

Medical Reserve Corps Program (MRC)

The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) program is a national network of MRC units comprised of volunteers, organized locally to improve the health and safety of their communities. The MRC network includes close to 1,000 community-based units and over 200,000 volunteers located throughout the United States and its territories.

About the MRC Network:

MRC volunteers include medical and public health professionals, as well as other community members without healthcare backgrounds. MRC units engage these volunteers to strengthen public health, improve emergency response capabilities and build community resiliency. They prepare for and respond to natural disasters, such as wildfires, hurricanes, tornados, blizzards, and floods, as well as other emergencies affecting public health, such as disease outbreaks. They frequently contribute to community health activities that promote healthy habits. Examples of activities that MRC volunteers participate in and support include:

- Emergency Preparedness and Response Trainings
- Health Screenings
- Emergency Sheltering
- Obesity Reduction
- Responder Rehab
- Vaccination Clinics
- Disaster Medical Support
- Outreach to Underserved Community Members
- Disaster Risk Reduction
- Heart Health
- Medical Facility Surge Capacity
- Tobacco Cessation
- First Aid During Large Public Gatherings
- Community Event Support
- Planning, Logistical, & Administrative Support
- Healthy Living
- Veterinary Support and Pet Preparedness
- Health Education and Promotion
- Engaging Youth in Public Health Activities

About the MRC Program Office:

The Medical Reserve Corps Program Office is the national headquarters of the MRC network and is housed within the Office of Emergency Management (OEM), Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

The MRC Program Office supports the MRC network by providing technical assistance, coordination, communications, strategy and policy development, grants and contract oversight,

training and other associated services. It functions as a clearinghouse for information and best practices to help communities establish, implement, and maintain MRC units in order to achieve their local visions for public health and emergency preparedness.

The DCVMRC also oversees the 10 MRC Regional Coordinators that represent the 10 ASPR regions across the United States and its territories.

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