Cabinet for Health and Family Services
Epi Rapid Responders Team Sign-Off Sheet
(Read and Complete for Every ERRT Member)

What is an Epi Rapid Response Team member?

An Epi Rapid Response Team (ERRT) member is a local or state health department employee who is trained to respond to outbreak investigations, terrorism events, or other public health threats as the need arises. These individuals are typically nurses, environmentalists, and epidemiologists. Some counties have added a Public Information Officer (PIO), PHP Planner or other public health staff.

What is required to be an Epi Rapid Responder?

The direct time commitment is to attend an initial beginner's training session (2 days) an exercise/application day (1 day) and optimally the annual conference (1 additional, but optional, day) this year. After this, each ERRT member is required to complete four hours of related continuing education per year, attend the ERRT Conference (1.5 days) *two out of every four years*, and is encouraged to attend a refresher training (the above application day) once every three years.

An ERRT member must have their LHD Director, and Division Director or Supervisor's approval to join the team and begin the training. Both approving officials must agree to the time commitments stated above and that the ERRT member will be made available for epidemiologic response activities when needed. We encourage each county to have a functioning ERRT of at least three members.

If you have any questions, please contact or Doug Thoroughman (douglas.thoroughman@ky.gov) or Jody Schweitzer (jody.schweitzer@ky.gov) or call the Division of Epidemiology and Health Planning at (502) 564-3261.

Name & Phone #: _____

County/District: _____ Email: _____

Supervisor's Name & Extension: _____

I agree to the listed time and resource commitments for the above-named individual to become an Epi Rapid Responder Team member for my health department:

Supervisor's Signature: _____Date _____

LHD Director's Signature:_____Date _____

Mail, fax, or carry signed form to
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