

Ohio Medical Reserve Corps



Volunteers Building Strong, Healthy, and Prepared Communities

WHAT IS THE MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS?

The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is a community-based, civilian, volunteer program that helps build the public health infrastructure of communities nationwide! Each MRC unit is prepared to address a wide range of challenges from public health education to disaster response.

JOIN THE OMRC TEAM!

As an MRC volunteer, you are a valued resource and join the ranks of 10,000+ Ohioans currently serving our State. When an emergency occurs, you will be notified when and where to respond – and in doing so, you become part of the solution and will make a real difference in your community. To learn more about the MRC, visit: <https://ohioresponds.gov/>

HOW DOES OMRC BENEFIT YOU AND YOUR COMMUNITY?

- Provides additional personnel for public health and emergency response infrastructure.
- Enables communities to meet specific health preparedness needs.
- Gives community members the opportunity to make their communities healthier and safer.
- Provides a collaborative atmosphere for information sharing and coordination among partner organizations.
- Enhances collaboration between emergency management and public health agencies.



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WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO BE AN OMRC VOLUNTEER?

- Individuals with medical, healthcare, and even community members without medical training can assist!
- Medical: Physicians, Nurses, Physician Assistants, Pharmacists, Dentists, LPNs, EMTs, Mental Health practitioners, Social Workers, Veterinarians, Retired Healthcare Professionals, Epidemiologists, and other Public Health workers
- Non-Medical: Administrators and business managers, drivers, chaplains, trainers, volunteer coordinators, interpreters, radio operators, and other support personnel.

Everyone can help!

WHAT CAN OMRC VOLUNTEERS DO?

Support local public health, while advancing the priorities of the National MRC Program office through the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Preparedness and Response:

- o Promote disease prevention
- o Improve health literacy
- o Eliminate health disparities
- o Enhance public health preparedness

Assist local hospitals, health departments and shelters

Participate in mass prophylaxis and vaccination exercises and community disaster drills

Train with local emergency response partners

Learn about personal, family and community preparedness

Contribute by offering prevention services to improve local public health infrastructure

HOW TO JOIN OMRC:

Visit the Ohio Responds Web site
<https://ohioresponds.gov/>

Click Register Now

Contact your MRC County Coordinator for registration instructions – or

Contact the Ohio Department of Health State MRC Coordinator at:
MRC@odh.ohio.gov
1-(614) 644-6133

AS AN OMRC VOLUNTEER:

- Volunteers must complete an approved training courses to maintain liability protection
- Healthcare professionals will have credentials verified as part of the registration process
- Volunteers may be asked to complete a background check
- Volunteers will register and update profile information in the Ohio Responds database

OMRC VOLUNTEERS RECEIVE:

Hands-on drills and exercises
Professional CEUs
Networking and interaction
Emergency Preparedness skills
Free training

LIABILITY PROTECTION:

Ohio law provides liability protection to properly registered and trained Ohio Medical Reserve Corps volunteers during local, state or federally declared emergencies, disasters, drills and trainings.

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