MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS FACT SHEET



The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) Program coordinates the skills of practicing and retired physicians, nurses and other health professionals as well as other citizens interested in health issues, who are eager to volunteer to address their community's ongoing public health needs and to help their community during large-scale emergency situations.

Local Community Public Health leaders develop their own Medical Reserve Corps Units and identify duties of the MRC volunteers according to specific community needs. For example, MRC volunteers may deliver necessary public health services during a crisis, assist emergency response teams with patients, and provide care directly to those with less serious injuries and other health-related issues.

MRC volunteers may also serve a vital role during non-emergency times by assisting their communities with ongoing public health needs (e.g., immunizations, screenings, health and nutrition education, and volunteering in community health centers and local hospitals). Once established, MRC volunteers assignments are determined based on the needs of their community by local MRC officials in both emergency and non-emergency situations.

Learn more by visiting the Medical Reserve Corps homepage.