



Gadsden County Readies For Pandemic

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"Do you know if he has any allergies? Any drug allergies," asks a volunteer in the car line.

Cars line up outside East Gadsden High School just like they would should a real Pandemic strike the area.

"We're taking the initiative to work towards getting this community in position to respond to an event like Swine Flu," said Marlon Hunter, Gadsden County Health Department Administrator.

"Sign here that you're authorized to pick up medicine for everyone in the household," says another volunteer.

Dozens of volunteers and multiple county departments joined forces to create a mock-pandemic scenario.

Stations were set up to collect information, distribute medicine and answer questions.

"I think it's a good step. I mean it's something that you've gotta prepare for. You never know. It's like in training, you train for the time that you've got to take action," said Gadsden County resident Bob Boucher.

Should that time arrive in the near future, Gadsden county will be prepared.

That's because practice makes perfect and after a day of pandemic training these volunteers know the drill.

"Take it as directed. The entire prescription and take it with food," says a volunteer at the medication station.