

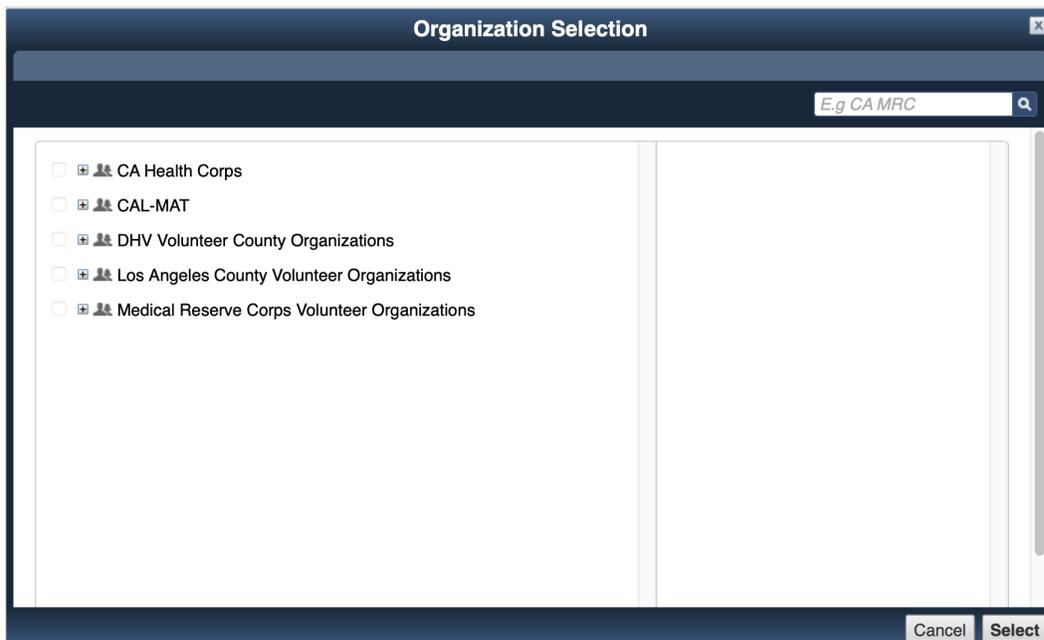
## VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

Nevada County's new Public Health Officer, Dr. Scott Kellermann, is urging communities of faith to get involved with the county's vaccination program for COVID-19. Plans are underway to establish vaccination sites and to recruit volunteers to assist. Unless you are qualified to administer the vaccines, you are still needed to help with activities that surround the process, helping with traffic and queuing, interviewing those wishing to be vaccinated, and other components that assure a safe and comfortable process.

For a variety of reasons, medical and logistical, the process of being vaccinated is somewhat complex. This is especially true of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, which require refrigeration and administration of a 2<sup>nd</sup> dose three or four weeks after the first dose. Those who are vaccinated receive a registration card that identifies the brand of vaccine and the administration date(s). This serves as a certificate of vaccination and may be needed later to confirm vaccination status (for example, international travel).

Whether or not you have been vaccinated you can still register to be a volunteer through the Disaster Health Care Volunteers program established by the State of California. <https://healthcarevolunteers.ca.gov>. Click the **Register Now** tab to get started.

Perhaps the most confusing part of the registration process is right at the top of the Registration form. This is an Add Organizations link that allows you to find Nevada County. When you click on that link you get a box that looks like this:

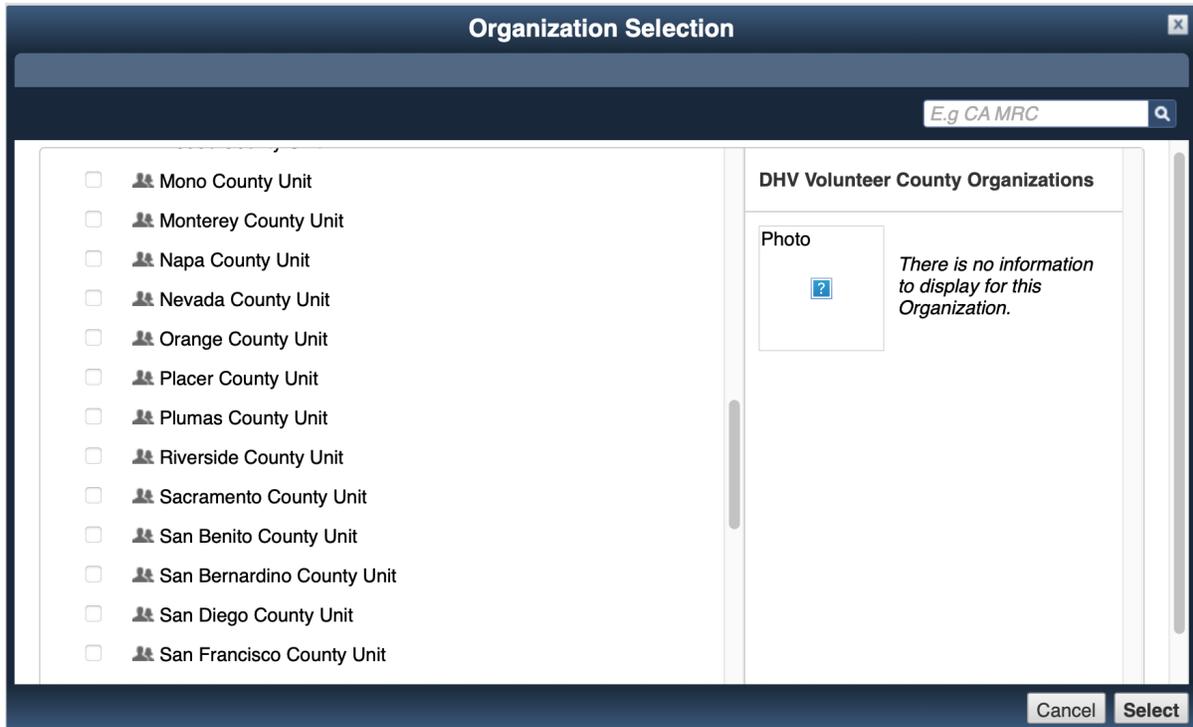


The screenshot shows a window titled "Organization Selection" with a search bar at the top right containing the text "E.g CAMRC". Below the search bar is a list of organizations, each with a checkbox and a plus icon:

- CA Health Corps
- CAL-MAT
- DHV Volunteer County Organizations
- Los Angeles County Volunteer Organizations
- Medical Reserve Corps Volunteer Organizations

At the bottom right of the window are two buttons: "Cancel" and "Select".

The Third option “DHV Volunteer County Organizations” has a little box to the left of the title with a plus (+) sign in it. Click that Box to see a list of Counties. You can scroll down the list to the Nevada County Unit. Click the blank box next to the listing and then click on the Select button (bottom right) to select Nevada County.



From this point the application is easier. You are creating an account within the Health Care Volunteers website so you will need a username, password, and a “Secret Question/Secret Answer” response to verify it is you when you log back in.

Be sure to finish all of the questions on the rest of the page. It will prompt you to go back and fill in any information it needs before it will save. This is the most important part of registration. You can go back and fill in more information later, but at least the Nevada County Public Health Department will be able to find and contact you.

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