



## Get Registered Today!

To Register, visit

[www.illinoishelps.net](http://www.illinoishelps.net)

and create a new volunteer account.

Select **"Preferences"** and choose **"Chicago Medical Reserve Corps"**

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Department of Public Health

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Medical Reserve Corps units are a local component of Citizen Corps, a national network of volunteers dedicated to making sure their families, homes, and communities are safe from terrorism, crime, and disasters. *Citizen Corps*, *AmeriCorps*, *Senior Corps*, and the *Peace Corps* are all part of the President's USA Freedom Corps, which promotes volunteerism and service throughout the U.S.



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# Be A Volunteer

*The first response to any disaster is a local response*



To learn more about MRC, visit  
[www.mrc.hhs.gov](http://www.mrc.hhs.gov)

# Become an MRC Volunteer Today!

Pre-register as a volunteer for the **Chicago Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)** today and be ready to lend your skills and expertise where they are needed most ... in your community.

## Who Can Volunteer For MRC?

*Both medical and non-medical professionals are needed such as:*

- Practicing and retired medical and health professionals
- Nurses, physicians, pharmacists, and medical assistants
- Mental health professionals
- Dentists
- Health care students
- Public health professionals
- Interpreters, social workers
- Administrative support volunteers
- Other volunteers with skills to contribute in a health care setting



## What Do MRC Volunteers Do?

*It depends on the nature of the emergency and your skills:*

- Administering vaccines
- Measuring and dispensing medication
- Medical interviewing and evaluation
- Patient education and translation
- Administrative support and data entry
- Assisting with forms completion
- Providing mental health support

## What is the Medical Reserve Corps?

The national Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) was formed after September 11, 2001 to provide citizens an organized way to serve their communities during disasters.

More than 185,000 people in nearly 870 MRC units volunteer nationwide.

## The Chicago Department of Public Health

recruits medical, as well as, non-medical citizens to assist during large-scale emergencies, such as an epidemic or an act of terrorism. The purpose is to augment public health staff in dealing with situations that have significant public health consequences.

## MRC volunteers can also help improve the overall health of their communities

by participating in public health education and prevention initiatives throughout the year.

**The Chicago Medical Reserve Corps** is one way citizens can volunteer their time and expertise to strengthen both our neighborhoods and our nation.