

# 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.



*Proud Partner Program*



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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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