

Medical Reserve Corps

What is the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)?

The MRC was created after 9/11 to address the challenges communities face in the event of a disaster. They recruit, credential, and train dedicated volunteers to be ready to respond in the event of a public health emergency.



What do MRC volunteers do?

Volunteers work closely with area agencies, volunteer programs, hospitals, local governments, and emergency services. The types of activities they assist with could include:

- Public health outreach and health education
- Disease surveillance and investigation
- Providing seasonal flu shots to the community
- Disaster mental health support
- Assisting with pet and special medical sheltering needs

Who can become an MRC volunteer?

Anyone who is at least 18 years old can volunteer with the MRC. Many of our volunteers are students, retirees, or people with special skills, along with health care and public health professionals. Volunteers have opportunities to receive free training from the MRC.

What are the benefits of becoming an MRC volunteer?

- Opportunity to serve your community in a disaster
- First responder and emergency preparedness experience
- Free training, exercise, and service opportunities
- No minimum time commitment

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