

What is the Medical Reserve Corps?

The Medical Reserve Corps is a national community based movement that was established in 2002 in response to the President's call for Americans to offer volunteer services in their communities. The Corps is designed to recruit, train, and mobilize willing members of the community who have the skills, knowledge, and desire to help others in need during a disaster.



To learn more about the Medical Reserve Corps, visit
www.medicalreservencorps.gov



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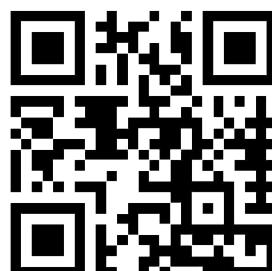
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What is the purpose of the Medical Reserve Corps?

- To strengthen communities by establishing and maintaining a community based volunteer system.
- To utilize the expertise of various healthcare and support personnel who can assist the existing public health infrastructure during a health emergency or disaster.
- To provide a reserve capacity at the community level to respond to local health needs and priorities.
- To supplement emergency services when a disaster of high magnitude occurs.



Who can volunteer with the Medical Reserve Corps?

Practicing, retired, or otherwise employed medical and public health professionals. Community members without medical training such as interpreters, clergy, office support staff, legal advisors, radio operators, counselors, and others who are eager and willing to help.



Obtain an application:

Call the Woodford County Health Department

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to print the application

What do Medical Reserve Corps volunteers do?

During emergencies and disasters, volunteers may be called to assist in the following ways:

- Provide education and assist with community outreach efforts.
- Assist during unusual disease outbreaks or suspected bioterrorism incidents that may require county-wide immunization or preventative medication distribution.
- Perform duties that match their background, skills, and expertise.

Requirements for Volunteers:

- Complete an orientation session
- Receive uniform and ID badge
- Complete NIMS (National Incident Management System courses) IS100 and IS 700
- Pass a background check
- Take the EMA Oath

For more information and monthly meeting schedule please contact the MRC Coordinator at (309)467-3064