(https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/145A.061#:~:text=The%20commissioner%20may%20deny%20a,from %20a%20criminal%20background%20study.) that may result in ineligibility to deploy as a Minnesota Responds volunteer. Should the screening return any convictions of concern, a full BCA background check will be completed before a volunteer is eligible to deploy. The State Vaccination Group will conduct this criminal history screening for every volunteer getting ready to deploy, every week a volunteer deploys.

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