

What you say when checking in:

When first called, give your callsign alphabetically (K-E-Zero-L-M-Y), then phonetically (Kilo, Echo, Zero, Lima, Mike, Yankee) and your name (This is Samantha).

Once Net Control recognizes and calls you back, you give this information:

Your location (I'm located in Benton County), the name of your facility (at the Benton County Health Department), names and callsigns of any other operators onsite (I also have Renee KE0LMZ and Roger KD0WXT onsite), and whether you have traffic for the net (with no traffic OR I have the following traffic for the net.)

Then you sign off and turn it back to Net Control. (Back to net control, KE0LMY, clear.)

Phonetic Alphabet Table

A-Alpha	N-November
B-Bravo	O-Oscar
C-Charlie	P-Papa
D-Delta	Q-Quebec
E-Echo	R-Romeo
F-Foxtrot	S-Sierra
G-Golf	T-Tango
H-Hotel	U-Uniform
I-India	V-Victor
J-Juliet	W-Whiskey
K-Kilo	X-X-ray
L-Lima	Y-Yankee
M-Mike	Z-Zulu

If you want to follow along, here is Net Control's script:

(Pre-net announcement (Two minutes before net begins))

This is (callsign) _____, Net Control Operator for the Region A Healthcare Net. The net will begin in approximately two minutes. You can find the script and information about it on bentoncountyares.org by going to the Region A Healthcare Script tab.

(Begin Net at 9:30 AM)

This is (callsign) _____, Net Control Operator for the Region A Healthcare Net. The purpose of this net is to check the availability and status of amateur radio communication within District A. My name is (name) _____ and I am located in (location) _____. At this time, I would like to call for a backup station for relaying. Is there a station available to serve as relay?

(Acknowledge station as backup/relay if one volunteers)

Any emergency or priority traffic will be handled immediately during this net. I will now break for any emergency traffic — emergency traffic only, please call now.

Nothing heard.

If you need to pass emergency traffic at any time during this net, please notify Net Control and your traffic will be handled immediately.

This is a directed net. Please do not transmit unless acknowledged by Net Control. During the net, please direct all communication through Net Control, (callsign) _____.

At this time, we will pause for announcements.

Announcement one: After hospitals and healthcare facilities have checked in and been acknowledged and logged by Net Control, they are free to leave the frequency. Please remember to turn off your radio, return it to its regular frequency, or turn off APRS so the radio will not continuously ping the Warrensburg repeater. Thank you!

Announcement two: Please make sure Samantha Henley (KE0LMY) has an updated email address for the amateur radio operators/program manager for the Region A Healthcare net for your facility. Once you leave the net, we need a way to pass formal traffic to you if any comes up. Samantha's email address is ke0lmy@yahoo dot com (the email's dot com has been typed this way for phishing protection on the website and should be typed as a regular email address when used).

Announcement three: When checking in for or from a healthcare facility, please check in ALL licensed amateurs who are onsite during the net. They do not need to be at the radio.

Are there any other announcements for the net? If so, please call Net Control now.

(Allow announcements. If there are none, say, "Nothing heard.")

If you try to check in and do not hear your callsign repeated, please try again when net control calls for more check-ins. Sometimes you will double or even triple with other stations trying to check in. We ask that you be patient and just keep trying. The net will not end until everyone has had a chance to check in.

After we take check-ins from health care facilities within the district, we will take regular check-ins, including those from EMAs, ARES groups, and others, so regular check-ins please stand by.

When called for check-in, please provide just your callsign, first alphabetically, then phonetically, and your name. After Net Control recognizes and calls on you, please come back with your location including the name of the facility if onsite, the county and whether you have any traffic for the net.

Stations located at healthcare facilities only, please check in now.

(Remember to give your callsign for identification every ten minutes.)

(After healthcare facilities check in)

This is (callsign) _____. We will now take regular check-ins from anywhere. This includes EMAs, ARES groups, and regular stations. Regular check-ins please call now.

(Take regular check-ins. Remember to give your callsign every ten minutes.)

This is the last call for check-ins. If you wish to check in on this net, please call now.

Hearing no other check-ins, I will now close this session of the Region A Healthcare Net. Thank you all for participating. As a reminder, please remember to turn off your radio or return it to its normal frequency after the net so it will not continually ping the Warrensburg repeater. Thank you! We would like to thank the Warrensburg Area Amateur Radio Club, Inc. for the use of their repeater for this net.

This is (callsign) _____, closing the net at _____ AM local time with _____ check-ins and returning the repeater to normal use.