



On September 18, 2018 volunteers will be helping the nation prepare for a situation where American citizens abroad are assisted in quickly and safely returning to the United States because of an emergency, war, or other crisis abroad. You will begin and end your day at Ontario International Airport and will be transported to the Ontario Convention Center and back for part of the exercise. This rehearsal requires over 200 volunteer "actors" to role play the American citizens returning to the U.S. from abroad in need of assistance. So please encourage your family, friends, and colleagues to participate as well. It'll be fun, easy, and you'll make a difference!

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, State of California, and San Bernardino County are grateful for your time and assistance.

**Volunteer "actors" are being recruited from a cross section of demographics:**

Parents with children, senior citizens, students, individuals with disabilities, access, and functional needs, multi-lingual speakers. Participation is appropriate for nearly everyone!

During a morning briefing the day of the exercise, you'll be fully briefed on how to participate in the exercise and will be provided scripts telling you who you'll be role playing and answers to all the questions you may be asked. The exercise goal is to test the ability of federal, state and local government agencies to meet various repatriate needs and challenges as they are assisted through customs and provided access to multiple services ranging from financial to mental health counseling.

All actors (or parents/guardians of participating minor children) will be asked to read and agree to a waiver of liability as part of the registration process.

## **Arrival Time is 8:30 a.m. - LUNCH AND FREE PARKING WILL BE PROVIDED - End by 3:30 p.m.**

Optional: During the exercise, you may go through the repatriation process multiple times with a different script (identity) each time. Bring a few clothing accessories (e.g., hat, glasses, light jacket, hair clips/ties) to change your look in between roles to make it more realistic. Also, if you have a Passport, bring it along to enhance the realism of going through U.S. Customs.

Additional exercise details, a map showing exact meeting/parking locations, and actor instructions will be provided to participants prior to the event via email.

### **FAQs**

#### **What is Emergency Repatriation?**

Emergency Repatriation occurs when there is an immediate evacuation of U.S. citizens and their dependents from foreign countries. Ontario International Airport has been designated as an Emergency Repatriation Airport and this exercise is conducted to assure preparedness.

#### **Are there ID or minimum age requirements to participate as an Actor?**

Registration/Volunteer Check-In will take place the morning of the exercise. Only those pre-registered through this website will be admitted. There is no age limit for participation. Minors are welcome and must be accompanied by adult guardians. Each member of a participating "family" should be registered individually but may utilize the same email contact information.

#### **What are my transportation/parking options?**

Actors must provide their own transportation to the exercise. Free parking will be provided upon arrival. Transportation (shuttles/buses) between the Ontario International Airport and the Convention Center as a part of the exercise will be provided by exercise organizers.

#### **What can I bring into the event?**

Bring all items necessary for your comfort such as glasses, medications, and comfortable clothing. You will need to keep your items on you at all times, so we discourage large bags or bulky items. The dress code for volunteers is casual, but please wear closed toe shoes and please do not wear any clothing such as T-shirts with inappropriate language or images. There will be times when you are outdoors so please plan accordingly based on the forecast.

Lunch and refreshments will be provided at no cost to volunteer actors.

Actors are prohibited from bringing weapons, hazardous materials, or other dangerous items to the exercise venue.

#### **What if I have other questions or need special accommodations?**

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